

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2015

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff	
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen		Margy Lindquist	P	Devin Best
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)				Mark Rochefort	P	Amy Smart
A	Tom Mora (Sec.)				Betty Rochefort	A	Erin White
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)					A	Nick Coonrod
P	Chuck Pritchard						
A	John DeRosier						
P	Mike Bonnheim						
P	Randy Heinzen						

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm

Welcome guests:	Margy Lindquist (NRCS), Mark and Betty Rochefort (Cambrians for Water)
Additions/Changes:	CARCD Report, Chuck Pritchard.
Public comments:	Mark Rochefort (Cambrians for Water): Presented a brief overview of the grassroots organization Cambrians for Water, formed last August in response to construction and operation of water treatment plant on San Simeon Creek. Members Jim and Jim, with help from RCD staff, currently conducting water quality monitoring to determine effects of treatment plant. Robert Hartzell: Congratulations to Mike Broadhurst for receiving acknowledgement in local newspaper on winning RCD Director of the Year.

Staff Reports Discussion

Executive Director	Devin Best: Report- Met with Ag Commissioner and CSLRCD to highlight who the RCDs are and what we do for the community. Highlighted areas to increase dialogue and support future efforts. Update on grant agreements for CalTrans 2, Parrish Restoration and Santa Rosa Creek Bank Stabilization projects. Meeting with County Planning Department to discuss water related issues throughout the district. Jan 13th BOS Meeting- Presented a one page synopsis on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Feb 10th- Joint presentation with CSLRCD to BOS scheduled with goal to clearly demonstrate how funds from the County are utilized and keep RCDs visible. SDSU study- RCD asked to help outreach to local groups to facilitate SLO Rangeland Project. GRAP Meeting- summary of recent meeting where initial outreach conducted regarding water quality standards for non-irrigated ag. Margy Lindquist distributed a GRAP meeting summary. Strategic Plan- Goals and objectives will be discussed next meeting. FRGP Update: \$16 million in funds annually statewide for projects focused on improving steelhead habitat.
Conservation Tech.	Amy Smart: Update on Santa Rosa Creek grant applications. Applications for funding Floodplain Restoration Design and Wetland Infiltration Basin Implementation will be submitted following release of FRGP 2015-16 PSN.

Other Agency, Director and Association Reports

NRCS Report	Margy Lindquist: EQIP update- Water conservation fund pool, state office allowing pilot projects for wetland infiltration basins and roof runoff catchment. Reviewed 6 projects funded in CA under RCPP Program (2014 Farm Bill).
WRAC Report	Mike Broadhurst: Jan 7th meeting items included summary of rainfall to date, County stormwater programs and stormwater mitigation deed restrictions.
Ag Waste Water Ordinance	Mike Broadhurst: Proposed ordinance, no actions taken yet.
Supervisor Meetings	Mike Broadhurst: Met with four supervisors with Robert Hartzell over the last few months to discuss financial support from County and decision on Offset program.
CARCD Report	Chuck Pritchard: CARCD programs are moving forward, increasing level of RCDs activity. Devin Best comment: CARCD developing criteria to gauge RCD effectiveness and provide support grants

Consent Agenda

	MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	JD	MBo	RHe
Motion RHe/CP	Minutes and Treasurers Report							
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Board Action Items

Discuss ninth Board member position	Discussion ensued regarding vacant Board member position and the kind of expertise a new member could bring to add to the District.
Approve Personnel Handbook	Sub-committee reviewed edits to handbook and accepted for entire Board to approve on January 15th, 2015. All present approve personnel handbook.
Report on Closed Session	Employee Evaluations pursuant to Government Code 54954.5 and 54957. Evaluation of Devin Best, Executive Director scheduled for January 27th, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:30 PM Next USLTRCD Board Meeting February 26th at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amy Smart, January 26, 2014

Vote Key: y=yea, n=nay, np=not present, a=abstention