

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: August 27th, 2015

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff				
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	P	Royce Larsen		Margy Lindquist	P	Devin Best			
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)				Doug Piirto	P	Amy Smart			
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)				Barbara Bonnheim	A	Erin White			
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)									
P	Chuck Pritchard									
P	Mike Bonnheim									
P	Randy Heinzen									
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm										
Welcome guests	Margy Lindquist (NRCS), Doug Piirto (Cal Poly Professor) Barbara Bonnheim (rancher)									
Additions/ Changes	Chuck Pritchard: Directors report on Range Management Advisory (RMA) presentation. Water Conservation Subcommittee Report moved to next meeting									
Public comments	Amy Smart: Annual Report 2014-15 available. Robert Hartzell: Chuck Pritchard nominated Cattleman of the Year, Randy Heinzen named Chief Operating Officer of Vineyard Professional Services, CARCD annual conference November 18-21 in Yosemite. Devin Best: CARCD nomination forms distributed to Board. Randy Heinzen: comment regarding variation between County and RCD numbers for Offset program, encourages staff and Board to continue actively participating in conservation discussion surrounding Paso Basin.									
Special Presentations										
Doug Piirto	Presentation on connection between the health of California's rural communities and forest management. Discussion on forest management and fire ensued.									
Staff Reports										
Executive Director	Devin Best: Conservation Technician position- First round of interviews completed, position yet to be filled, actively seeking applicants. Watershed Month- Board of Supervisors will issue a proclamation that September be "Watershed Month" at the BOS meeting on September 9 th , Creek Cleanup Day will be September 26 th . Centennial Creek- awaiting final permit decision, anticipated to break ground in October, schedule site visit with Board at the next meeting. Prop 1 Funding- Presentation at WRAC meeting next week on funding opportunities, RCD working on priority projects by submitting grant applications for CDFW and WCB funding rounds. Contract Procurement and Updates to Financial Policy- CARCD Tier 1 requirement, review policy for discussion and adoption next meeting, Finance Committee to review and provide recommendations September 8 th . Meeting with Supervisor Gibson- Devin, Mike Broadhurst, Jackie Crabb and Linda Chipping (CSLRCD) met with Supervisor Gibson to discuss CSL and USLTRCD consolidation, Mike and Devin will meet with other Supervisors to discuss consolidation.									
Consent Agenda				MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	MBo	RHe
Motion CP/RHe	Treasurer's Report and Minutes			y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports										
NRCS Report	Margy Lindquist: EQIP-This year's EQIP projects almost completed, 27 contracts this year, approximately \$585,000 in funding, batching method has worked well for determining projects to fund. MIL: Drought funding under EQIP authorized \$50,000 for RCD MIL program, Margy and Amy working on deliverables to finalize agreement. Forest Management: Mentioned EQIP funding for forest management, discussion on need for interested landowners to sign up for demonstration projects.									
GRAP Report	Royce Larsen: Attended meeting August 26 th to discuss Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) resolution recommendation to disband GRAP and consider establishing monitoring requirements, written comments due September 3 rd . RHa motion for Board to write letter/TM seconds. Chuck and Susan will write letter on behalf of Board, all members present approve.									
RMA Presentation	Chuck Pritchard: Range Management Advisory and range sustainability assessment proposed presentation at Resource Agency office in Sacramento, October date TBD.									
Board Action Items										
None										
ADJOURNMENT @ 7:55 PM				Next USLTRCD Board Meeting September 24th at 6:00 PM						

Respectfully submitted, August 28, 2015

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