

January 26, 2012 – DM RC&D Quarterly Meeting – 10 AM

Farris' Italian Gardens Restaurant, 309 E. Ridgecrest, Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Those in attendance: Sign in sheet

Sophia Merk NPL News.com; H. Marie Brashear, SPCW/LVEDA; Rob Pearce, NRCS; Doug Thompson, DM RC&D, Hudson Minshew, NRCS; William Foster, EKCRCD Watershed Coordinator; Donna Thomas, DM RC&D; Leroy Corlett, IWVWD; Danna Stroud, DM RC&D; Alice Lauritzen, DM RC&D

Meeting called to order by President Doug Thompson at 10:15 AM

Doug led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Self introductions were made by those in attendance.

There were no additions to the agenda.

There was no public input.

The Treasurer's report was removed from the consent items. The agenda and Minutes of the October meeting were approved as consent items. Motion to approve was made by Donna. Danna seconded. Motion carried.

2011 Annual Report. Copies of the report were handed out to those present. Doug led a discussion for review of the annual report and the items he wrote about in his President's message. He said that the DM RC&D will be having a booth at the Antelope Valley Economic Outlook Conference on February 24th. The Antelope Valley Board of Trade organizes the booths for the event. We had a booth there last year and it was a great outreach tool for us.

2012 Outlook. Announcement was made that the DM RC&D Council has approved the appointment of one new Regional Director on the Board of Directors – Marianna Schat. The 2012 elections are adjourned until the April Quarterly meeting, to allow for more outreach and contact for potential officers and additional members of the Board of Directors. We currently have 8 on the Board of Directors and the bylaws allow for up to 11 members on the Board.

New Projects. There was an extensive discussion of the Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium project and the great need for the project. The \$150,000 project will be announced on February 16, 2012. There will be an opportunity for a three year grant with \$150,000 for each year of work. 170 anchor locations have been contacted for the Digital 395 project (270 were mapped for our CETF report – but not all have been contacted). Doug talked about his phone call with Mike Anton, a newspaper writer who is interested in doing an article about broadband in rural areas. He is especially

interested in what is being done in Darwin and will visit there next week. Doug said that CSDs (Community Service Districts can serve as internet providers.

In relation to the Beef feasibility project, Doug mentioned that the Yearington area is proposing a slaughter facility.

Nomination for Sierra Vision Award. After discussion, decision was made that next year will be a better time to nominate Desert Mountain RC&D for the regional work on broadband. We will be able to show more accomplishments and successes.

Lone Pine Wastewater Feasibility project. Doug and Alice will meet with the contractor R. O. Anderson at 1 PM today in Lone Pine for a startup meeting and contractor visit to the proposed site area. There was a general discussion about the financial requirements that need to be put in place to get underway with the project. We will open a separate bank account for it and will discuss SNC advance request and/or Alta One line of credit for the project. The group reviewed the Draft 2012 Annual Budget. Donna made a motion to approve the 2012 Draft Annual Budget. Danna seconded. Motion carried.

Potential projects.

A. Native Plant Sale. A cooperatively sponsored sale with Tehachapi RCD, the Kern Valley area, and the Ridgecrest area is proposed with an order form submission deadline of March 30 and a pick up delivery date of April 14, 2012. Motion to approve the Spring 2012 Native Plant Sale made by Leroy. Danna seconded, but made an amendment that DM RC&D set up an agreement up front with Tehachapi RCD to address how to split the income from the Tehachapi portion of the income for the sale. The maker of the motion, Leroy, accepted the amendment. The amended motion carried.

B and C. CAPP Dust Control in Southern Inyo (\$5.6 million fund). Proposals for this funding will focus on PM 10 reduction and reduction of emissions. Comment was made that IMACA feels they are first in line to get the money. Also comment to the effect that there may be a bias against any proposals that may involve or benefit LA DWP (such as the Algae/Biomass Fuel project that has been discussed) and they will not be favored for funding. The local organizations feel they should benefit from the use of the funds, rather than LA DWP. Danna Stroud suggested that perhaps a video conferencing program for the region would reduce travel by participants (and thus reduce emissions). Cerro Coso already has some capability for teleconferencing and has locations in several places within our boundaries. Danna offered to work on something for a proposal along these lines. Donna made a motion that DM RC&D accept the idea of having Danna work on a teleconference proposal to submit for the CAPP funding. Leroy seconded. Motion carried.

Alice announced that Debbie Hess had called to inform us about a grant funding opportunity through the SCE online application process with a Feb. 1st deadline. We will check on this and see if we

have any ideas to submit for an application to SCE. Donna made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM. Next Quarterly meeting will be in April in Lancaster.

Notes submitted by Donna Thomas, Secretary, DM RC&D Council

Desert Mountain RC&D Council Quarterly Meeting

April 26, 2012 – Holiday Inn, Palmdale, California

Those in attendance: Marie Brashear, Bob Robinson, Hudson Minshew, Donna Thomas, Doug Thompson, Alice Lauritzen; on teleconference call: Susan Cullen, Marianne Schat, Pete Lounsbury.

Meeting called to order by President Doug Thompson at 8:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Thompson.

No additions were made to the agenda.

Motion made by Donna to approve consent items. Seconded and approved.

President's Report: Doug gave updates on Tribal Harmony Workshop held in Bishop on April 18 and 19, watershed grant – final report made, still waiting for final reimbursement of about \$25,000; new grant started on Feb 1, 2012, Lone Pine Feasibility is ongoing. Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board meeting will be held in Lone Pine on June 6 and 7, 2012. March 9th was kickoff meeting for Broadband project. Meeting was held with Navy biologists for Tui Chub contract project.

Lone Pine Wastewater Reuse Feasibility study: Option for least amount of treatment. 14 day contact time. Gravity fed use for irrigation is cheapest with least monitoring requirements. Cost of four pumps would be \$85,000 each.

Report for Watershed Grant – see attached.

Election of Officers for DMRC&D Council: Nomination of slate having Doug Thompson, President; Leroy Corlett, Vice-President; Susan Cullen, Treasurer; and Donna Thomas, Secretary. Motion by Susan Cullen to elect slate of officers as nominated. Seconded and approved.

No action taken on items listed under New Business. We will try to get out the copies of the 990's to the Council for review before they are sent to IRS and the State of California.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be held on July 26, 2012 at the Hostel in Lone Pine, California.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. to Regional Broadband Workshop hosted by DMRC&D and Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium.

Submitted by Donna Thomas.

Desert Mountain RC&D Quarterly Meeting Minutes – 7.26.12

Desert Mountain RC&D office, 1259 E. Ridgecrest Blvd., #7, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

PRESENT: Doug Thompson, Alice Lauritzen, Lori Acton, Robert Robinson, Rob Pearce, Hudson Minshew, Billy Foster, Marie Brashear. Calling in were Mariane Schat, Jane McDonald, Susan Cullen, Jackie Lindgren, Pete Lounsbury, and Donna Thomas.

9:10 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Doug Thompson, President. There were no additions to the agenda and the minutes of last quarterly meeting were approved.

Beef Feasibility: Finalizing state report. There was a discussion about required inspections. If the product is for personal use there is no inspection required. If it will be used in local restaurants, it must be USFDA certified.

SEEP: The 5th grade program strictly on water begins in the Fall. The website is still on hold and in development – awaiting district approval (by Sep?)

TUI CHUB – C-1 Channel has gone dry and a lot of fish died. Herons were standing nearby to feast. Attempts to move them didn't save many. The current contract is about to expire (Sep 2012). Half of the funds have been spent. There will be a teleconference with Tom Campbell and Dr. Lovich regarding equipment purchase before the end of August.

DUSTBUSTERS – (Hud) – Dustbuster yearly tour is targeting abandoned farm lands. Chet Cowherd is an expert on fugitive dust control. Arsierra (?) bought property at Jawbone – digging wells, solar. The water table is shallow. Quit farming years ago because water table wasn't regenerating.

WEBSITE/COMPUTER SUPPORT – The current website requires a variety of tools to update and new editions are expensive. Billy Foster proposed a new website using wordpress.com. Susan motioned, Donna seconded. All in agreement.

We will also work with Contrast Technology Services for technical support and computer (Donna). (\$35.00 per month). Susan motioned, Donna seconded. All in agreement.

MEDIACOM - It was determined in our best interest to establish our own Mediacom phone and internet, rather than continue sharing with the upstairs offices. Alice will arrange it immediately.

AV BOARD OF TRADE - We have applied to become members of the AV Board of Trade.

MITIGATION – We have been approached about becoming involved with mitigation. It was agreed to educate ourselves more on what that would mean and how to go about it.

Next Quarterly to be held 10.25.12. Adjourned 12:00 (?)

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DMRC&D Teleconference Minutes, Dec 6, 2012

Present via Teleconference: Doug Thompson, Susan Cullen, Marianne Schat, Chip Holloway, Alice Lauritzen. Absent: Donna Thomas, Leroy Corlett, Pete Lounsbury

11:00 a.m. Doug calls to order

Doug Thompson gave the following updates:

The Fred Hall Fishing Show, an annual outdoor adventures trade show in Long Beach, is planning on devoting 1/3 of the show to cover the Eastern Sierra. There is a meeting today, Dec 6, at Whiskey Creek in Bishop at 1 p.m. if anyone would like to attend. The geotourism map could be a vehicle for showcasing the area's activities and businesses.

Lone Pine Wastewater Project – Still awaiting CSD to approve moving on to second phase.

ESCRBC: Presented for vote: DMRC&D to apply for CASF designation as Fiscal Agent for ESCRBC. Motion was made by Susan Cullen and seconded by Marianne Schat. Ayes by Doug Thompson and Chip Holloway. Absent: Donna Thomas, Leroy Corlett, and Pete Lounsbury. (Resolution 12-5) Also, in connection with the Consortium, Bruce Kline from the Bishop Tribe (and one of the founding board members of RC&D) has requested a meeting for Tribes that focuses on tribal concerns. This is a followup to the ESCRBC Workshop held in April.

Quarterly Meeting: We are currently scheduled for our Quarterly Meeting to be held in Ridgecrest on January 24th. Donna has been in contact with Glenda Humiston, State Director USDA RD, who indicated she wants to visit with the RC&D. The ideal would be to have Glenda attend our Quarterly Meeting. Donna and Alice will try to establish a date and location that works for Glenda and adjust our meeting accordingly if possible. Alice will look into the possibility of holding the meeting at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest. There is an expansion in progress currently, and may not be a good location until later in 2013. The suggestion was made to have a local interest presentation, possibly from a City of Ridgecrest representative, however Chip indicated they were too short-staffed currently.

Possible New Boardmembers: Rick Lovett, owner of Indian Wells Brewery and Restaurant, has previously expressed interest in becoming a board member. Alice has been unable to talk with him to verify. Doug will also try to make contact. Beth Himelhoch, Executive Director of Inyo-Mono Association for the Handicapped (see resume), has been approved and will be officially invited.

Submitted: Alice Lauritzen

Dec 10, 2012