

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: May 28th, 2015

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff				
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	P	Royce Larsen	Margy Lindquist, NRCS		P	Devin Best			
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)					P	Amy Smart			
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)					A	Erin White			
A	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)									
P	Chuck Pritchard									
P	Mike Bonnheim									
P	Randy Heinzen									
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:05 pm										
Welcome guests		Margy Lindquist (NRCS), Dr. Marc Horney (Cal Poly)								
Additions/ Changes		Mike Broadhurst to discuss 2015-16 budget in Robert Hartzell's absence.								
Public comments		Royce Larsen: Presented SLO County Forage Report. Mike Broadhurst: Rainfall totals and long range forecast from WRAC, discussion ensued on rainfall timing and forage production. Chuck Pritchard: Request to move July meeting to July 16 th . All present approved.								
Special Presentations										
Dr. Marc Horney		Recap of Ranch Tour at Chuck Pritchard's and Susan Cochrane's ranches. Total of nine students attended. Students appreciated learning about the history of each ranch and practices being utilized to address resource management issues as most students had not lived on a ranch. All would attend again. Discussion ensued on offering tours in both Spring and Fall and the potential to offer the option to host tours at many locations.								
Staff Reports										
Executive Director		Devin Best: Plans to attend Central Coast Salmon Enhancement meeting this upcoming Tuesday to discuss potential to work collaboratively on projects within USLT RCD District. County Funding Request-Met with BOS to discuss need for increased funds. Overall, notion was well received. Next step is to attend budget hearing June 10 th to discuss RCD as potential line item in annual budget. Devin will coordinate with Board Members and Margy Lindquist regarding attending meeting. Comment Letter on Draft EIR: Reviewed comment letter sent to Ms. Fowler on Draft EIR for County's Offset Program. Comment period has been opened up again. Board Members agreed with comments presented in letter regarding removal of the verification component of the proposed program. Tier 1 RCDs: Requirements from CARCD discussed to satisfy Tier 1 requirements. Goal is for RCDs across Central Coast Region to be up to compliance in order to request state level funding. Finance Committee: Options are to present items previously discussed in Finance Committee meetings at regularly scheduled Board Meeting or open Finance Committee meeting to public to comply with Brown Act requirements. As determined by the Board, continue sending Treasurers Report three days prior to Board Meetings for meeting preparation.								
Staff Report		Amy Smart: Form 700 must be submitted to staff as soon as possible.								
Consent Agenda				MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	MBo	RHe
Motion CP/TM		Treasurers Report and Minutes		y	y	y	np	y	y	y
		Discussion: Mike Broadhurst- Comparison with 2013 balance sheet, very similar numbers. Anticipated funds reviewed.								
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports										
NRCS Report		Margy Lindquist: Agreement with RCD finalized. New intern for summer with background in Range, Soil Survey, and Conservation Planning. Hiring Range Management Specialist in Salinas office. Still open for EQIP funding applications.								
WRAC Report		Mike Broadhurst: Atascadero Sub-Basin status changed from LOS III to LOS 0. WRAC subcommittee discussed proposed Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Subdivision and recommended BOS vote against.								
Meeting on Proposed Paso Basin Special District		Mike Broadhurst: David Church with LAFCO discussed Special District in Paso Basin. Public hearings set for August 20 th and September 17 th .								
2015-16 Budget		Mike Broadhurst: Budget presented at April meeting for review and discussion during May meeting. Tom Mora commented on building savings account to carry RCD through soft periods.								
Board Action Items										
Potential Sub-Committee		Outreach conducted and possible new Board Members discussed.								
Format for Files		Format for saving files reviewed. Agendas and Meeting Minutes will continue to be saved as emailed in Board meeting packets during 2015.								
Nomination and Election of Officers		Susan Cochrane: Presented nominations from subcommittee, Mike Broadhurst as President, Susan as Vice President, Tom as secretary, Robert as Treasurer. CP/TM seconds motion, moves to close. All members present approved.								
ADJOURNMENT @ 7:50 PM				Next USLTRCD Board Meeting June 25th at 6:00 PM						