

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: July 24, 2014

US-LT RCD BOARD MEMBERS																				
Board Members		Associate Members		Other			Staff													
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen		Eric Gobler Richard Gonzales	P	Devin Best Laura Edwards Amy Smart Erin White Kelly Gleason													
P	Susan Cochran (V.P.)					A														
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)					P														
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)					A														
P	Chuck Pritchard					A														
P	John DeRosier																			
A	Mike Bonnheim																			
P	Randy Heinzen																			
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:05 PM																				
Welcome guests:		Eric Gobler and Richard Gonzales																		
Additions/Changes:		No NRCS Report, replaced with Board of Supervisors July 15 meeting Report from Mike Broadhurst. Mike Broadhurst discussed Strategy Plan alternatives under Board Action Items.																		
Public comments		Eric Gobler (District Engineer) and Richard Gonzales (Grading Contractor) expressing support for Alternative Review Program. They believe ARP is a benefit to the Agricultural community and they are pleased with the straight forward process and RCD knowledge of necessary regulatory compliance.																		
Staff Reports		Discussion																		
Executive Director		Devin Best: Staffing Responsibilities- Presented staff job descriptions to Board including seasonal staff responsibilities. Erin White on maternity leave until November. Summer Solstice Farm Feast Report- Successful event raised funds for water resiliency programs and expanded our Conservation Club Membership program. Board of Supervisors Offset Presentation Update- Laura Edwards and Hydrogeologist Jeff Barry presented Offset program to BOS July 8 meeting, well received by Board. Offset outreach will continue, next meeting with PRO Water Equity. ARP Policy Revisions- Financial section of policy revised, deposit changed to retainer to limit client confusion and administrative costs. RCD Staff would like to strengthen Ag Pond Policy to reduce evaporative losses if possible. ARP Policy Revisions will be on September's Agenda for Board Action.																		
Consent Agenda				MBr		SC		TM		RHa		CP		JD		MBo		RHe		
Motion CP/TM		Minutes and Treasurers Report		y		y		y		y		y		y		np		y		
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports																				
Board of Supervisors 7/15 Meeting Update		Mike Broadhurst: Attended BOS meeting. Dynamic discussion regarding 30 day update on drought. Two to three day symposium will be scheduled in next couple of months to educate public on water use to manage groundwater resources accordingly. RCD will attend symposium and remain informed.																		
Board Action Items																				
Discussion and Letter to Lois Capps		Chuck Pritchard: Presented draft letter outlining concerns regarding proposed Wilderness Area expansion. Board will review letter and send comments to Chuck. Motion Randy Heinzen/Tom Mora seconds assign Chuck to complete final draft and send to Lois Capps, all present approved.																		
Strategy Session Goals 2 and 5		Goal 2 Advocacy Policy and outreach. Robert Hartzell interested in working with CARCD. Mike Broadhurst will arrange luncheon with BOS sometime in October. Goal 5 Identify Three Strategic Partners. Randy Heinzen and SC meetings with potential partners (Vineyard Team and CDFW, respectively). Randy Heinzen recommends branching out to sustainable agencies.																		
Strategy Alternatives		Mike Broadhurst: Goal to raise awareness of RCD services. Proposes Board instruct staff to spend time working on Paso Robles Groundwater Basin strategies and monthly updates during meeting. No action taken.																		
ADJOURNED at 7:55 PM											NEXT US-LT RCD BOARD MEETING: July 24, 2014									

Respectfully submitted, Amy Smart, July 25, 2014
Vote Key: y=yea, n=nay, np=not present, a=abstention