

**Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting**

Agenda Date: May 26, 2026
Agenda Item #: Report C
Agenda Item Subject: WETA Program & CAPGP Program Grant Updates

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: SRCD Staff

Background – Conservation Planning (CAPGP) Grant

Sloughhouse RCD was awarded \$199,800 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP) and the SRCD Board is finishing the work on this 2-year grant contract agreement. The grant has been extended until June 14, 2026.

- Two Carbon Farm plans and one 163 DIA Irrigation Water Management plan have been completed this past month. These are the last remaining plans of the grant, and the grant is slated to close on June 14, 2026.
- These plans will be submitted by the last week of May or the first week of June for a total reimbursement of \$32,800.

Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) Grant

On July 28th, the CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced that Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District has been selected to receive a Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) award in the amount of \$ 432,153.00. The grant has been extended to March 31, 2027.

- As of May 1, 2026, the WETA program has been formally paused pending state budget allocations. In the grant extension, it was noted that CDFA would notify SRCD by May 1st if funding was guaranteed past that date and they complied with that. The Board should have been notified about this clause, so we could have better prepared for this potential pause in funding.
- The final invoice for WETA was submitted by May 8th and the final report was submitted by May 15th, per requests by CDFA grant office.
 - SRCD will be reimbursed \$11,041.94 for the month of April
- 55 irrigation evaluations and 50 pump efficiency tests have been performed throughout the grant period.
- Currently, in the Governor's May Revised budget, CDFA has had all technical grant funding reapportionment extended. This is a good sign, as it leads to all technical grant funding being maintained in FY 26/27. The budget will now go through negotiations through June 30th. Lindsey will be monitoring this and engaging CDFA Finance on progress of these discussions.

- If funding is maintained, then the grant could be re-authorized for a restart on July 1 – March 31, 2027. At this point we are hopeful we can restart WETA activities in July, but it will not be official until the budget is signed by June 30th.