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Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Service District
15160 Jackson Hwy.
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83089930732>
Meeting ID: 830 8993 0732
Call in Number: +1-669-444-9171

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter on the agenda before or during its consideration of the matter. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person and no more than fifteen (15) minutes per topic. For good cause, the Board Chairman may waive these limitations.

AGENDA ITEM TIME FRAME – All time allotments are suggested by staff and are an estimate only and subject to change.

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OPENING:

1. Call to Order

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR (Non-Agenda Items) (15 minutes)

CONSENT CALENDAR: (5 minutes)

Any Board member may request and remove any item from the consent agenda and place that item on the regular portion of the agenda as specified.

- a. Agenda – September 14, 2022
- b. Minutes – August 10, 2022
- c. Financial Report – September 2022
- d. Resolution 2022.09.14.01 – AB 361 Compliance, Teleconference
- e. Extension of CSDA Accounting and Financial Services Agreement

REPORTS: (20 minutes)

- a. Staff Report
- b. NRCS Report
- c. County Ag Commissioners Report
- d. Board Report

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

1. Sloughhouse RCD Annual Work Plan (40 minutes)
2. GSA Operational Policies and Procedures Readiness Plan Update (40 minutes)
 - a. Board of Directors Appointment Policy and Procedure
 - b. Procurement Policy
 - c. Reimbursement Policy
 - d. Investment of District Funds Policy
 - e. Reserve Policy
3. Upcoming Grant Opportunities (30 minutes)
4. Groundwater Sustainability (20 minutes)
 - a. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
 - b. South American Subbasin GSP Implementation
5. GSP Consistency Review of Submitted Well Permit (15 minutes)

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Board Members may request items to be placed on future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT



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Meeting of the Board - MINUTES Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

When: Wednesday, August 10th, 2022
Where: Rancho Murieta Operating Engineers Training Center
Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn, Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr.
Associate Directors: Pedro Aratanha, Teresa Flewellyn
Staff: Austin Miller, Brittany Friedman

OPENING

Garms called the meeting to order 12:36pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board/District's jurisdiction.

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Agenda – August 10, 2022
- b) Minutes – July 13, 2022
- c) Financial Report – August 2022
- d) Resolution 2022.08.10.01 – AB 361 Compliance, Teleconference

Director Washburn moved to approve the consent calendar items.

Director Garms seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

REPORTS

a) Staff Report

Staff provided a report on administrative work being done, the new hiring of SRCD's Administrative Coordinator, and the District Managers appointment to the County of Sacramento Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force.

b) NRCS Report

Toney Tillman from the NRCS Office provided an update to the CARCD Board and meeting attendees.

c) Board Report

CA Association of RCD's (CARCD) Executive Director Karen Buhr will be leaving CARCD and the CARCD will be updating the Executive Director job description and beginning a search process in the coming weeks..

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

Drafted:
8/11/22

1. Contract of Services Agreement with CARCD

Director Schneider moved to approve the amended contract.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

2. Final Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Resolution

Director Washburn moved to approve Resolution 2022.08.10.02: Approving SRCD's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget..

Director Schneider seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

3. Sloughhouse RCD Annual Work Plan

The board discussed the strategic planning process for districts that includes an annual plan and annual report and requested an outline for key tasks in the coming year.

4. Groundwater Sustainability

- a. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
- b. South American Subbasin GSP Implementation

The board discussed funds available for these projects, suggested meeting times to discuss them further and clarification of filling data gaps.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board approved the follow future agenda items by consensus:

- Discussion on taxes/fees for lands that do not use groundwater
- Discussion on filling data gaps

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Garms adjourned the meeting at 2:57 pm.



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Financial Report

September
2022

Deposits (Revenue):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Revenue Type</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Staff Support - August	Cosumnes Groundwater	General	\$ 6,400.00
Sub-Total			\$ 6,400.00

New Bills (Expenditures):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Office Supplies (August)	Austin Miller	General	\$ 266.63
Staff Time (August)	CARCD	General	\$ 11,545.20
Annual Membership Renewal ('22-'23)	CARCD	General	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance Policy Renewal ('22 - '23)	Glatfelter	General	\$ 2,349.00
Annual Membership (21-22 and 22-23)	Sac LAFCo	General	\$ 27.00
Financial Services (August 2022)	CSDA	General	\$ 110.00
Sub-Total			\$ 15,297.83

Impress Fund Balance: \$500	Total Change in Account Balance	\$ (8,897.83)
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Consent Calendar D

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022

Agenda Item #: Consent Calendar D

Agenda Item Subject: Resolution 2022.09.14.01 – AB 361 Compliance, Teleconference

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Brittany Friedman, Administrative Coordinator

Background

- In order to offer a teleconference/call in/Zoom option for meeting attendance, the SRCD Board must adopted a resolution every 30 days.
- The attached resolution is identical to the resolution the SRCD Board has passed in previous months.
- It remains the intent of Sloughhouse RCD to offer in person meeting options as well as teleconference options.

Attachments

- Resolution 2022.09.14.01 – AB 361 Compliance, Teleconference

Staff Recommendation

- Adopt Resolution 2022.09.14.01 – AB 361 Compliance, Teleconference.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION No. 2022.09.14.01

**Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sloughhouse Resource
Conservation District Ratifying The Proclamation Of A State Of Emergency By
Governor Gavin Newsom (March 4, 2020) As Applicable In The District's
Jurisdiction And Authorizing Teleconference, In Person, or Hybrid Meetings Of
District Legislative Bodies Pursuant To The Ralph M. Brown Act**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District ("District") legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq. ("Brown Act"), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, Section 54953(e)(1) provides a legislative body may meet via teleconference if the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and either (i) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, (ii) the legislative body meets to determine by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, or (iii) the legislative body has voted as such and is meeting pursuant to that vote; and

WHEREAS, while a legislative body meets with teleconference attendance pursuant to Section 54953(e), it must take actions to preserve public access and public participation and give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required, allow members of the public to access the meeting via call-in line or internet-based service line, provide details on the agenda on how to access the meeting and give public comment, give an opportunity to comment pursuant to Government Code section 54954.3 and allow a reasonable amount of time during public comment for a person to register, login, and comment, and monitor the call-in line and internet-based service line to ensure no disruption hinders access or ability to comment, if there is, take no action until public access is restored; and

WHEREAS, a legislative body's decision to meet pursuant to Section 54953(e) must be reevaluated and renewed at least every thirty (30) days, or else the body will be required to adopt new initial findings; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency pertaining to the threat to human health and safety posed by the COVID-19 virus pandemic and that proclamation remains in effect to this day in Sacramento County and statewide; and

WHEREAS, the virus has short- and long-term effects – fever and chills, cough, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal issues, loss of taste and smell, death – and it's prolific spread is severely impacting the health care system, inhibiting access to care for COVID-19 symptoms and other ailments; and

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WHEREAS, while being vaccinated significantly decreases the likelihood of contracting or dying from the virus, vaccinated and unvaccinated people alike can carry, transmit, and be affected by the virus; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus and its variants are spread through the air when a person who is carrying the virus, whether they are showing symptoms or not, is in close proximity to another person; and

WHEREAS, while the COVID-19 virus remains present in the community, requiring all members of District's legislative bodies and all members of the public to meet in person would present an imminent risk to attendee health and safety beyond the control of the District's services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 8635 et seq., the District Board of Directors has the authority during a state of emergency to take all actions necessary to perform its functions in the preservation of law and order, preservation of the furnishing of local services, and protection of life and property, which includes the authority to direct meetings of all District legislative bodies to be held with a teleconference attendance option pursuant to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors desires to ratify the Governor's March 4, 2020, proclamation of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic as it applies to the jurisdiction of the District and authorize teleconference meetings of District legislative bodies pursuant to Section 54953(e) so long as all provisions of that section are followed to provide public access and opportunity for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the District has taken and will continue to take measures to ensure access for the public, including by providing the public a call-in option and/or internet-based service option to access and comment for all meetings of District legislative bodies.

WHEREAS, the conditions described above exist in the District and the District Board of Directors has considered the circumstances of the State of Emergency as well as local orders and recommendations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
2. The Governor's March 4, 2020 proclamation of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic applies to the jurisdiction of the District and is ratified by the Board of Directors.
3. A state of emergency exists within the District's jurisdiction related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic and conditions of that emergency present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees at District legislative body meetings.
4. In order to decrease the risk to the health and safety of attendees to District public meetings, all meetings of District legislative bodies shall be conducted in a hybrid format with an

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option for attendees to appear in person, social distancing permitting, or via a completely remote teleconference if needed, in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and be effective for thirty (30) days, unless the Governing Board takes action to rescind the Resolution. On or before the 30th day since adoption, the Governing Board may take action to extend the Resolution's permissions pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of September, 2022, by the following vote, to- wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Sloughhouse Resources Conservation District, and that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on September 14, 2022 that Resolution 2022.09.14.01 was adopted and has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adaptation and that it is now in full force and effect.

Austin Miller, SRCD Secretary

Date

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Consent Calendar E

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022

Agenda Item #: Consent Calendar E
Agenda Item Subject: Extension of CSDA Financial Services Agreement

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Brittany Friedman, Administrative Coordinator

Background

- In February 2022, the SRCD Board approved an agreement with Rick Woods and the California Special District Association (CSDA) for up to \$5,000 through June 2022.
- Due to focusing on other priorities, work with Rick did not start until later than anticipated.
- To date, SRCD has paid \$440 to CSDA under this agreement.

Attachments

- [SRCD and CSDA Financial Services Agreement \(link only\)](#)

Staff Recommendation

- Extend the CSDA Financial Services Agreement through June 2023.

Agenda Item #1

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022

Agenda Item #: #1
Agenda Item Subject: SRCD Annual Work Plan Development

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

California's Resource Conservation District law (Public Resource Code Division 9) outlines a strategic planning process for districts that includes a 5-year plan, **an annual plan**, and an annual report. The SRCD Board of Directors discussed the annual workplan format in August 2022. Track changes are suggested edits from the first draft posted on September 3, 2022.

The annual work plans shall serve the following functions:

- Identification of high priority actions to be undertaken by SRCD during the year covered by the plan.
- Demonstration of the relationship of annual tasks to the long-range district goals identified in the SRCD 5-Year Plan (adopted in July 2022).
- Informing the public of the district's goals for the year.
- Lay out grant opportunities and deadlines.

Attachments

- Draft SRCD Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Work Plan

Staff Recommendation

1. Provide direction on the development and implementation of the SRCD Annual Work Plan.

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Annual Work Plan

July 2022 - June 2023

Prepared For:

The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

Prepared By:

Austin Miller, District Manager

Brittany Friedman, Administrative Coordinator

Introduction

This work plan was developed to provide an annual roadmap for implementation of the existing Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District 5-Year Plan, adopted in July 2022. The 5-Year Plan identifies seven Priority Focus Areas, with corresponding activities/targets to be dealt with by the RCD over the five-year timeframe. The Tasks identified in this work plan relate directly back to the content of the 5-Year Plan. Actions are categorized by Priority Focus Area with relevant Planned Activities identified. Each Activity supports one of the Priority Focus Areas from the 5-Year Plan that has been converted to an action item. The responsible party, approximate cost, and funding source for each Activity is identified when possible.

List of Acronyms

WS	Water Sustainability
WH	Water Health
SHC	Soil Health & Conservation
HPS	Hazard Planning & Support
PRL	Protection of Rural Lifestyle
CE	Community Engagement
DO	District Operations
CGA	Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
CDFA	CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture
CARCD	California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
CSDA	California Special Districts Association
SoAm	South American

Tasks, Activities, and Performance Measures

Priority Focus Area 1: Water Sustainability

As a GSA, we are responsible for working with the other GSAs to implement the GSPs in the Cosumnes and South American Subbasins. As an RCD it is our mission to support and implement projects that foster long term sustainability of natural resources. With both GSPs submitted in early 2022, SRCD will be focused on supporting the implementation of these plans and exploring project options to contribute to the sustainability goals identified within those plans.

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Task 1.1 – Contribute to the implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Through our involvement with the CGA, participate in the development of a fee study and implement a long-term funding mechanism to support GSP implementation	Development/Outreach: September-March Implementation: April-June	1) Hold workshops 2) Implement a long-term funding agreement w/CGA and adopt funding mechanism	1) Two 2) By June 30, 2023	W.S. 1
Develop a water efficiency/conservation program	November-June	Apply for CDFA Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation grants and other entities as opportunities arise.	Submit one or more applications during FY 22/23	W.S. 3

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Task 1.2 – Contribute to the implementation of the South American Subbasin GSP.

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Finalize a GSP implementation agreement among the SoAm Subbasin GSAs	September-November	1) Adoption of agreement	1) November	W.S. 2
Identify potential projects/funding requests to be included in the SoAm Subbasin’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program grant application	October-February	Support the SoAm Subbasin’s grant application	Board approval of final application	W.S.: 3, 4, 5 W.H. 3 P.R.L. 1 C.E. 2, 3

Priority Focus Area 2: Watershed Health

The Cosumnes watershed supports a rich community of native flora and fauna. SRCD has the unique responsibility of being one of the main stewards of the Cosumnes River and its watershed. We are well positioned to support and implement projects that improve watershed conditions and to foster regional collaboration among partners working within the watershed.

Task 2.1 – Identify multibenefit projects and opportunities to enhance watershed conditions

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Secure funding for multibenefit projects (including but not limited to Laguna Creek channel stabilization, in-channel recharge, groundwater demand reduction projects) <u>that enhance conditions along riparian corridors and throughout the watershed</u>	Ongoing	Lead or Support Grant Applications	Submit/Support two applications during FY 22/23	W.H. 1
Identify interested locations and landowners in order to enhance watershed conditions	February	Perform a landowner survey of properties in high interest areas	Staff presentation on findings	W.H. 3
Coordinate farm and ranch cleanup projects	November, February	Apply for CalRecycle Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Abatement Program grant funds	Apply for funds for two cleanup sites	...
<u>Support the development of pollinator habitat throughout the District</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>Lead or Support Grant Applications</u>	<u>Submit/Support two applications during FY 22/23</u>	

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Priority Focus Area 3: Soil Health and Conservation

Supporting practices that foster soil health is one of the fundamental purposes of Resource Conservation Districts. These practices can support agricultural production, water savings, carbon sequestration, and more.

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Task 3.1 – Promote soil health and carbon sequestration education, technical assistance, and other resources.

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
<u>Support partner organizations (such as the County of Sacramento) grant applications to promote soil health and carbon farming practices (ex: CDFA and NRCS programs)</u>	November-June	<u>Submit letters of support for relevant grant applications,</u>	Submit one <u>or more letter of support</u> during FY 22/23	S.H.C. 1, S.H.C. 3

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Host workshops/webinars on USDA, NRCS and CDFA funding opportunities (ex: EQIP, Healthy Soils Program) for on-farm soil conservation practices	September-June	Host/support events such as workshops, webinars, and field days	Two events	S.H.C. 2
Explore partnerships with NRCS to assist in outreach, engagement, and technical support	Ongoing	Include NRCS updates at SRCD Board meetings	Monthly updates	S.H.C. 3

Priority Focus Area 4: Hazard Planning and Support

From fires to floods, areas within Sloughhouse RCD have been greatly impacted by a number of natural disasters and continue to be at risk. In addition to worst case scenarios where human life is threatened, productive land can become unproductive, watershed health can decline, and countless other negative impacts are potential results of these incidents. Many other local organizations and efforts are already working on hazard mitigation issues, SRCD can address this focus area by partnering and supporting these ongoing efforts.

Task 4.1 - Coordinate and promote regional disaster prevention efforts within Sacramento County

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Partner with other local organizations (such as the Rancho Murieta Fire Safe Council and the County of Sacramento) to implement wildfire hazard programs and projects	Ongoing	Lead or Support Grant Applications	Submit/Support one application during FY 22/23	H.P.S. 2, H.P.S 3
Partner with other local organizations (such as the County of Sacramento and University of California Cooperative Extensions) in understanding the impacts of increased long term climate related changes on the agricultural industry	Ongoing	Staff participation in local efforts	Staff presentation on relevant learnings	H.P.S. 4
Provide updates and outreach information to organizations responsible for hazard planning, prevention, and recovery	Ongoing	Provide SRCD updates for local partner agencies	Quarterly	H.P.S. 1

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Priority Focus Area 5: Protection of Rural Lifestyle

SRCD covers the rural areas of Southeast Sacramento County. Open space and agricultural activity are characteristics of our region that many residents value and rely on. Enhancing these characteristics and working closely with the local community are of great interest to SRCD. Historically, SRCD has not been actively engaged in the. Broader questions related to maintaining the rural character of the District. We will begin to address this issue by engaging with local organizations that are fostering urban-rural partnerships (such as Sacramento County Farm Bureau, Wilton History Group, California Farmland Trust, and others).

Task 5.1 – Provide support for local conservation efforts in Southeast Sacramento County

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Promote local providers of community-supported ag/food delivery services and farm-to-fork events by developing an engaging webpage and features in quarterly newsletters	Ongoing	Develop <u>articles</u> for events/services/local business/organizations	Five <u>articles</u> during FY 22/23	P.R.L. 2
Work with the Sacramento Regional Parks to implement conservation projects aligned with the Dillard Ranch Master Plan	Ongoing	Lead or Support Grant Applications	Submit/Support one application during FY 22/23	P.R.L. 3
Work with Dillard Elementary School to enhance the school’s Nature Area	Ongoing	Assist with implementation of conservation projects	One project	...
Host a volunteer cleanup day	Spring 2023	Volunteer Participation	20 participants	...
<u>Work with other organizations (such as the County of Sacramento, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Valley Vision, and others) to analyze the long-term viability of agriculture in Sloughhouse RCD and Sacramento County.</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>Development of a study plan for the Sloughhouse RCD area</u>	<u>Board adoption of a study plan</u>	

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January-June 2023

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Priority Focus Area 6: Community Engagement

Making progress towards reaching our goals will require strong relationships with our community. SRCD strives to be as transparent as possible. We will work with partners and existing outreach plans to elevate our efforts. As a local special district, we are in service to our constituents and should work to promote their priorities, successes, and challenges.

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Task 6.1 – Further engage the SRCD community through elevated efforts to promote priorities, successes and challenges

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Publish an RCD Annual Report	April – August 2023	Board approval and posted to website	By August 2023	C.E. 1
Publish quarterly e-newsletters highlighting conservation funding and support available to local landowners	September, December, March, June	Sent to email listserv and posted to website	End of each quarter	C.E. 2
Update website to help broaden outreach and dialogue with the community	Ongoing	Increase average monthly website visits	100% increase in Q3 and Q4 from Q1 and Q2	C.E. 3

Priority Focus Area 7: District Operations

As a Resource Conservation District, a California Special District, and a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, SRCD has minimum requirements that we must meet as defined in State Code. Additionally, Sloughhouse RCD strives to be a trusted public agency in which our constituents find great value.

Task 7.1 – Meet all legal requirements stipulated by relevant local, state, and federal laws.

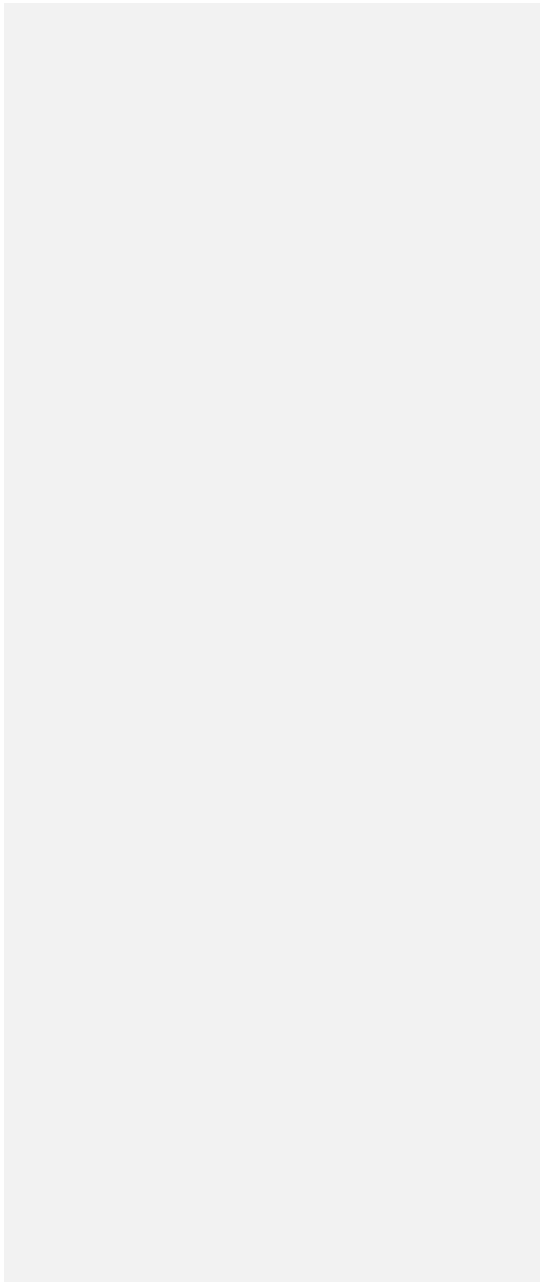
Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Comply with the Tier 1 requirements of the Department of Conservation’s RCD Vision and Standards on an annual basis	Ongoing	Checklist Compliance	June 2023	D.O. 1

Meet requirements of the Special District Leadership Foundation's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence on an annual basis	Ongoing	Checklist Compliance	June 2023	D.O. 3
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Task 7.2 - Support staff and organizational development.

Activity	Timing	Performance Measure	Goal	Relevant 5-Year Plan Activities
Maintain membership through CARCD, CSDA, and other professional organizations for continued support	Ongoing	Maintain membership	Maintain CARCD and CSDA member status	D.O. 2
Send staff to CARCD conference annually to gain valuable knowledge and network while representing SRCD	Fall	Staff presentation on learnings from the CARCD conference	Within two months <u>of</u> conference	D.O. 4

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Agenda Item #2

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022

Agenda Item #: #2

Agenda Item Subject: GSA Operational Policies and Procedures Readiness Plan Update

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

As detailed in the California Public Resource Code Division 9 and within the [Sloughhouse RCD GSA Operational Policies and Procedures Readiness Plan \(adopted December 2020\)](#), RCDs must meet specific planning and policy requirements.

SRCD Staff has developed the following draft policies for SRCD Board consideration/feedback. Templates from the [California Special District Association \(CSDA\)](#) and the [California Association of Resource Conservation District \(CARCD\)](#) were utilized as a starting point for these policies.

- [Draft Board of Directors Appointment Policy and Procedures](#)
 - Guides SRCD in working with the County of Sacramento's Board of Supervisors for filling vacancies on the SRCD Board of Directors.
- [Draft Procurement Policy \(amendments\)](#)
 - Updates the SRCD [Consultant Selection Policy \(adopted Dec. 2020\)](#) to include goods and services.
 - Adds Environmental Preferable Purchases and Practices Policy, a requirement for receiving funding from CalRecycle's Farm and Ranch Clean Up and Abatement Grant.
- [Draft Reimbursement Policy](#)
 - District's policy and procedures for reimbursing expenditures accrued while doing work for SRCD.
- [Draft Investment of District Funds Policy](#)
 - Identifies the primary objectives of SRCD investment activities.
- [Draft Reserve Policy](#)
 - Establishes the procedure and level of SRCD reserve funding.

Attachments

- Draft Sloughhouse RCD Policies

Staff Recommendation

- Direct SRCD Staff on the next steps in developing and implementing required policies.

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Director Appointment Policy

Draft September 2022

The purpose of this policy is to guide Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD or District) in working with the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors (County or BOS) to appoint Directors to the SRCD Board of Directors (SRCD Board) and in recruiting candidates to serve on the SRCD Board. There are currently five appointed Board members when the Board is at full capacity.

Appointment of Directors

SRCD Directors' serve four-year terms that expire at noon on the last Friday of November. 3/5ths of the SRCD Directors' terms (3) expire on even numbered years with the national general election and the other 2/5ths (2) expire in even numbered years with midterm elections. In accordance with California Public Resource Code Division 9 Article 7 Section 9314, SRCD has requested that the County appoint Directors to the SRCD Board instead of holding a general election to fill vacant seats. This request can be rescinded by the SRCD Board.

In years with scheduled vacancies, the SRCD District Manager will notify the County 125 days prior to that year's election and to request that the BOS make an appointment to the SRCD Board Directors. SRCD will post the scheduled vacancies, solicit applications, and make recommendations to the County at the October regular meeting of the District. In the event that a Director's term expires before the County has made an appointment to the vacancy, a Director may stay in office until their replacement has qualified.

To assist the SRCD Board in making their recommendation, SRCD Staff will compile all applications received before the application deadline (identified in solicitation materials) and will include the applications with the October Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet. After deliberating on the applicants, the Board may select from a variety of public processes to develop a draft recommendation and final recommendations must be approved by a majority public vote of the SRCD Board. Current SRCD Directors may vote for themselves if applying to be reappointed.

Unscheduled Vacancies

If there is an unscheduled vacancy on the SRCD Board, a resolution should be passed that lays out the process of filling the vacancy (in line with the regular appointment process laid out above). While it is the responsibility of SRCD to notify the County, it remains the responsibility of the County to make the appointment.

Associate Directors

The SRCD Board of Directors may choose to add non-voting Associate Directors to the Board. Associate Directors of the District are appointed by a majority vote of the SRCD Board of Directors. All details regarding Associate Directors are laid out in the SRCD Associate Director Policy.

Recruitment of Directors

A variety of methods may be used to recruit potential Directors and Associate Directors. These include posting flyers at district businesses and community centers, announcements on the SRCD, Facebook and other local website, emails to the district's distribution list, and public service announcements in the Wilton News, Galt Herald Newspaper, and the River Valley Times.

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Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

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SRCD Secretary, Austin Miller

Date

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Procurement Policy

PUBLIC CONTRACT BIDDING, VENDOR AND PROFESSIONAL/CONSULTANT SERVICES SELECTION, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING PROCEDURES

Adopted December 2020, Revised September 2022

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD or the District) Directors' and Staff's authority and procedural requirements for procuring goods and services. The District shall continue to comply with the requirements of the Public Resources Code division 9, chapter 3, article 9, sections 9401-9420 which sets forth the general powers of the Resource Conservation Districts, including the power of contract.

1. Purchasing Authority and Bidding: There are three levels of purchasing authority for goods and services. If the estimated amount of the work is \$5,000 or less and is aligned with the adopted SRCD Budget, the District Manager is authorized to approve the purchase. If greater than \$5,000 but less than \$10,000, the SRCD Board is authorized to approve the purchase. For goods or services with an estimated cost of more than \$10,000, before approving a purchase a minimum of two, preferably three, bids or quotes will be sought. The basis for selection of the contractor shall include but not be limited to suitability of services or product to meet district's needs and preferences, budgetary considerations, and consultant's qualifications and experience. Legal recommendations from Counsel may also be considered.

2. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Procedures: SRCD is dedicated to minimizing our negative impacts on the climate and natural resources. To do so, the District will take into account the following information when identifying, soliciting, and evaluating products or services procured with funds administered by SRCD:

- a. Prioritize waste reduction and cost efficiency opportunities by identifying alternative options to the purchase of new products.
- b. Integrate environmental factors from products' entire lifecycle into the SRCD's buying decisions including, but not limited to:
 - Conserve water and natural resources and minimize the use of electricity and fuel.
 - Reduce waste in the manufacturing, use, and packaging of products.
 - Extend the lifecycle of the product.
 - Evaluate the environmental performance of vendors in products and services.

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- Consider factors that provide other environmental and health benefits.
- c. Utilize eco-labels established by independent and widely recognized authorities, or standards/specifications developed by other governmental or non-governmental organizations, that are determined to be meaningful and effective by SRCD.
- d. Consider distance traveled when scoring bids from subcontractors to factor in greenhouse gas emissions for project completion. Minimizing travel reduces greenhouse gas emissions thus minimizing project-related climate impacts.

SRCD shall seek to maintain environmentally preferable purchasing standards and specifications that promote continuous improvement of environmental performance and cost competitiveness in the marketplace.

3. **Emergency Procurements:** In an emergency, defined as a situation where there is an immediate threat to life or property or where there is, or could be, a disruption of a vital public service; an emergency procurement may be approved verbally by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, after communicating with available directors; which emergency communication is believed to be authorized by the Brown Act. When an emergency purchase is made, the purchase order for the transaction shall be prepared and approved as soon as possible. For emergency procurement exceeding \$5,000, a full accounting of such emergency expenditures by Staff will be reported to the Board at the next regular board meeting. Any purchase orders shall include documentation certifying the emergency.
4. **Existing Contracts:** All existing contracts currently in place at the time of adoption of this policy, or any renewal of those contracts for similar term are not required to meet the requirements set forth in this policy.
5. **Conflict of Interest:** District employees with a fiscal relationship with a person or business entity seeking a contract with the District shall not participate in the selection process for that contract. (Cal. Gov. Code § 4527 (b))
6. **Sole Source Contracts:** In the event that a necessary service will cost over \$10,000 and only one consultant or consultancy has the unique experience or expertise to provide that service, the District may consider a sole source contract without requiring a minimum of two bids for the necessary service.¹ Such a contract must be approved by the Board in a one-time resolution that details justification for the sole-source decision for that contract only.

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¹ Public entities such as the District need not comply with competitive bidding processes where to do so would be impractical or futile and would not serve the purposes of competitive bidding. (*Los Angeles Dredging Company v. City of Long Beach* (1930) 210 Cal. 348; *Graydon v. Pasadena Redevelopment Agency* (1980) 104 Cal.App.3d 63.

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Ayes: _____

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Sloughhouse Resources Conservation District, and that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on _____ that the **policy formally known as the Consultant Selection Policy** **was amended to be the Procurement Policy and has** not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adaptation and that it is now in full force and effect.

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SRCD Secretary, Austin Miller

Date

Draft Amendment

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Reimbursement Policy

Draft September 2022

The purpose of this policy is to guide Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD or the District) in reimbursing Directors, Associate Directors, and District Staff for expenditures they accrue while doing work for SRCD. Consultants are not covered under this policy; they are governed by their contractual agreement with SRCD.

General Rule

A Director, Associate Director, or District Staff may be entitled to reimbursement for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties for SRCD, provided that the amount of the expenses does not exceed the reasonable reimbursement rates set forth in this Reimbursement Policy, and provided that the amount of the expense does not exceed the amount budgeted for such expense.

Official Duties

Costs associated with the following “official duties” are eligible for reimbursements:

- a. Expenses incurred by the person for which there is reasonable connection with the District’s adopted policy position, purpose, or goal.
- b. Attending meetings, seminars, or events at the direction or request of the District.
- c. Operating expenses for District events (e.g.: meeting spaces, deposits, printing costs, etc.

Actual and Necessary Expenses

Those seeking reimbursements are entitled to reimbursements only for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. This shall not include any costs related to gifts to any third-party, personal entertainment or recreation, political campaign activities, or charitable contribution.

Reasonable Reimbursement Rates

The following activities can be approved by District Staff. Any expenses not identified below will be approved on a case by case basis by the Board at public meeting.

- a. Travel: Travel to approved events by personal vehicle for trips up to a 100-mile radius from the persons home. Travel will be reimbursed in accordance with the current Internal Revenue Service rate for mileage reimbursement.
- b. Misc. Travel: Additional miscellaneous approved travel expenses up to \$100 per day. This includes parking, tolls, meals, etc.
- c. Board Approved Events: If the Board directs a Director or Staff Person to attend an event that will require other expenses (lodging, additional travel, registration, etc.), additional approval for other expenses will not be needed and Board may consider event specific reimbursement limits for such items as meals, travel, lodging etc.; or the Board may set a per-diem amount in which case the attendee shall know with certainty what reimbursement will be made.

Procedure

Those seeking reimbursement should submit the claim to District Staff who will include the matter in the next “financial report” to be approved by the Board. Claims should be submitted in a timely manner but must be made within one year of occurrence.

Petty Cash Account

District Staff will manage a petty cash account in the District’s name of \$500. This should be used when needed in the Districts interest. The difference in the account should be settled monthly by approval from the Board.

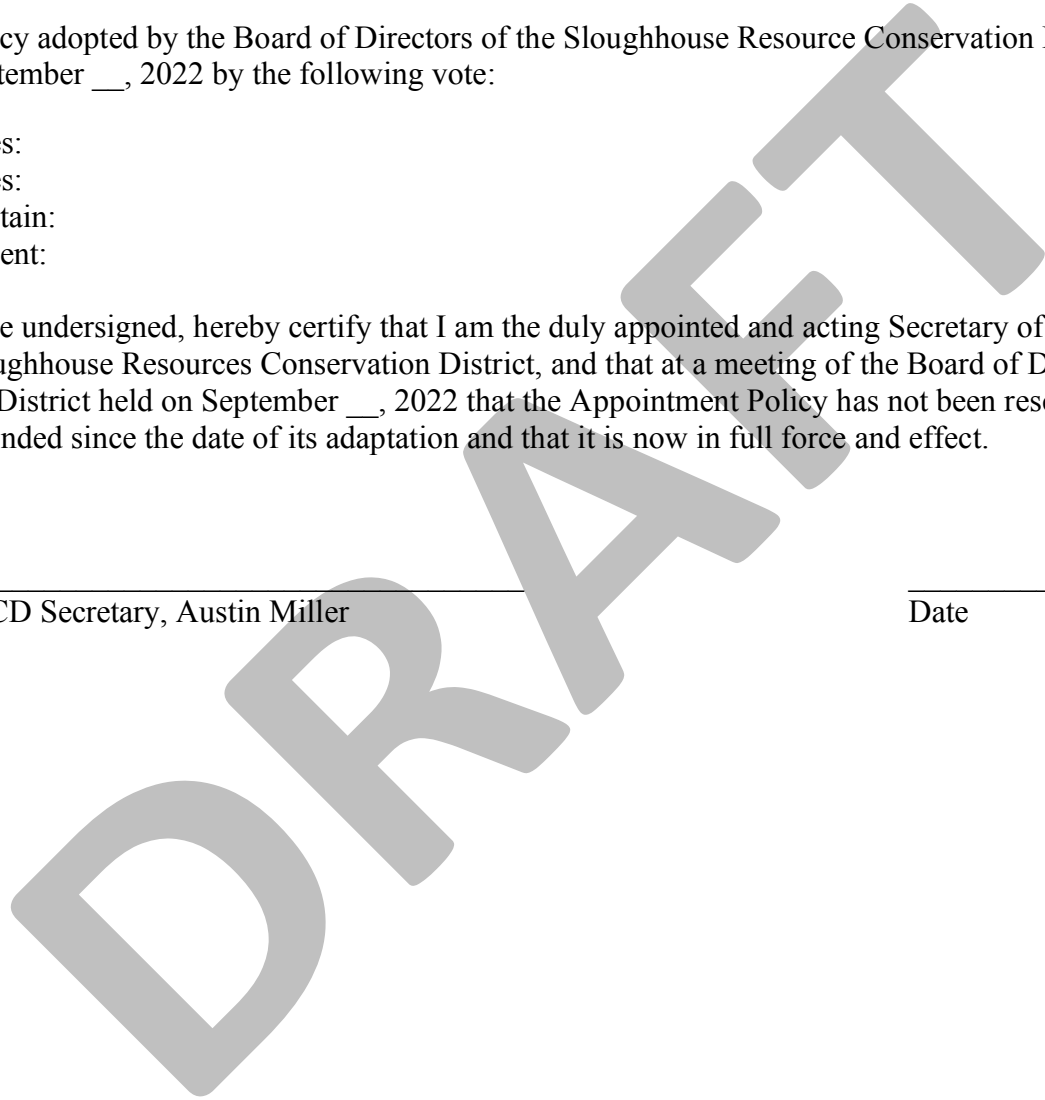
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SRCD Secretary, Austin Miller

Date



SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Investment of District Funds

Drafted September 2022

The State Legislature has declared the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern (Government Code (GC) § 53600.6 and § 53630.1); and allows the legislative body of a local agency to invest surplus monies not required for the immediate necessities of the local agency (Government Code Sections 53601, et seq.). The treasurer or fiscal officer of a local agency is required to annually prepare and submit a statement of investment policy and such policy, and any changes thereto, is to be considered by the local agency's legislative body at a public meeting (GC § 53646(a)).

For these reasons, and to ensure prudent and responsible management of the public's funds, it is the policy of the District to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the District and conforming to all statutes governing the investment of District funds.

Scope:

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the District. These funds are accounted for in the annual audited financial statements of the District.

Prudence:

The Board and persons authorized to make investment decisions subject to these policies are fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a fiduciary shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the District.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital as well as the probable income to be derived. Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from policy or expectations are reported in the next issued quarterly treasury report and appropriate actions are taken to control adverse developments. When a deviation poses a significant risk to the District's financial position, the fiscal officer shall notify the Board immediately.

Objectives:

As specified in GC §53600.5, when investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, the primary objectives of the investment activities, in priority order, shall be:

- a) Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the District shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the whole portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.
- b) Liquidity: The secondary objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the District.
- c) Yield: The third objective shall be to achieve a return on the funds under the District's control.

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SRCD Secretary, Austin Miller

Date

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Reserve Policy

Drafted September 2022

The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (the District) shall maintain reserve funds from existing unrestricted funds as designated by the District's Reserve Policy. This policy establishes the procedure and level of reserve funding to achieve the following specific goals:

- a) Technology Reserve: Fund regular replacement of computer hardware, software, and other technology needs;
- b) Special Project Reserve: Fund conservation projects/programs or other special uses not otherwise funded by grants or requiring additional monetary support;
- c) Operations Sustainability Reserve: Maintain minimal operational sustainability in periods of economic uncertainty.

Policy:

Use of District Reserves is limited to available "Unrestricted" Funds (not obligated by law, contract, or agreement), including donations, interest earned, fees for service or other non-grant earnings. All special use funds will be designated by formal action of the Board of Directors.

- a) Technology Reserve:
Technology Reserves will be used to purchase hardware and software in support of District operations, with the intent of maintaining a modern technology for employees. Technology Reserves will accumulate from existing unrestricted funds at a rate of up to \$5,000 annually. The maximum amount of Technology Reserves will be \$25,000.
- b) Special Project Reserve:
Projects, programs, or special uses will be identified by the District Manager and/or the Board of Directors and approved by the Board. Uses must further the mission of the District and will be evaluated for designation according to value to the District and the people it serves. Special Project Reserves will accumulate from existing unrestricted funds at a rate of 50,000 annually. The maximum amount of Special Projects Reserve will be \$300,000.
- c) Operations Sustainability Reserve:
Operations Sustainability Reserves will be utilized to support administrative operation functions of the District in times of financial uncertainty. Operations Sustainability Reserves will accumulate from existing unrestricted funds at a rate of up to \$50,000 annually. The maximum amount of Operations Sustainability Reserves will be \$300,000.

Monitoring Reserve Levels:

The District Manager shall perform a reserve status analysis annually, to be provided to the Board of Directors' annual deliberation/approval of Budget and Reserve Funds.

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SRCD Secretary, Austin Miller

Date

Agenda Item #3

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

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022
Agenda Item #: #3
Agenda Item Subject: Upcoming Grant Opportunities
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background:

SRCD Staff has been tracking a variety of grant programs that align with the District’s priorities. Listed below are upcoming grant opportunities that SRCD and partners may be interested in applying for.

Potential Upcoming Sloughhouse RCD Grant Applications:

Grant Program	Deadline	Funds Requested For	Potential Partners	Amount Requested	Match
<u>Cal Recycle Farm and Ranch Cleanup</u>	November 2022	Cleanup of Illegal Dumping Sites	Reclamation District 800	~\$50,000/site, max 5 sites	None.
<u>CA Dept. of Conservation, Working Lands and Riparian Corridors</u>	November 2022	Exploring recharge opportunities along Laguna Creek, Cosumnes River	CBEC Eco Engineering, Cosumnes Coalition, Sac. Valley Conservancy, Cosumnes Groundwater Authority	~\$250,000	25%
<u>Urban Waters Restoration Program</u>	February 2023	Dillard Elementary School/Dillard Ranch	Center for Land-Based Learning, County of Sac, Wilton Fire, Sac. Splash	~\$50,000	100%

Agenda Item #3

Potential Upcoming Partner Grant Applications:

Grant Program	Deadline	Funds Requested For	Potential Partners	Amount Requested	Match
<u>USDA NRCS On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials</u>	September 2022	Soil Health/Carbon Farming, Water Efficiency	Sacramento County	~\$1mil	25%
<u>CDFW Environmental Enhancement Fund</u>	October 2022	Dillard Elementary School	Center for Land-Based Learning	~\$25,000	None.
<u>CDFA Conservation Ag. Planning</u>	October 2022	Soil Health/Carbon Farming, Water Efficiency	Yolo RCD, CA Association of RCDs, Sacramento County	Max \$250,000	None.
<u>CDFA Pollinator Habitat Program</u>	November 2022	Pollinator Habitat, Dillard Ranch	Sac. Valley Conservancy, CARCD	Max \$2 mil	None.
<u>CA DOC, Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program</u>	Fall/Winter	Groundwater Demand Reduction Incentives	CA Association of RCDs, Cosumnes Groundwater Authority	~\$10mil	None.
<u>CA DWR, Sustainable Groundwater Management</u>	Fall/Winter	GSP Implementation, Data Gaps, etc.	Cosumnes Groundwater Authority	~\$3mil	None.

Staff Recommendation:

- Provide direction on potential grant applications and letters of support.

Agenda Item #4

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022
Agenda Item #: #4
Agenda Item Subject: Groundwater Sustainability
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA)

Links: [Board Meeting Materials](#) | [Committee Meeting Materials](#)

CGA Board Actions from August 10, 2022

- The board discussed projects and funding.

Next CGA Board Meeting

- Monday, September 19, 2022, 9:00-11:00am
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632
- Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88278830265>

South American Subbasin GSP Implementation

Links: [South American Subbasin Website](#)

MOU Development for GSP Implementation

- Austin Miller and Herb Garms met with leadership from other GSAs in the South American Subbasin to discuss the cost share for the MOU. Austin will present on the current draft numbers.

Delta Conveyance Project

Links: [Project Website](#)

- DWR is holding three virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIR (September 13, 22, and 28) and will be accepting written comments through October 27, 2022.

Staff Recommendations

- Discussion.

Agenda Item #5

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: September 14, 2022

Agenda Item #: #5

Agenda Item Subject: GSP Consistency Review of Submitted Well Permit

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background:

- As required by [Executive Order N-7-22 Paragraph 9a](#), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies must provide written concurrence that proposed wells (and alterations) extracting more than 2 Acre-Feet per Year (AFY) would not be inconsistent with any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Subbasin before the County of Sacramento considers the permit.
- SRCD Staff was notified of a well alteration permit (Request #100) for deepening of a domestic well on an agricultural-residential property (zoned A5 – General Agriculture). The property owner has already received a letter from an engineer to meet requirements laid out in the Executive Order's Paragraph 9b. This letter indicates that the modification would not negatively impact nearby wells or infrastructure.
- Typically, wells associated with this type of property have been assumed to extract less than 2 AFY, and would not require a GSP consistency review. However, this well has been metered as part of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP monitoring/data gathering efforts and is known to use more than 2 AFY.

Attachments:

- Well Application # _____
- No Adverse Impacts Letter from Engineer for Well Application # _____
- SRCD Property Owner Acknowledgement Form (Request #100)
- Draft SRCD Consistency Verification Letter

Staff Recommendations:

- Authorize SRCD District Manager to send a consistency verification letter to the County of Sacramento indicating that SRCD GSA verifies that Request #100, an alteration to an existing well, would not be inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the adopted GSP for the Subbasin, and such extraction would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Subbasin.



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EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN CONSISTENCY VERIFICATION LETTER

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (the “GSP”) for the Cosumnes Subbasin (“Subbasin”), establishes minimum thresholds and measurable sustainability goals for the Subbasin. Pursuant to Section 9.a. of Executive Order N-7-22, Sloughouse Resource Conservation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA” or “RCD”) has considered the proposed location, purpose, depth, and pumping contemplated in Well Application # _____ (“Well Application”) relative to the GSP’s minimum thresholds and sustainability goals and current groundwater conditions, and makes the following findings:

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Findings (check all that apply):

- The Well Application seeks to alter or replace an existing groundwater well within the Subbasin, for which no increase in total groundwater pumping by the altered or replaced well is contemplated.
- The Well Application seeks to install a new groundwater well or to alter or replace an existing groundwater well, in which an increase in total groundwater pumping by the altered or replaced well is contemplated.
- The GSA **VERIFIES** that the proposed [installation / alteration] of a groundwater well pursuant to the Well Application, and the extraction therefrom, would not be inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the adopted GSP for the Subbasin, and such extraction would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Subbasin.
- The GSA **IS UNABLE TO VERIFY** that the proposed [installation / alteration] of a groundwater well pursuant to the Well Application, and the extraction therefrom, would not be inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the adopted GSP for the Subbasin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal.

The findings and written verification provided herein are based upon review of the adopted GSP for the Cosumnes Subbasin, and the information and representations contained in the attached Well Application and Property Owner Acknowledgment. Such determinations are subject to modification or revocation at any time the GSA receives relevant, material information, though the GSA has no obligation to notify the Property Owner or the County of any change to any finding upon which this verification is based. By issuing a well permit, the County accepts and acknowledges the GSA’s compliance with EO N-7-22.

I hereby verify that the GSA has reviewed the attached Well Application and Property Owner Acknowledgment in compliance with Executive Order N-7-22, and have marked each box above as applicable.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Sloughouse Resource Conservation District
Authorized Signer: Austin Miller, District Manager

Signature

Date