

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2015

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff					
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen	Karl Striby, NRCS		P	Devin Best				
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)					P	Amy Smart				
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)					A	Erin White				
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)										
A	Chuck Pritchard										
A	John DeRosier										
P	Mike Bonnheim										
P	Randy Heinzen										
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm											
Welcome guests		Karl Striby (NRCS)									
Additions/ Changes		NRCS report given before Staff Report, Treasurers Report given before approval of minutes, reports from Chuck Pritchard tabled until next meeting, item VI.e. should read water waste, not waste water.									
Public comments		Amy Smart: Discussion on 2015 MIL funds- total of 14 evaluations possible this year, two evaluations performed so far, nine total booked and 13 signed up. Robert Hartzell: Attended County "Roadshow" presentation on formation of groundwater district, encourages Board and staff to attend presentation. Susan Cochrane: Correspondence with Doug Piirto regarding presentation at a future board meeting.									
Staff Reports											
Executive Director		Devin Best: CIG Grant- Huer Huero Recharge Basins application for federal Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) selected for second round out of 400 applications throughout the US. SWEEP Verifications- RCD tasked with verifying projects under CDFA SWEEP grant program are implemented based on Scope of Work, approximately 18 projects in our district for Round I and Round II, once contract received Amy will start evaluations. Offset Draft EIR- PBAC Conservation Subcommittee submitting comments, Mike Broadhurst for WRAC subcommittee also submitting comments, will send to Devin. Grazing Advisory Board- Devin asked to join Grazing Advisory Board as Wildlife Representative, GAB meets at least once per year, funded from grazing leases on BLM land and trapping program funds. IRWM funds- Collaborating with Public Works to submit six grants for conservation level work, Devin on working group to review project submissions. 2015-16 Budget- Mike Broadhurst, Robert and Devin met to review proposed budget, conservative budget based on grants and projects we are confident we will receive, fee for service work and staff training amounts increased, Board pleased with more realistic budget, review budget and discuss next meeting for approval in June. County fund request- Offered much less than requested, Mike Broadhurst suggests Board reach out to BOS, Devin will continue to collaborate with CSLRCD and County staff to determine next steps.									
Staff Report		Amy Smart: Article published in The Tribune regarding Rain barrel rebate funded through Centennial Creek grant a great success, received many phone calls and processed several rebates so far. Brown Act- Reviewed handout outlining standing committees such as finance committee subject to Brown Act, discussion ensued regarding status of finance committee, Mike Broadhurst will call County Counsel to discuss and review at next board meeting. Conservation Planning- Discussed steps to conservation planning for SIP certification, expands RCD technical services offered, satisfying Strategic Plan goal.									
Consent Agenda		MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	JD	MBo	RHe		
Motion TM/RHa		Treasurers Report and Minutes		y	a	y	y	np	np	y	a
		Discussion: Typo in Treasurers Report- date of Board meeting changed to correct date.									
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports											
NRCS Report		Karl Striby: Attended California Pacific Society for Range Management field tour at Avenales Ranch. EQIP- Last Friday deadline for application batching period was met, 12 applications were ranked by close of business. Next EQIP batching period scheduled for June/July.									
WRAC Report		Tom Mora: Meeting focused on South County water and CalFire on notice to use sea water in Five Cities region to extinguish large fires if needed. Available water in County reservoirs, statewide drought map starting with SLO County red zone, snow pack, and climate change discussion ensued.									
Proposed Water Waste Ordinance		Mike Broadhurst: Draft report on proposed ordinance similar to what RCD prepared for Offset program with exception to groundwater sub-basins experiencing significant decline, does not address current pumping rates.									
Farm Bureau Meeting		Mike Broadhurst: Met with Farm Bureau water committee to discuss Offset program									
Board Action Items											
Nominating Committee		Committee to nominate Board President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary established. Susan Cochrane, Robert Hartzell, Tom Mora and Devin Best as advisory member will meet on date TBD									
Finance Committee		Status will be determined during May board meeting									
New Board Members		Robert: John DeRosier resigned, now two positions available. Discussion regarding organizations and groups to reach out to ensued. Ad-hoc committee to discuss, Devin, Randy and Mike Broadhurst.									
ADJOURNMENT @ 7:50 PM						Next USLTRCD Board Meeting May 28th at 6:00 PM					