

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

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff					
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen		Margy Lindquist	P	Devin Best				
A	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)				Dr. Marc Horney	P	Amy Smart				
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)					A	Erin White				
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)										
P	Chuck Pritchard										
A	John DeRosier										
A	Mike Bonnheim										
A	Randy Heinzen										
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:05 pm											
Welcome guests		Margy Lindquist (NRCS), Marc Horney (Rangeland Specialist)									
Additions/ Changes		NRCS report given before Special Presentation									
Public comments		Devin Best: Staff will call Board Members Wednesday's prior to Board Meetings. Robert Hartzell: CARCD Annual Conference in Yosemite this year, ALAB email sent to Mark with copy of February minutes.									
Special Presentations											
Dr. Marc Horney		Rangeland Specialist, professor at Cal Poly, previous work with UCCE, NRCS and RCDs in Colorado and California 18+ years. Currently collaborating with Chuck Pritchard and Susan Cochrane on workshops with Cal Poly students from two classes to present rangeland management techniques. New class this quarter focusing on Rangeland Assessment and Planning utilizing NRCS Conservation Planning methods, potentially 12-15 students from this class and 50 students from Rangeland Management course will attend workshops. Goal to arrange 1-2 visits/tours per quarter to discuss conservation planning, practice dialogue with local range managers and discuss current management practices to extend curriculum beyond classroom and Cal Poly owned properties. Discussion ensued regarding potential for paid internships, SLO IRWM data collection to fill current gaps, as well as Senior Project work.									
Staff Reports											
Executive Director		Devin Best: FRGP- Santa Rosa Creek Floodplain Restoration Project application submitted March 26 th for roughly \$102,000 resulting in approximately \$22,000 for staff time. Ag Offset- RCD no longer involved with County development of program, requested that PBAC Conservation Subcommittee review program prior to approval by BOS. Mike Broadhurst commented on RCD Board's stakeholder interest and feels Board should also review prior to BOS approval. Conservation Celebration- April 18 th RCD will have booth at Atascadero Zoo event from 10am-2pm. Central Coast RCD meeting- May 7 th in Ventura, Devin will attend. Robert requested email to Board regarding event. CIG- National level grants submitted, next round will be determined April 1 st plans to resubmit same projects for state level funding. County Funding Request- \$54,000 requested from USLT, key item \$11,000 for 1700 hrs of WSP members to split time with CSLRCD. Awaiting progress updates on Gerhardt and CalTrans 2, Devin will email to check status. Parrish update- Contract agreement executed, invoice sent for phase 1, Amy working on permit coordination. Centennial Creek- Workshop rescheduled for fall, Public Works, PG&E and interested community members invited to attend. Stillwater Sciences- IRWM funds authorized by DWR to fill data gaps and determine key percolation zones, report in June to finalize IRWM Round 2. Board member positions- No response from John DeRosier, discussion ensued regarding potential ninth position, Mike Broadhurst and Robert Hartzell will identify criteria and present and next meeting. Elected officer positions will also be reviewed.									
Staff Report		Amy Smart: Board Member bylaws reviewed regarding amendment to require 6 month Associate Director Position prior to full Board Member position. Bylaws are Government Code, cannot be amended by RCDs.									
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports											
NRCS Report		Margy Lindquist: Conservation Planning- Thanked Amy Smart for assisting in SIP Conservation Planning to alleviate long list of applicants, currently two plans in the works, will be beneficial for RCD by increasing fee for service projects. Robert requested list of steps involved for SIP Conservation Planning, Amy will present at next meeting. Margy will be in Oklahoma most of April for the "Boot Camp" training event, Cheryl and Tina will be available while away. Presented "Field Office of the Future" CARCD ways to collaborate.									
WRAC Report		Mike Broadhurst: Linda Chipping elected chairperson, awaiting Ag and Urban Wastewater program EIR, presentation was given on Paso Basin Model update.									
UC Davis Symposium		Chuck Pritchard: Did not attend event, presented report from Royce Larsen on water quality issues related to discharge requirements for agricultural operations. GRAP meeting April 6th									
Consent Agenda											
Motion TM/CP		Minutes and Treasurers Report		MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	JD	MBo	RHe
		Discussion: Increase public awareness of fee for service work while in between projects. Discuss budget further during future meeting, TBD.		y	np	y	y	y	np	np	np
ADJOURNMENT @ 7:50 PM											
					Next USLTRCD Board Meeting April 23rd at 6:00 PM						