

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: October 26, 2016

Board Members	Associate Members	Other	Staff						
A Mike Broadhurst (Pres.) P Susan Cochrane (V.P.) P Tom Mora (Sec.) P Robert Hartzell (Treas.) P Chuck Pritchard A Mike Bonnheim P Randy Heinzen P Doug Piirto	A Royce Larsen P George Kendall	P Margy Lindquist	P A A P Devin Best Erin White Audrey Weichert Britta Dornfeld						
I. CALL TO ORDER @ 4:15 pm									
Welcome guests									
II. Additions/Changes	None								
III. Public comments	Chuck-holding range workshop with Cal Poly students first Sat. in Nov Doug-working on oak woodland management for Mike Bonnheim- may present in future -briefly discussed Salinas Watershed Working Group meeting- minutes attached George-formed co-op for irrigated ag monitoring, dissolved by RWQCB, trying to re-work Susan-successful controlled burn Devin-water reg state board meeting Nov 3, drought & noxious weed meeting Nov 16								
IV. Staff Reports									
Devin Best	a.)Executive Director Report-provided in packet b.)ARP policy changes discussed- Robert for keeping the program, Devin bringing up issues of liability and ability to properly conduct CEQA review, issues with cumulative project effects, Margy mentioned ARP originally only for very small projects, Doug wanted clarity with county and program design overall. Robert brought up motion, in section VII. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward, Susan has Devin, Randy and Rob forming group to clearly state what needs to be in place for ARP to continue to be part of the RCD. c) Strategic Plan 1 st Quarter Report: provided in packet								
V. Consent Agenda									
	Treasurers report and Minutes	MBr	SC	DP	TM	RHa	CP	MBo	RHe
		np	y	y	y	y	y	np	y
VI. Other Agency, Director and Association Reports									
NRCS	Due to time spent discussing ARP, report tabled to next meeting.								
WRAC	George Kendall discussed complaints in Oceano about Lopez going dry, different types of geophysical surveys available to describe shallow basin aquifers and how they could be used- surveys very expensive								
Oak Ordinance	Mark Lea, the planning and ag commissioner is supporting people getting their feedback into the ordinance planners, wants diverse views on the issue before permanent ordinance goes to the Board of Supervisors. Doug and Mike Bonnheim nominated to craft letter with input from the rest of the board: Randy wanted letter to focus on the RCD mission statement to shape how we view stewardship, George, Devin, Tom and Chuck want it to be adaptive and individualized, with Devin emphasizing the need for review and oversight. Margy mentioned it should reference that lack of ecological disturbance is not always the best strategy.								
VII. Board Action Items									
Robert Hartzell	a) b)	Nominating Committee temporarily tabled due to Mike Broadhurst's absence Support ARP with realization that modifications may happen and that RCD will continue to engage county and stakeholders. Amendment: Significant clarity needed to make a viable program- need defined responsibilities and authorities on an individual project basis							
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		np	y	n	y	y	n	np	y
Mike, Susan and Robert appointed to policy review committee to review personnel policy									
VIII. Agenda Setting									
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARP program clarification with Devin, Randy, and Robert • Doug and Mike Bonnheim craft letter of opinion for RCD on oak ordinance • Set up nominating committee for board elections • Bring food for holiday potluck after next month's shortened (1 hour) meeting 							
ADJOURNMENT @ 6:03pm		Next USLTRCD Board Meeting December 7 at 4:00 PM							

Respectfully submitted, October 30, 2016

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