

# US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: August 28, 2014

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff	
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen		Margy Lindquist	P	Devin Best
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)				Joy Fitzhugh	A	Laura Edwards
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)				Carolyn Berg	P	Amy Smart
P	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)				Molly Scott	A	Erin White
P	Chuck Pritchard					A	Kelly Gleason
A	John DeRosier					A	Rodney Mintz
A	Mike Bonnheim					A	Nick Coonrod
P	Randy Heinzen						

## CALL TO ORDER @ 5:10 PM – Quorum at 5:29 PM

**Welcome guests:** Margy Lindquist, Joy Fitzhugh (Farm Bureau), Carolyn Berg (San Luis Obispo County, Public Works Dept.), Molly Scott (Justin Vineyards)

**Additions/Changes:** NRCS report before public comment. Executive Director report given following NRCS Report beginning with item IV(b) and IV(c). Joy Fitzhugh presented a quick summary of SB 1168 and AB 1739 after Executive Director report. Carolyn Berg Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Presentation given before public comment, Adoption of IRWMP added to Board Action Items, motion to adopt IRWMP after Carolyn Berg’s presentation. Executive Director Report item IV(a) discussed after public comment. Finance Committee Report removed from Agenda.

**Public comments** Amy Smart: Spotlight on success of USLTRCD Learning Along the River Program featured in CARCD July 2014 Newsletter. Mike Broadhurst: SDRMA President’s Special Safety Award presented to USLTRCD for no claims during the prior five consecutive years.

## Other Agency, Director and Association Reports

**NRCS Report** Margy Lindquist: Discussion of EQIP contracts funded and California Drought Initiative. Roughly 24 contracts funded for rangeland and cropland applications focused on water conservation practices. Salinas Regional Farm Bill Meeting (open to the public) will be held September 8<sup>th</sup>. Regional Conservation Partnership Program Local Work Group Meeting date to be determined, likely end of September or beginning of October.

**Farm Bureau** Joy Fitzhugh: Summary of SB 1168 and AB 1739 that requires State Legislation approval by Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>. Combined legislation focused on groundwater sustainability in high priority areas.

**SLO County** Carolyn Berg: Presentation on IRWM Program Background, process to update IRWMP, future of IRWM and today’s action to adopt. Thanks USLTRCD for being an engaged stakeholder group.

## Staff Reports Discussion

**Executive Director** Devin Best: Discussion of Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) collaboration with other RCDs and FRGPs Kevin Shaffer to determine next steps to modify application process for RCDs. Status update on Centennial Creek Restoration Project. Three funding sources for City of Paso Robles Centennial Creek total over \$80,000. Designs created and permit application process has started. Project will provide visible USLTRCD recognition and multiple educational opportunities. Summary of meetings with Supervisors Mecham and Arnold to discuss potential Wetland/Infiltration Basins and request funding for projects within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Potential project locations have been identified and USLTRCD has secured landowner approval.

Consent Agenda	MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	JD	MBo	RHe
<b>Motion CP/TM</b>	<b>Minutes and Treasurers Report</b>							
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## Board Action Items

**Next Steps- Letter to Lois Capps** Tom Mora motion/Robert Hartzell seconds and all Board Members present approve to send letter dated August 28, 2014 to Lois Capps.

**Board Comments on Staff Responsibility descriptions** Robert Hartzell: Strengthen Chief Financial Position in Description of Executive Director responsibilities. Mike Broadhurst encouraged Devin Best to clarify Program Director role.

**Discussion of USLTRCD Public Comment on NOP for the Master Water Plan** Randy Heinzen: Considers document as greenlight for offset program as a permanent measure. Believes staff should review and comment. Mike Broadhurst moves to form a Board Member Subcommittee to review staff comments, Randy Heinzen seconds and all Members present approve. Subcommittee members are Robert Hartzell and Tom Mora.

**Strategy Session** Mike Broadhurst: Offered to arrange meeting with BOS in October, requests assistance from Board Member to organize. Chuck Pritchard will schedule a meeting.

**Adopt IRWMP** Tom Mora motion/Robert Hartzell seconds to adopt IRWMP all Board Members present approved USLTRCD adoption of IRWMP.

## ADJOURNMENT @ 7:00 PM Next USLTRCD Board Meeting September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amy Smart, August 29, 2014  
Vote Key: y=yea, n=nay, np=not present, a=abstention