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## **Soil Health & Carbon Farming Meeting**

July 13, 2017; 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Agricultural Center, 5630 Broadway Ave, Eureka, CA

### **Background:**

RCDs and NRCS have been working with producers to implement conservation practices that help improve soil quality, increase soil carbon, and restore ecosystems since the Dust Bowl era. Scientific and policy developments and consumer awareness is providing increased opportunities to implement these common practices through “Carbon Farming.”

### **Meeting Purpose:**

- Discuss the soil health and carbon sequestration in rangeland, agricultural, and forest soils.
- Understand opportunities and incentives for producers and how RCDs can assist in carbon farm plan development and implementation.
- Generate ideas and steps for demonstration projects and increased funding in our region.

### **Agenda:**

#### **9:30 am – Introductions**

#### **9:40 am – Carbon Farming 101** *Jeff Creque, Carbon Cycle Institute*

The importance of the carbon cycle for agriculture, practices that sequester carbon and Carbon Farm Planning process (including quantification through COMET-Planner).

#### **10:40 am – Carbon Farm Program Development with RCDs & partners** *Pelayo Alvarez, Carbon Cycle Institute*

RCDs around the state are building local partnerships, engaging producers in carbon farming practices, and leveraging emerging funding opportunities and technical assistance to develop carbon farming programs.

#### **11:15 am– Break**

#### **11:25 am – Fibershed: Climate-Beneficial Wool** *Rebecca Burgess/Marie Hoff, Fibershed*

Fibershed works with producers to expand carbon farming opportunities by developing economic and social connections between rural and urban communities. Learn how Fibershed members put conservation into practice and how others can join the network.

#### **12:00 pm– Discussion**

#### **12:30 pm – Adjourn**