

US-LT RCD Board Meeting Minutes: September 24th, 2015

Board Members		Associate Members		Other		Staff		
P	Mike Broadhurst (Pres.)	A	Royce Larsen		Margy Lindquist	P	Devin Best	
P	Susan Cochrane (V.P.)				Doug Piirto	P	Amy Smart	
P	Tom Mora (Sec.)				Felicia Morrison	A	Erin White	
A	Robert Hartzell (Treas.)							
A	Chuck Pritchard							
A	Mike Bonnheim							
A	Randy Heinzen							
CALL TO ORDER @ 6:10 pm								
Welcome guests		Margy Lindquist (NRCS), Doug Piirto (Cal Poly Professor), Felicia Morrison (Local Rancher)						
Additions/ Changes		Consent agenda, Water Conservation Subcommittee Report, November 14 th Field Trip, October RSA Presentation and Board Action items moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.						
Public comments		Amy Smart: Maternity leave beginning Monday October 12 th . Susan Cochrane: Coyote brush (<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>) abundance in rangeland, discussion ensued on native plants, invasive species and future workshops on invasive control methods and fire suppression.						
Staff Reports								
Executive Director		Devin Best: Conservation Technician- Position posted again, closing date October 2 nd . Conservation Innovation Grant- Huer Huero application was not awarded, will continue to seek project funding from other sources. Centennial Creek Site Visit- Awaiting ACOE permit to break ground on restoration project, good opportunity for the Board to visit project site, suggests holding October meeting in Paso Robles and visit Centennial Creek prior to meeting. RCD Consolidation- Meeting regularly with Supervisors and CSLRCD Board member and staff, currently working through exercise to review strategic plans, budgets to determine how to be more financially viable at the County level while maintaining effectiveness, discussion ensued on how many RCDs and counties in California. Salinas River Management Plan- Working with Central Coast Bioneers on January 22, 2016 Salinas River Symposium at Paso Robles Inn, conference on Salinas River land management and planning difficulties due to river flowing through two separate counties, not exclusionary rather an attempt to make better decisions for healthy river system and abundant information base to support sustainability. Amy Smart: Upcoming Best Management Practices Workshop will be held in Cambria on October 5 th 10am-3:30pm.						
Consent Agenda		MBr	SC	TM	RHa	CP	MBo	RHe
		Moved to next meeting						
Other Agency, Director and Association Reports								
NRCS Report		Margy Lindquist: Government Shutdown- Potential for service center shutdown if budget is not approved by September 30 th . EQIP- Finished with 2015 programs, on to 2016 applications, encourages ag landowners in need of forestry related management to apply for funding (especially brush management for fire suppression in Cambria). Catastrophic fire program for recovery handout. Agreement finalized for \$50,000 towards RCD MIL program						
WRAC Report		Mike Broadhurst: Diablo Canyon desalination opportunity discussed. Reviewed Prop 1 timeline for IRWM 2017 funds, discussion on funding to CSDs and DACs in our District. Drought task force discussion. WRAC considering a conservation subcommittee.						
Board Action Items								
		Moved to next meeting						
ADJOURNMENT @ 7:35 PM				Next USLTRCD Board Meeting October 22th at 4:00 PM				

Respectfully submitted, August 28, 2015

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