

Sonoma-Marin County Local Work Group Agenda

A meeting of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Resource Conservation Districts of Sonoma and Marin Counties

Thursday, September 4, 2025 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

NRCS Petaluma Office 5401 Old Redwood Hwy, Petaluma CA 94954

Goal: This meeting aims to support collaboration and identify priority local environmental resource concerns with the overall goal of providing locally led conservation recommendations that will contribute to community vitality.

Welcome, Introductions, Purpose and Goals (25 mins) - Nancy

- RCD/NRCS introductions
- Round robin introductions of participants
- Pass out Acronym Soup cheat sheet and quiz

NRCS Programs, Funding and Resource Priorities (20 minutes)

- **Purpose of Local Work Groups (5 Minutes) - Chase**
 - History of NRCS/RCDs relationship, role and importance of Local Working Groups
 - Last year's Local Work Group questions and answers
- **NRCS Ranking Process and Project Funding Data (15 Minutes) - Chase**
 - Farmers First Priorities
 - How screening/ranking works currently
 - Projects (practices) that are/aren't receiving funding
 - data on previous years (past funding years, how many applications, # of awards made, most popular practice requests per county)

RCD Programs, Funding and Resource Priorities (20 Minutes) All RCD leads

- Introduction to relevant programs and funding sources
- Current funding proposals in the works

Partner/Producer Resource Priorities (40 Minutes) - Christine

- Small groups discussion based on land use
 - Guiding Question
 - What support do you need most? What should NRCS/RCDs prioritize?
 - How could getting support be easier for you?
 - What is the easiest way to get you information? Do you have ideas on how we could better let you know what is available?
- Large group discussion to summarize needs/priorities

Meeting wrap-up (10 minutes) - Brittany

- How the RCD and NRCS will use this information.
- Meeting notes will be shared with attendees who RSVP'd via email
- Acronym soup awards!

Stay and Visit – 4-5pm