

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 | 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) - Anya

- RCD/NRCS introductions
- Round robin introductions of participants
- Last year's Local Work Group questions and answers

NRCS and RCD Programs, Funding and Resource Priorities (45 minutes)

- **Purpose of Local Work Groups (15 Minutes) - Chase**
 - History of NRCS/RCDs relationship, role and importance of Local Working Groups
 - 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 (15 Minutes) - RCDs**
 - Introduction to relevant programs and funding sources
- **Q&A and Feedback Session (15 min) - ALL**

Partner/Producer Resource Fair (40 Minutes) - Multiple Partner Organizations

- Tables hosted by technical partners providing resources and answering questions

Meeting wrap-up (10 minutes) - Christine

- How the RCD and NRCS will use this information
- Meeting notes to be shared with attendees who RSVP'd via email