



MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

This newsletter is an annual publication of the Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Volunteer members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for three year terms.

The Commission serves to advise the Board and administer the annual grant program.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.



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From The Commission.....

This year the Commission was pleased to receive proposals for many wonderful education programs and restoration projects. The Marin County Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the following grant proposals for funding in 2019-2020. These grant recipients, a mix of Marin non-profit organizations, will use the awards for equipment and supplies that directly benefit habitat, wildlife and fish populations in Marin.

Friends of Willow Creek

Founded in 2011 to restore a fragment of above-ground creek in Sausalito, teachers, students, and parents participate in replacing non-native plants with natives. The grant funding is for educational materials and restoration items. Information: (415) 730-0089 or (415) 332-1658.



California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The CDFW has primary responsibility to enforce fish and game regulations in Marin County. The grant funding is for quality, durable rain gear for our law enforcement wardens. Information: andy.roberts@wildlife.ca.gov.

Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC)

The EAC provides youth outdoor experiences to learn about the unique habitats of West Marin fish and wildlife. The grant funding is to update and expand the current youth education programs. Info: (415) 663-9312.

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STRAW

Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) started in 1992 to respond to the problem of an endangered species. Today, STRAW is a wing of Point Blue that sustains a network of teachers, students and restoration specialists who plan and implement watershed and riparian corridor restoration projects. The grant funding is to purchase equipment to support classroom and hands-on, in-the-field projects. Information: www.pointblue.org.

Japanese Knotweed Action Team

The growing threat of invasive Japanese knotweed exists in the San Geronimo/Lagunitas Creek Watershed. The UCCE team, in cooperation with Marin County Department of Agriculture and Marin Parks, is educating the community about the risk of this weed - considered one of the 10 most aggressive, destructive, and invasive plants in the world. The funding is for materials and supplies for community education and awareness. Info: ucanr.edu/sites/MarinKnotweedActionTeam/.

Marin Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society was established more than 50 years ago to protect the environment. Marin Audubon's educational activities focus on birds, other wildlife, and wildlife habitat. The grant funding is to improve the habitat at Corte Madera and Bahia wetlands. Information: www.marinaudubon.org.

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed

Founded in 1995, "Friends" works on habitat enhancement, fish passage, flood management, and public outreach and education. The grant funding is to purchase 3 loggers to monitor and record oxygen and temperature in the Corte Madera Creek Watershed. Information: (415) 456-5052.

Golden Gate Trout Unlimited (GGTU)

GGTU's "first cast" program started in 2001 to engender TU's values of conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fishing into youthful stewards of our environment. The grant is for coaching, tackle and fly tying equipment for youths, 8-10 years old. Information: (415) 307-5363.

Slide Ranch

Established in 1970 on the Marin coast, Slide Ranch is a working ranch/farm that has an ongoing program of hands on educational experience for children to connect with nature. The grant funding is for educational supplies. Information: development@slideranch.org.

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary

The Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary protects open space in Tiburon along the San Francisco Bay and provides nature education programs about local flora and fauna. The grant funding is for educational materials and supplies. Information: (415) 388-2524 or www.tiburonaudubon.org.

Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR)

ACR was founded in 1962 to protect one of the largest heronries on the west coast. ACR's mission is to protect nature through land preservation, nature-based education and conservation science. The grant funding is for educational supplies for teachers and docents at the Martin Griffin Preserve. Information: (415) 868-9244.

Greater Farallones Association (GFA)

Since 2013, the GFA has worked with Marin Parks, Army Corps of engineers and many hard-working volunteers on many restoration projects. The funding is to support the restoration of Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon. Information: mkrach@farallones.org.

The Marin School of Environmental Leadership (SEL)

Marin (SEL) is part of Terra Linda High School that emphasizes awareness of the Gallinas Creek Watershed and what it could be, via art. They are basing this project on Santa Rosa's successful "Art for Cleaner Creeks." The funding is for materials, supplies and rental. Information: Naomi Asimow, (415) 997-9890.

Social Justice Center of Marin

Through the Marin City Summer Youth Program, four high school students will solicit input from residents to assist in development of the "pond" next to the new Intergenerational Park. The funding is for supplies, administration, plus partial training. Information: Terrie Green, Director, (415) 388-2821.

River Otter Ecology Project

Hands-on high school program with students, scientists, and teachers to collect data on the life and role of otters in watershed ecosystems. The funding is to support materials and supplies. Info: megan@riverotterecology.org.

Point Bonita YMCA

In 2015 Point Bonita YMCA launched the Y Rangers - A summer camp program to connect under-represented communities to their parklands. The grant funding is to support their "Learn to Fish" pilot program. Information: sdries@ymcasf.

Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)

MALT's Marin Carbon Project (MCP) is a research program for carbon sequestration using a windbreak planting. The grant funding is for replanting a critical section of an experimental windbreak. Information: jwatcher@malt.org.

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Barbecue

**Thursday, September 19, 2019
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Picnic area
(next to jury parking)**

Meet Commission members, grantees, wardens and others associated with Commission activities. Learn about the Commission grant projects to enhance fish and wildlife habitat & populations of Marin.



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The Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the County of Marin Board of Supervisors on expenditures of funds obtained through fines levied for fish and wildlife violations in Marin. The funds are designated to enhance fish and wildlife resources in the county and for public education. Grant proposals submitted to the Commission Chair are reviewed during the first quarter of any calendar year and recommended on a competitive basis and availability of funds. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, funding becomes available by fall of the same year. The commission can also provide letters of endorsement for projects seeking alternative sources of funding. The commission sponsors an annual barbecue (September 19, 2019) for grantees and community groups.

For applications and deadline information, contact: Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission, U.C. Cooperative Extension, 1682 Novato Boulevard, Suite 150 B, Novato, CA 94947-7021, (415) 473-4204, <http://cemarín.ucdavis.edu>