

# Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 2023 Atascadero, CA

- I. Call to Order, 4:07pm by Mary Bianchi.  
Attendance  
Board Directors: In Person- Mary Bianchi, Treasurer; Tom Mora, Director; Randy Heinzen, Director; Via Zoom- Dolores Howard, Director.  
Staff: Devin Best, Executive Director; Hailey Leurck, Restoration Technician.  
NRCS District Conservationist: Hilary Philips.  
Public: In Person- Ben Dore (Office of County Counsel) Via Zoom- Jeff Wilson (Greenspace).
- II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2(B)): Note that printed board agendas available in person are missing item VII.b. Agenda available online has correct items listed.
- III. Public Comment:
- IV. RCD Reports
  - a. Board Updates: RH provided update on new role in Paso Robles GSA recycled water TAC.
  - b. Executive Director Report: DB reviewed report distributed prior to meeting.
  - c. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Draft Budget: DB reviewed budget distributed prior to meeting, DB gave clarification on examples of professional development, outstanding grant applications vs. projected revenue, WCB beaver dam restoration project, HSP block grant, employees listed under salaries, and timing of outstanding grant approval.
  - d. SLO County RCDs: RH proposes integration with SLO Coast RCD. RH lists benefits including assistance in managing new land, assistance with accounting, need for new office space, and USLTRCD need for board members. Conversation ensues.
  - e. Regional RCD Meeting Board member and alternative: adding to next meeting agenda.
- V. Consent:
  - a. Approval of regular meeting minutes (distributed prior to meeting)
    - i. MB motion to approve, RH moves, TH seconds, DH yes. Motion carries.
- VI. Other Agency, Director, and Association Reports
  - a. NRCS Report- Hilary Phillips: Emergency EQIP still open.
  - b. WRAC: No report.
  - c. ALAB: No report.
- VII. Board Action Items
  - a. Approval for USLTRCD Executive Director to engage CSLRCD for considering consolidation: RH moves that DB extend an invitation to CSLRCD to attend an USLTRCD board meeting and that DB attend a CSLRCD meeting with a USLTRCD board member. MB: yes, RH: yes, DH: yes, TM: no. Motion carries.
  - b. Request for direction on Andrew Johnson's allegation that USLTRCD violated Labor Code § 201 when issuing his final paycheck: BD gives counsel. Conversation ensues. RH makes a motion to engage county counsel to write a response to Mr. Johnson declining his request. Response shall be delivered via county counsel. TH seconds. DH: Yes, MB: Yes. Motion carries.
- VIII. Agenda Setting



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- a. Next board meeting set for June 29<sup>th</sup> – last week of June.
- b. FY 23/24 Budget
- c. Regional RCD Meeting Board member and alternative

IX. Closed Session

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): One matter

X. Adjournment of regular meeting: 5:47pm. Next meeting is June 29th, 2023, at 4pm.