

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2015

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff			
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen		Margy Lindquist	P	Devin Best		
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)				Bob Crosby	P	Amy Smart		
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)					A	Erin White		
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)					A	Nick Coonrod		
P	Chuck Pritchard								
A	John DeRosier								
A	Mike Bonnheim								
P	Randy Heinzen								
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm									
Welcome guests		Margy Lindquist (NRCS), Bob Crosby (Financial Auditor)							
Additions/Changes		ALAB alternate, Chuck Pritchard. NRCS report given prior to staff report. Auditor's report to item IV)a.							
Public comments		Chuck Pritchard: Marc Horney, Rangeland Specialist and professor at Cal Poly, will attend March meeting. UC Davis Rangeland Science Symposium coming up March 3 rd -4 th , Chuck Pritchard will attend and give a report at the next Board meeting. Susan Cochrane: Douglas Piirto from Cal Poly has a lecture on Forest Management and water, Susan will arrange a presentation.							
Staff Reports									
Executive Director		Devin Best: Report- Kelly Gleason on contract basis. Based on timing of grant funded work, the Restoration Specialist position is no longer available. Met with Larry Bonner at Cal Trans to discuss Cal Trans 2. RCD will likely be conservation easement holder once endowment holder is identified. Two CIG grant pre-proposals submitted, one for Santa Rosa Creek and one for Huer Huero watershed. FRGP Update- Salinas River left out of 2015 PSN. Application for Floodplain Restoration project design in Santa Rosa Creek will be submitted by staff. Strategic Plan- Workshop held this month and additional workshops to be determined. 501(c)(3) formation anticipated by June. Continue to develop relationships with key stakeholders. Mike Broadhurst and Devin Best will attend next Farm Bureau meeting. BOS Meetings- Feb 3 rd offset program denied, Feb 10 th USLT and CSL RCD presented to BOS to request additional funding to use as grant match requirements, well received and follow up meeting with Nikki Schmidt Feb 26 th to discuss formal proposal. Public Works- met with Jim Bergman and Wade Horton to identify ways to collaborate. Parrish Restoration- contract approved and phase 1 invoice sent. NMFS- met with Irma Lagomarsino to discuss Salinas River Management Plan. Workshop- Good turnout, impressed with quality of attendees, waitlist for next erosion control workshop.							
Auditor's Report		Bob Crosby: FY 2013-14 audit complete. Report format similar to last year. Management discussion and analysis section is open for Board additions. Strong financial statement with cash to cover liabilities. Overall RCD is in great shape. Required one journal entry only, indicating accurate numbers.							
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports									
NRCS Report		Margy Lindquist: EQIP update- Since October roughly \$650,000.00 has been paid out for implementing NRCS practices. EQIP "batching periods" and scoring to determine funding priorities is working well. Handout- Shooter safety tips.							
WRAC Report		Mike Broadhurst: Presentation by Mark Hutchinson regarding division of Public Works into two categories (WRAC and water management with 10 employees and the "nuts and bolts" with 80 employees). Resource Summary presented, compiled every two year and available online.							
Countywide Water Programs		Mike Broadhurst: Ag Waste Water Ordinance- no progression. Robert Hartzel commented on water neutral development required in Paso Basin only as of Tuesday Feb 24 th BOS meeting.							
Workshop Report		Chuck Pritchard: working with Susan Cochrane and Marc Horney to develop range workshops. Potential to weave into Marc's curriculum at Cal Poly. Workshop scheduled for April 22 nd .							
ALAB Alternate		Chuck Pritchard: Received notice that RCD needs alternate ALAB member. Robert Hartzell volunteered. TM/CP nomination and all present approve. Robert will draft letter to ALAB.							
Consent Agenda		MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	JD	MBo	RHe
Motion RHe/CP		Minutes and Treasurers Report		y	y	y	y	np	np
		Discussion: MBr recommends examining Budget at next meeting							
Board Action Items									
Discuss ninth Board member position		Mike Broadhurst: No response from John DeRosier. Directed Staff to reach out. Discussion ensued regarding vacant Board member position and the kind of expertise a new member could bring to add to the District. Ground rules for new member discussed. Board agreed a six month Associate Board Member trial period required prior to becoming Board Member at large.							
Closed Session @ 7:50pm		Employee Evaluations pursuant to Government Code 54954.5 and 54957. Employee salary action agreed upon by all members present.							
ADJOURNMENT @ 8:30 PM					Next USLTRCD Board Meeting March 26th at 6:00 PM				

Respectfully submitted, Amy Smart, February 27, 2015

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