



## DESERT MOUNTAIN RC&D QUARTERLY MEETING

Feb 28, 2013 –Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 113 E. Sydnor, Ridgecrest, CA

**With Guest Presenter, Dr. Glenda Humiston, State Director USDA Rural Development**

- 9:15 a.m. Coffee and morning refreshment
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions – *Doug Thompson, DMRC&D President*
- 9:45 a.m. Local Project Updates
- Tui Chub Environmental Review – China Lake Naval Weapons Station
  - Lone Pine Wastewater Reuse Feasibility
  - Ridgecrest Sand Canyon Environmental Education Program: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - East Kern Watershed Coordinator: Erosion and Conservation
  - Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Weed Abatement
  - Native Plant Sale
- 10:15 a.m. Regional Initiatives
- Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium
  - Sierra Business Council Regional Industry Cluster
    - Information Technology & E-Commerce
    - Renewable Energy
    - Tourism, Hospitality & the Arts
    - Recreation
    - Value-Added Agriculture
- 10:45 a.m. *“Exploring Opportunities for Economic Development in the Eastern Sierra”*  
Dr. Glenda Humiston, State Director USDA Rural Development
- 11:15 a.m. Facilitated Audience Discussion led by Dr. Glenda Humiston
- What are the best opportunities to pursue?
  - What resources and partners are vital to success?
  - Who is willing to engage?
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. Work groups meet to outline Next Steps: “Who, What, Where, When...”
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn Meeting