

AGENDA

ESC Monthly Meeting

3/9/21

1-3p

Virtual meeting via Zoom (email aporteshawver@marincounty.org for virtual mtg. information)

Key Outcomes

- ESC receives general update
- ESC receives presentation on Drawdown Marin history, board member selection, challenges, and proposed next steps

Our time together

- Land Acknowledgment
We collectively acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Coast Miwok. We recognize, support, and advocate for the sovereignty of the Coast Miwok tribe, for Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and for those who were forcibly removed from their Homelands. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Drawdown: Marin more accountable to the needs of Indigenous peoples.
- General Update
 - Non-profit
 - New name & identity: Will be sharing with ESC the new name and identity this week; press release to go out on 3/16 and all brand assets will be transitioned
 - Development consultant: Working on contracts for Portrero Group and PRG. Alex sent email with more information to ESC
 - Tax exempt status - still has not been assigned to an IRS specialist (only looking at applications received up to June 21, 2021)
 - Projects and grants
 - 3 endorsed solutions have received grants:
 - RCD/Carbon Farming (\$1m, Prop 68),
 - Canal Resilience (grant amount TBD, Prop. 68),

- Marin Biomass Project (\$500k, OPR).
 - Supporting multiple applications for the MCF Advancing Equitable Action in Marin County RFP - due 3/28.
 - Sustainability Commissioner group continues to meet
 - Outreach
 - Sponsoring Green Change Marin Earth Day events
 - Sponsoring Drawdown Bay Area/First 5 event on 3/18
 - Continue to promote our partners' efforts by promoting to our network
 - Current MCF Grant
 - Will continue to support Community Ambassadors working with Multicultural Center of Marin staff - details TBD.
 - Empowered Women Cleaning Marin project featured again in Marin IJ:
 - <https://www.marinij.com/2022/02/21/san-rafael-womens-group-spearheads-canal-cleanup-project/>
 - There are remaining funds because of COVID-related project changes. We are looking into offering additional Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging training, building on our former 3-part DEIB training offered in March 2020. Equity Task Force needs to weigh in.
- Presentation - Drawdown history, board member selection, challenges, and proposed next steps (Alex and Ray Withy)
- Next Steps
 - ESC is officially dissolved.
 - Alex to notify board member appointees and schedule the first board meeting.
 - Alex will reach out to the Transition Advisory Committee in the next couple of weeks.
 - On-board new consultants to support the nonprofit.