

Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Service District 15160 Jackson Hwy. Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

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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 – July 13, 2022

- b. Minutes June 8, 2022
- c. Financial Report July 2022
- d. Resolution 2022.07.13.01 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Adjustments

REPORTS: (20 minutes)

- a. Staff Report
- b. NRCS Report
- c. Board Report

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (20 minutes)
- 2. Authorization of Update to Contract of Services Agreement with California Association of RCDs (20 minutes)
- 3. Sloughhouse RCD Long Term Plan (20 minutes)
- 4. Update on Potential Community Projects (20 minutes)
 - a. Dillard Elementary School
 - b. Dillard Ranch
- 5. Updated on GSA Operational Policies and Procedures Readiness Plan (20 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, June 8th, 2022

Where: Rancho Murieta Operating Engineers Training Center

Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn, Jay Schneider, Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr., Lindsey Liebig Associate Directors: Pedro Aratanha, Teresa Flewellyn Staff: Austin Miller, Scott Morris

OPENING

Garms called the meeting to order 12:44 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Board President may waive these limitations.

A member of the public asked if the Sloughhouse RCD Board was aware of the recent groundwater transfer between the County of Sacramento and City of Sacramento.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Agenda June 8, 2022
- b) Minutes May 18, 2022
- c) Minutes May 24, 2022
- d) Financial Report June 2022
- e) Resolution 2022.06.08.03

Director Washburn moved to approve the consent calenda items. Director Liebig seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four in favor (Washburn, Liebig, Garms, Silva) and one opposed (Schneider).

REPORTS

a) Staff Report

Staff provided a report on administrative work being done.

- b) NRCS Report Toney Tillman provided an update on the Elk Grove NRCS Office.
- c) Board Report None.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS



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1. Hearing and Consideration of Groundwater Sustainability Fee Chair Garms opened a public hearing on the Sloughhouse RCD Groundwater Sustainability Fee at 1:27 pm. After hearing public comments, Chair Garms closed the public hearing at 1:53 pm.

Director Washburn moved to approve Resolution 2022.06.08.01 (resolution adopting a groundwater management sustainability fee). Director Silva seconded the motion. The motion passed with four in favor (Washburn, Silva, Liebig, Garms) and one opposed (Schneider).

- Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Director Schneider moved to extend the staff sharing agreement with CGA until June 30, 2023. Director Liebig seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- 3. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Director Liebig moved to approve Resolution 2022.06.08.02 (resolution adopting preliminary budget). Director Washburn seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- 4. Sloughhouse RCD Long Term Plan The Board discussed the Long Term Plan and directed staff to prepare a final version for Board adoption.
- 5. Draft South American Subbasin GSP Implementation MOU The Board discussed the draft MOU to guide GSP implementation in the South American Subbasin.
- 6. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22, March 28, 2022 The Board discussed the Governor's Executive Order.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Board approved the follow future agenda items by consensus:
- None

ADJOURNMENT

Garms adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.





Financial Report

July 2022

Deposits (Revenue):				
Description	<u>Source</u>	Revenue Type		<u>Amounts</u>
Staff Support - May	Cosumnes Groundwater	General	\$	6,400.00
		Sub-Total	\$	6,400.00
New Bills (Expendetures):				,
Description	Vendor	Expense Type		<u>Amounts</u>
Office Supplies	Austin Miller	General	\$	99.93
Staff Time (May)	CARCD	General	\$	7,848.53
Post Office Box (Annual)	Austin Miller	General	\$	420.00
Legal (May, General)	Kronick	General	\$	3,712.00
Legal (May, GW)	Kronick	General	\$	295.19
Legal (December 2021, General)	Kronick	General	\$	1,170.00
Legal (December 2021, GW)	Kronick	General	\$	3,631.19
**These expenses have been assumed				
paid (i.e., included in year end budgets),				
but were not processed.**				
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		Sub-Total	\$	17,176.84

Impress Fund Balance: \$500

Total Change in Account Balance \$ (10,776.84)

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLTUION 2022.07.13.01

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2021-2022 FUND 394A – 9399394

WHEREAS, the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors adopted the Final Budget for Sloughhouse Resource Conservatin District (Fund 394A – 9399394) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and,

WHEREAS, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 actuals, which are approved by the Board on a monthly basis, were higher than budgeted estimates; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento Department of Finance requires a Board adopted resolution to adjust the budget if expenses exceed their budgeted expenses.

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

- 1. The Board hereby authorizes the following changes to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:
 - a. Increase expense line 20281204 (other expenses) by \$36,655.52
 - b. Increase revenue used from fund 7400000 (unreserved fund) by \$36,655.52

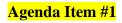
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of July, 2022, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District, and that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on July ___, 2022 that Resolution 2022.07.13.01 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



Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 13, 2022
Agenda Item #:	#1
Agenda Item Subject:	Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Update
To:	SRCD Board of Directors
From:	Austin Miller, District Manager
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Background

The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Board of Directors met on June 20, 2022.

CGA Board Actions from June

- Approved FY 2022-2023 Budget
- Approved SRCD and SSCAWA Staff Agreements

Next CGA Board Meeting

- Monday, July 18, 2022, 9:00-11:00am
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632
- Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82839220818</u>

Staff Recommendations

• None.



Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 13, 2022
Agenda Item #: Agenda Item Subject:	#2 Authorization of Update to Contract of Service Agreement with CARCD
To: From:	SRCD Board of Directors Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

The Sloughhouse RCD Board of Directors have partnered with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to provide staff support for many years. The current agreement was entered into in April 2019.

The proposed amendments to contract for service reflects changes that the SRCD Board of Directors adopted in the Sloughhouse RCD Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Attachments

• Updated Contract for Service

Staff Recommendations

• Approve the amended contract for service between Sloughhouse RCD and the CA Association of RCDs.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICE

 This AGREEMENT made on July 1, 2022 between:

 CLIENT:
 Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District 8698 Elk Grove Blvd Suite 1, 207 Elk Grove, CA, 95624

and

CONTRACTOR: California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. 705 E Bidwell St., Suite 2-415 Folsom, CA 95630

ARTICLE I. TERM OF CONTRACT

Section 1.01. This agreement will become effective on $\frac{7/1}{2022}$ and will continue for a period of $\frac{2 \text{ years}}{2 \text{ years}}$ unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of this agreement. This agreement may be renewed on the anniversary date with the concurrence of both the Client and Contractor.

ARTICLE 2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

Section 2.01. It is the express intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of Client, and the Client is not an agent of <u>Contractor</u>. Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between Client and Contractor or any employee or agent of Contractor. Both parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal employee tax purposes. Contractor shall retain the right to perform services for others during the term of this agreement.

ARTICLE 3. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

Section 3.01. Contractor agrees to carry out assigned duties of <u>District Manager</u>, <u>District</u> Secretary, and <u>District Treasurer</u>.

Specific duties will be further defined by the Client. Example duties include; District Management:

- Serve as the Sloughhouse RCD Board of Directors Secretary and Treasurer and complete all associated tasks.
- Work with the Client's financial management partners (Five Star Bank, County of Sacramento) to carry out District business,

Public/Partner Correspondence:

 Serve as the main point of contact for the Client. Manage <u>Client email accounts</u>, websites, mailing lists, and public phone number.

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	Deleted: ¶ Current Duties:¶ Attend Board Meetings of the Board of Directors. ¶ Assist the Board in compliance with the Brown Act.¶ Take Meeting minutes.¶ ¶ To prepare for Board Meetings:¶ Prepare agenda with input from Chairman & NRCS¶ Agenda must posted at least 72 hrs. before meetings¶ Prepare Treasurer's Report.¶ Prepare Minutes¶ Prepare Minutes¶ Prepare Minutes¶ Prepare documents for signature for Chairman.¶ Documents include: claims forms and deposits.¶ Compile Board packet, distribute board packet to email list 72 hours before meeting.¶ # After Meetings:¶ Make file copies of the signed documents. Send claims forms to Sacramento County for Payment or deposit.¶
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 Support the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority. Participate in the South American Subbasin GSA Working Group. 		Deleted: Attend TAC/Working Group Meetings – provide update to the board.
 <u>Provide regular updates on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation efforts.</u> Attend other meetings as they arise (SCGA, OHWD, etc.). Provide written and verbal 		Deleted: Review documents – provide feedback to the board, working group, and subcommittee.
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Project Development:		Deleted: .
• Work with partners and Board to develop possible projects/programs the Board may have interest in perusing.		
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NRCS Partnership:		
 Meet regularly with Elk Grove NRCS District Conservationist. 		Deleted: (DC)
 Work with local NRCS office to host a Working Group meeting to inform annual NRCS practices compensation rates. 		
• Work with District Conservationist to develop proposals for cooperative agreements and		Deleted: ing
other funding opportunities.		

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Method of Performing Services

Section 3.02. The Client will inform the Contractor when additional duties are required. The contractor and the Client will work together to schedule additional <u>support</u>. The Contractor will bring project, funding, and grant opportunities to the Clients attention.

Employment of Assistants

Section 3.03. Contractor may, at the Contractor's own expense, employ such assistants as Contractor deems necessary to perform the services required of the Contractor by this agreement. Client may not control, direct, or supervise Contractor's assistants or employees in the performance of those services. Contractor assumes full and sole responsibility for the payment of all compensation and expenses of those assistants and for all state and federal income tax, unemployment insurance, Social Security, disability insurance and other applicable withholdings.

Place of Work

Section 3.04. Contractor shall perform the services required by this agreement at any place or location and at such times as Contractor shall determine. The Contractor will attend regularly scheduled Board Meetings and any special meetings that the Client requests. The Client will inform the Contractor where and when specific services are required.

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

Section 4,01, In consideration for the services performed by the Contractor, Client agrees to pay the Contractor the following:

- Up to \$47.00/hour for District Manager duties and activities
- Up to \$30.00/hour for Administrative Coordinator duties and activities
- Travel expenses as detailed in the Client's Reimbursement Policy (Attachment 1)
- 1 cell phone line to be used by Contractor's employees and will serve as the Client's public contact number
- Health insurance expenses for each Contractor's employee assigned to the Client, with consideration of level of dedication to Client (1 FTE, .5 FTE, etc.)
- <u>A</u>4% administration fee to cover necessary accounting services and cost of business

Invoices

Section 4.02. Contractor shall submit invoices for all services rendered every other month at each of the regularly scheduled Board meeting of the Client.

Date for Payment

Section 4.03. Payment to Contractor will be with $\underline{15}$ days of receipt of payment of Client by <u>Sacramento County</u>. Expected time is 60 days after submission of invoice to the Board.

Expenses

Section 4.04. The Client will be responsible for office supplies and postage needed to perform the above noted duties. The Contractor will prepare invoices to be presented to the board at each regular board meeting. Contractor shall be responsible for all cost and expenses incident to the performance of services for Client, including but not limited to, all fees, fines, licenses, bonds, or taxes required of or imposed against Contractor and all other of Contractor's cost of doing business. Client agrees to pay all reasonable fees up until receipt of notice.

ARTICLE 5. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR

Tools and Instrumentality

Section 5.01. Client will supply all tools and instrumentalities required to perform the services under this Agreement. Client is not required to purchase or rent any tools, equipment or services from Contractor. Contractor agrees to return all properties belonging to Client, including records, if requested by Client.

Workers Compensation

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Section 5.02. Contractor agrees to provide workers' compensation insurance for Contractor's employees and agents and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Client for any and all claims arising out of any injury, disability, or death of any of Contractor's employees or agents.

#### Indemnification of Liability

Section 5.03. Contractor will not be liable to Client or to anyone who may claim any right due to a relationship with Client for any acts or omissions in the performance of services under the terms of this agreement or on the part of employees or agents of Contractor unless such acts or omissions are due to willful misconduct. Client will indemnify and hold Contractor harmless from any obligations, costs, claims and judgments, attorney's fees and attachments arising from, growing out of, and or in any way connected with the services rendered to the Client under terms of this Agreement, unless Contractor is judged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty of willful misconduct.

#### Assignment

Section 5.04. Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations under this Agreement may be assigned_by Contractor without the prior written consent of Client.

#### State and Federal Taxes

Section 5.05. As Contractor is not Client's employee, Contractor is responsible for paying all required state and federal taxes. In particular.

- Client will not withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor's payments
- Client will not make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor
- Client will not withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor
- Client will not make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor
- Client will not obtain workers compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor

#### **ARTICLE 6. OBLIGATIONS OF CLIENT**

#### Cooperation of Client

Section 6.01. Client agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of Contractor (and provide access to all documents) reasonably necessary to the performance of Contractor's duties under this agreement.

#### Assignment

**Section 6.02.** Neither this agreement nor any duties or obligations under this agreement may be assigned by Client without the prior written consent of Contractor.

CARCD Membership

Section 6.03. Sloughhouse RCD will pay their annual dues to the California Resource Conservation District.

#### **ARTICLE 7. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

#### Termination on Occurrence of Stated Events

**Section 7.01.** This agreement shall terminate automatically on the Occurrence of any of the following events:

- 1. Bankruptcy or insolvency of either party
- 2. Sale of the business of either party
- 3. Death of either party

#### Termination by Client for Default of Contractor

Section 7.02. Should Contractor default in the performance of this agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, Client at Client's option, may terminate this agreement by giving written notification to Contractor. For the purposes of this section, material breach of the agreement shall include, but not be limited to, failure to adequately carryout assignments as directed by Client.

#### Termination by Contractor for Default of Client

**Section 7.03.** Should Client default in the performance of this agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, Contractor at the Contractor's option, may terminate this agreement by giving notice to Client. For the purposes of this section, material breach of this agreement shall include but not be limited to, failure to pay Contractor for services rendered as agreed.

#### Termination for Failure to Make Agreed-Upon Payments

Section 7.04. Should Client agree to pay Contractor all or part of the compensation set tort in Article 4 of this agreement on the date due, Contractor, at the Contractor's option, may terminate this agreement if the failure is not remedied by Client within thirty (30) days from the date payment is due.

#### Termination Without Cause Upon Notice

Section 7.05. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, either Contractor or Client may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other. At such time of Notice of Termination. All monies due Contractor are due and payable and all Client's documents and work in progress are to be returned promptly.

#### **ARTICLE 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 8.01.** Any notices to be given hereunder by either party to the other may be effected either by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified postage prepared with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the parties of the addresses appearing in the introductory paragraph. Notices delivered personally will be deemed as of actual receipt: mailed notices shall be deemed communicated as of two days after mailing.

#### Entire Agreement of Parties

Section 8.02. This agreement supersedes any and all agreements, either written or oral, between the parties hereto with respect to the rendering of services by Contractor for Client and contains all the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the rendering of such services in any manner whatsoever. Each party to this agreement acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, orally or in writing have been made by any party, or on the behalf of any party, which are not embodied herein, and that no other agreement, statement or promise not contained in this agreement shall be valid or binding. Any modification of this agreement will be effective only if it is in writing signed by the party to be charged.

#### Partial Invalidity

**Section 8.03.** If any provision in this agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nonetheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

#### Arbitration of Disputes Required

**Section 8.04.** Any dispute or claim that arises out of or that relates to this contract, or to the existence, scope, or validity of this contract agreement, or that relates to the breach of this contract, or that arises out of or that is based upon the employment relationship (including any wage claim, any claim for wrongful termination, or any claim based upon any statute, regulation, or law, including those dealing with employment discrimination, sexual harassment, or civil rights, age, or disabilities), or a dispute between Contractor and Client that arose/arises before, during, or after employment, shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the then effective arbitration rules. If dispute persists upon the completion of the arbitration process each party had the right to carry out litigation.

#### Attorney's Fees

**Section 8.05.** If any action at law or in equity, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, which may be set by the court in the same action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the party may be entitled.

Governing Law

Section 8.06. This agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Executed at <u>Sacramento-Sacramento County, California</u>, on the date and the year first above written.

**CONTRACTOR** Karen Buhr *Executive Director* California Association of Resource Conservation Districts CLIENT Herb Garms *Chair* Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

By:_____

By:_____

Date:_____

Date:_____

## Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 13, 2022
Agenda Item #:	#3
Agenda Item Subject:	SRCD Long Term 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.
- 5-year plans define focus areas, establish priorities for action, and provide a structure to hold districts accountable for progress over time.

#### **Attachments**

• Draft 5-year Plan

#### **Staff Recommendation**

1. Adopt the Sloughhouse RCD Long Term Plan.

# SLOUGHHOUSE WILTON

5-year Plan

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# Mission, Vison, and Goals

The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) 5-Year Plan is intended to inform the work of SRCD, embrace opportunities to broaden and enhance the range of SRCD's activities, and to meet requirements set forth in Government Code Section 9084.

**Our Mission**: To serve the diverse constituency within the SRCD to become better stewards of our natural resources through education, outreach, and implementing conservation projects to advance the long-term sustainability of working landscapes, rural life, and our unique environment.

**Our Vision**: To support management of natural resources through collaboration with partners in the district to successfully balance the wide range of programs that protect groundwater for long-term sustainability, soil for agricultural productivity and environmental values, surface water for multiple uses including agriculture, fish, and wildlife, and natural areas for their habitat value.

To operationalize the adopted SRCD mission and vision, a set of goals have been identified, as follows:

- 1. Achieve long-term natural resource sustainability to address current and future changes and needs.
- 2. Have a diverse Board of Directors that represents the community Sloughhouse RCD serves to work together and build partnerships.
- 3. Collaborate with local, regional, and statewide agencies and develop partnerships on sustainability projects across all focus areas.
- 4. Educate the public about sustainable agricultural and natural resources management.
- 5. Develop projects and programs to serve the diverse members of the Sloughhouse RCD community.

# Priority Focus Areas for SRCD:

The SRCD Board of Directors have identified seven Priority Focus Areas that will be the foundations of the District's efforts to reach our goals during the coming five years. This Plan will be adaptively managed, if unforeseen opportunities arise that allow us to advance our goals, modifications to the Plan will be made.

## 1. Water Sustainability

Over the past seven years we have worked with local partners to develop a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the Cosumnes Subbasin and South American Subbasin. This effort has consumed the overwhelming majority of the effort of SRCD. Given our responsibilities as a GSA, we will continue to devote significant effort implementing the GSPs. This work will include participating in and supporting the work of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority's Board and sub-committees; continued engaged with the South American Subbasin Working Group, identifying and applying for grants to fund demand management and aquifer recharge planning and implementation, as appropriate; conducting outreach and soliciting input from our constituents on water sustainability issues and plans; working with NGOs such as the Cosumnes Coalition and The Nature Conservancy on monitoring, assessment, and planning projects of mutual interest; and other activities that advance our water sustainability goals and responsibilities.

## 2. Watershed Health

A watershed is all the land that drains into a common point at or near the mouth of a river or stream. The SRCD's district includes a significant portion of the Cosumnes Watershed and many of its tributaries including Dry Creek, Laguna Creek, and Badger Creek. These waterways supply water for agriculture, offer opportunities for recreation, provide habitat to numerous plants and animals, and are connected to the groundwater aquifer in certain locations. The activities conducted on the land within a watershed affect the quality and quantity of water in the waterways. We recognize this relationship and strive to take advantage of opportunities to manage the land in a way that protects the Cosumnes River and its tributaries.

## 3. Soil Health and Conservation

In keeping with the origins of National Resources Conservation Service and Resource Conservation Districts, maintaining the health of the soil is vital to the long-term viability of agriculture in the Cosumnes Basin. Not only does healthy soil underpin productive agriculture, but it also sequesters carbon and can act as a sponge, soaking up water to reduce runoff and facilitating aquifer recharge. The SRCD seeks to develop programs to improve soil health and conservation.

## 4. Hazard Planning and Support

Flooding and fires have always been a concern in the Cosumnes Basin. The approach to managing hazards has evolved in recent years. In the past, fires were regularly suppressed and floods minimized by building and fortifying levees. While these approaches remain useful, newer methods of management, including prescribed burns, carving around defensible space

around structures, and widening flood corridors to reduce flood risk and optimize aquifer recharge. involves adapting to these natural processes. We will seek opportunities to reduce the risk of hazards in our district.

## 5. Protection of Rural Lifestyle

Many of our constituents have moved to the Wilton/Herald area in recent years to benefit from the rural lifestyle. Others have farmed or ranched in our district for generations. All value the opportunities farm or raise livestock on a small or large scale, the natural beauty of the oak woodlands, and the habitat provided for aquatic life. Many smaller farms growing fresh produce or raising grass-fed beef or hogs are found in our area. Further, the Wilton/Herald area is known throughout northern California as a hub of equestrian sports, including trail riding, jumping, and cutting, to name a few. The SRCD strives to support and foster rural living. When opportunities arise, we will work with others to advance the long-term viability of rural living within our district.

## 6. Community Engagement

Decades ago, the SRCD area was composed of almost exclusively of agricultural constituents. Given this and the roots of RCDs in general, SRCD's work focused on the needs of farmers and ranchers. While this focus remains a central impetus for our work, we recognize the district's constituents now include more rural residential landowners, a continually growing number of horse training facilities, and many small farms which grow specialty crops. Our community outreach efforts will continue to include production agriculture and ranching, but also the interest and needs of the newer sectors within the district. We will work develop stronger conversations with all constituents within the district.

## 7. District Operations

Sloughhouse RCD has taken on significant new responsibilities as a GSA. Balancing our traditional work focused on natural resources with the new responsibilities as a groundwater agency has presented challenges, including assuming a greater level of transparency and accountability, establishing new policies and procedures, and budgeting for new expenses, to name a few. The SRCD has had to broaden its understanding of a number of natural resource, policy, and legal issues now facing the District. To assume this new level of leadership, to continue to develop its internal capacity, SRCD will need to expand staff and Board member education, utilize new management tools, and consider increasing human resources, as appropriate.

#### Priority Focus Area – Water Sustainability

#### Background and SRCD's Role

Both surface water and groundwater sustainability are important to Sloughhouse RCD. Groundwater sustainability targets maintaining stable groundwater conditions that support all beneficial uses of groundwater within the Cosumnes and South American Subbasin, in line with our efforts as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Surface water sustainability refers to maintaining flows in the Cosumnes River and other waterways that supports both farming and environmental needs. Surface and groundwater sustainability are interconnected. Surface water can recharge the aquifer and groundwater can contribute to baseflow in waterways. Sloughhouse RCD's attention to water sustainability will be central to all other areas of focus.

As a GSA, we are responsible for working with the other GSAs to implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plans in the Cosumnes and South American Subbasins. As an RCD, we are well positioned to support and implement projects that foster long term sustainability of water.

Planned Activities

- Implement a long-term assessment to support work on the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- Work with the other South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to implement the South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- Identify funding to implement a water efficiency technical assistance program.
- Support and implement projects to monitor and enhance flows in the Cosumnes River.
- Work with the County of Sacramento, the Natural Resources Conservation Services, UC Cooperative Extension, and others to create incentives and programs to transfer knowledge and technologies to assist farmers with new irrigation methods and drought-tolerant species.

- California Department of Water Resources
- State Water Resources Control Board
- CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation
- California Department of Conservation

## Priority Focus Area – Watershed Health

#### Background and SRCD's Role

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.

#### Planned Activities

- Identify multi-benefit projects (soil-health, groundwater recharge, ecosystem rehabilitation, etc.) to enhance watershed conditions while at the same time continue to support the productive use of the land for the varied services it provides. One example of this multi-benefit approach is a proposed project along Laguna Creek, involving an assessment to determine where creek channel stabilization is needed and the potential for in-channel recharge with the goal of enhancing conveyance of water to farms for managed aquifer recharge and habitat improvement.
- Identify opportunities to improve nutrient management when practical to reduce nutrient runoff and/or leaching of nutrients into the aquifer.
- Identify locations and landowners interested in floodplain rehabilitation in order to enhance aquifer recharge and improve habitat for anadromous fish and other aquatic life.

- California Department of Conservation
  - Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program
  - Sustainable Agricultural Conservation Program
  - Watershed Coordinator Program
- California Department of Water Resources
- California State Water Resource Control Board
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- National Marine Fisheries Services/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Program

## Priority Focus Area – Soil Health and Conservation

#### Background and SRCD's Role

The Resource Conservation Districts evolved from the Soil Conservation Service, which was a response to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s and the need to develop and implement conservation practices to reduce soil loss and promote healthy soil resources. More recently, another important function of soil that has been an area of interest to RCDs is carbon sequestration. SRCD plans to work with partners, most notably the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA NRCS), to advance all aspects of soil health. We strive to share practices and new information on soil health with local farmers and learn from farmers who are pioneering implementation of these practices.

#### Planned Activities

- Develop a program to promote carbon sequestration education and resources. The County of Sacramento Climate Action Plan identifies a goal of sequestering 146,934 MT CO₂ county-wide per year by 2030. Potential practices to sequester carbon include, but are not limited to:
  - Applying compost instead of synthetic fertilizer;
  - Managing grazing to improve irrigated pasture conditions; and,
  - Altering tillage practices to reduce, eliminate, or change strip tillage.
- Promote USDA NRCS and CDFA funding opportunities (ex: EQIP, Healthy Soils Program) for on-farm soil conservation practices.
- Explore partnerships with NRCS to assist in outreach, engagement, and technical support.

- California Department of Food and Agriculture
  - Healthy Soils Program
- Carbon Cycle Institute
- United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service

## Priority Focus Area – Hazard Planning and Support

#### Background and SRCD's Role

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 from these incidents. Sloughhouse RCD is keenly positioned to work with partners (like Rancho Murieta Fire Safe Council, RD 800, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, and others) to minimize risk and support recovery from multiple types of disasters.

We seek to work with Fire Safe Councils throughout the County to coordinate regional fire prevention efforts. We also plan to support flood prevention efforts that also provides groundwater recharge benefits.

#### Planned Activities

- Provide regular updates and outreach to local organizations responsible for hazard planning, prevention, and recovery including Reclamation District 800, Rancho Murieta Fire Safe Council, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.
- Partner with the County of Sacramento and other agencies/organizations to implement programs and projects to reduce wildfire hazards.
- Assist the County of Sacramento and other agencies/organizations in mapping and identify locations that are newly at risk, or at higher risk for fire hazards.
- Assist the County of Sacramento and other agencies/organizations in understanding the tolerance of current crop mixes to withstand increased temperatures.

- California Fire Safe Council
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

#### Priority Focus Area – Protection of Rural Lifestyle

#### Background and SRCD's Role

Sloughhouse RCD covers rural Southeast Sacramento County. Open space and agricultural activity are characteristics of our region that many residents value. Programs that support rural living (groundwater well support, small farms support, etc.) and promote resource conservation should be prioritized. Many of our constituents have moved to the Wilton/Herald area in recent years to benefit from the rural lifestyle. Others have farmed or ranched in our district for generations. All value the opportunities farm or raise livestock on a small or large scale, the natural beauty of the oak woodlands, and the habitat provided for aquatic life. The SRCD strives to support and foster rural living. When opportunities arise, we will work with others to advance the long term viability of rural living within our district.

#### Planned Activities

- Develop a guide to rural living that provides information on how local residents can contribute to groundwater sustainability, support local conservation efforts, and engage with local agencies.
- Support urban-rural agricultural connections by promoting local providers of Community-Supported Agriculture/food delivery services and local Farm-to-Fork events.
- Support Sacramento County Parks Department in the development and implementation of a Dillard Ranch Master Plan.

- Sacramento Area Council of Government's Rural-Urban Connection Program
- Department of Conservation
- Private foundations

## Priority Focus Area – Community Engagement

#### Background and SRCD's Role

Making progress towards reaching our goals will require strong relationships with our community. Sloughhouse RCD strives to be as transparent as possible. We will work with partners (ex: other special districts, community organizations, etc.) and existing outreach plans (ex: Cosumnes Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan) to elevate our efforts. As a RCD we are in service to our constituents and should work to promote our priorities, successes, and challenges.

#### Planned Activities

- Publish an RCD Annual Report yearly.
- Publish quarterly e-newsletters highlighting conservation funding and support available to local landowners.
- Update website to help broaden outreach and dialogue with the community

- California Department of Conservation
  - Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program

## Priority Focus Area – District Operations

#### Background and SRCD's Role

Sloughhouse RCD is a Resource Conservation District, a California Special District, and a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Each designation has a variety of 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.

Planned Activities

- Meet all legal requirements stipulated by the Department of Conservation for RCDs (Tier 1 of The RCD Vision & Standards) on an annual basis.
- Maintain membership in the California Association of RCDs and the California Special District Association.
- Meet requirements of the Special District Leadership Foundation's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence on an annual basis.
- Send staff to CARCD Conference annually.

- California Department of Conservation
  - Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program
- Special District Leadership Foundation

## Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 13, 2022
Agenda Item #:	#4
Agenda Item Subject:	Update on Potential Community Projects
To:	SRCD Board of Directors
From:	Austin Miller, District Manager

#### **Background**

- In 2020, Sloughhouse RCD applied for a grant from the CA Association of RCDs to establish monarch and pollinator habitat at Dillard Elementary School. While the grant application was not successful, there is still interested from Dillard Elementary School to work with Sloughhouse RCD to transform their 7-acre Nature Area into an educational resource that promotes conservation.
- In early 2022, Sacramento County Regional Parks developed a Master Plan for the Dillard Ranch property. While Regional Parks has only developed initial tentative plans for the property, they have committed to working with Sloughhouse RCD to advance groundwater and other natural resource sustainability.

#### **Attachments**

• Draft Dillard Area Projects Overview

#### **Staff Recommendation**

1. None.

## **Sloughhouse RCD: Potential Dillard Area Community Projects**

Living Document Updated: June 21, 2022

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## Overview

Within the last two years, there have been a variety of conversations around the best way to utilize the Dillard Elementary School Nature Area (~7 acres directly adjacent to the school prime for habitat rehabilitation and educational opportunities) and the Dillard Ranch (~97 acres managed by the County of Sacramento Regional Parks) properties. Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) believes that these two sites could be utilized to showcase conservation demonstration projects, create valuable habitat, and serve as an educational and recreational tool for Dillard Elementary and the Wilton Community at large. Additionally, with these two sites <u>located ~.5 miles apart</u>, there is potential to connect the sites with paths/signage to increase visibility and access to each project.

<u>SRCD is interested in working with the Elk Grove School District, Regional Parks, and other</u> partners to develop and implement projects that enhance the natural spaces and increases the usability of each site for educational and recreational uses. The intent of this document is to capture potential projects and project details for both sites in order for SRCD and our partners to quickly develop funding requests when those opportunities come available.



# Dillard Elementary School Nature Area

Specific Location: Property Owner:	9721 Dillard Rd., Wilton, CA 95693 Elk Grove Unified School District Attn: Bill Heinicke, Director of Planning Attn: Sandra Wiest, Principal of Dillard Elementary
Property Overview:	Many years ago, the Germany family donated ~7 acres of land immediately adjacent to Dillard Elementary School as a nature area. Vernal pools were subsequently constructed on a small portion of the site but overall, the area has not been rehabilitated to its full potential for either habitat or educational purposes. The site is relatively flat (0-3% slope), with a small local perennial creek (Badger Creek) surrounded by established valley oaks. A variety of invasive weeds and grasses currently grow on the site. According to the USDA NRCS Soil Survey, the project area is composed of San Joaquin Silt Loam (Hydrologic Soil Group C).
	In early 2020, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) worked with Dillard Elementary staff and a design professional from <u>Miridae</u> to develop an initial plan for the Nature Area and apply for a grant to fund additional work. While SRCD was not successful in that initial grant application, there is still great interest in rehabilitating the site.
Identified Projects:	<ul> <li>The following projects were identified through the development of the initial grant application:</li> <li>Site Plan Development <ul> <li>A master plan to direct how project activities will be managed will be developed to provide more specific details and to identify any opportunities and barriers to success.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Site Preparation (Weed/Invasive Species Management): <ul> <li>Mowing of grass</li> <li>Dillard Elementary School Staff initially indicated there might be a neighbor/parent that could provide this service.</li> <li>3-5 rounds of glyphosate</li> <li>1 round of a preemergent herbicide</li> </ul> </li> <li>Site Preparation (Irrigation): <ul> <li>Extend existing irrigation line to Nature Area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Agenda Item #4

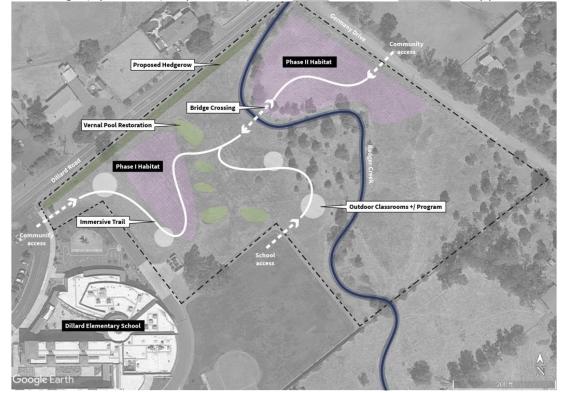
- Water supply is already available on the school property but may need to be extended to the area in question.
- Install netafim drip irrigation at 36" grid spacing
- Path Creation
  - Path details still to be determined.
  - A bridge connecting the two sides of Badger Creek may need to be constructed.
- Planting/seeding (pollinator/native plants, ex: milkweed)
  - 2,500 milkweed plugs planted 36" O.C.
    - Narrow Leaf Milkweed (asclepias fascicularis)
    - Showy Milkweed (asclepias speciosa)
    - Indian Milkweed (asclepias eriocarpa)
  - Seeds spread a year after initial planting
  - A variety of nectar bearing plants will be used to create a hedgerow along Dillard Road. Those include:
    - Clarkia unguiculata (Elegant Clarkia)
    - Clarkia williamsonii (Fort Miller Clarkia)
    - Eschscholzia californica (California Poppy)
    - Grindelia camporum (Gumplant)
    - Helianthus bolanderi (Bolander's Sunflower)
    - Lupinus succulentus (Arroyo Lupine)
    - Achillea millefolium (Yarrow)
    - Phacelia californica (Phacelia)
    - Phacelia ciliata (Great Valley Phacelia)
    - Oenothera californica (California Evening Primrose)
    - Trichostema lanceolatum (Vinegarweed)
    - Trifolium willdenovii (Tomcat Clover)
    - Madia elegans (Common Madia)
  - Miridae could supply these plans from their native plant nursery located in Wilton, CA.
- Maintenance
  - Specific maintenance plans will be developed once projects are scoped.
- Reporting/Monitoring
  - Specific monitoring plans will be developed once projects are scoped/as required by grant programs.
- Onsite Education/Outreach
  - Develop and educational webpage that provides information on local fauna, wildlife, and other natural features.
  - Develop educations signs to provide information on local fauna, wildlife, and other natural features.

- Related Education/Outreach Activities
  - Workshops/Public Events:
    - Pollinator habitat
    - Vernal pools
    - Other
- Project Benefits: Habitat Benefits:
  - Milkweed is a native plant in the Wilton community. Once established, milkweed seeds attached to fluffy "silk" could be spread by the wind to surrounding areas and begin the establishment of new stands of milkweed in surrounding areas.
  - <<benefit of milkweed to Monarchs>>
  - <<benefit of pollinators>>

Education/Outreach Benefits:

- <<immersive education benefits>>
- <<SLEWS Program benefits>>

Initial site design (by Miridae) to promote pollinator habitat and educational opportunities:



#### **Potential Project Partners:**

Partner	Role
Sloughhouse Resource	Lead – Project/consultant management, grant applicant, outreach
Conservation District	

Elk Grove Unified	Property oversight, long-term maintenance/upkeep	
School District		
Dillard Elementary	Education partner	
School		
Miridae	Site plan development, plant/seed supplier	
Center for Land-based	Implementation support (planting, etc.)	
Learning		
Sacramento Splash	Educational signage/information development, complimentary	
	curriculum/classroom resources	

# Draft budget for planning purposes:

Activity	Cost		
Site Plan Development	SRCD: \$3,000		
	Miridae: \$5,000		
	CLBL: \$1,000		
Site Preparation (weed/invasive	Mowing: \$		
plant removal)	Glyphosate + Herbicide: \$2,500		
Site Preparation (irrigation)	\$18,000		
Path Creation:	Materials: \$2,000		
	Labor: \$1,000		
Plants	Hedgerow: \$1,000		
	Milkweed (plugs): \$11,000		
	Milkweed (seeds): \$1,000		
Planting	\$18,000		
Onsite Education	Content Development (Splash):		
	\$8,000		
	Signage: \$1,500/sign		
Other Education/Outreach	Workshops: \$5,000/workshop		
Maintenance	Initial Years: \$10,000		
	Ongoing: \$?/year		
Reporting/Monitoring	\$5,000		

# Dillard Ranch

Specific Location: Property Owner: <u>9857 Dillard Rd., Wilton, CA 95693</u> Sacramento County Regional Parks Attn: Amber Veselka, Recreation Supervisor

Property Overview: Dillard Ranch was acquired by Regional Parks in 2018 through a trade agreement with Cosumnes Community Services district which acquired the property in 2006. Prior to 2006 the property was operated as a dairy farm. Consisting of four contiguous parcels, this ~97 acres site is currently a working ranch used for cattle grazing and growing hay. Additionally, on the property is a single-family dwelling and a variety of additional farm structures.

In 2021 and into 2022, through intensive public outreach, Regional Parks developed a Master Plan for Dillard Ranch. The Master Plan identifies which structures/contributing resources on the property (all located in the homestead area in the North-West corner of the property along Dillard and Davis Roads) would be stabilized, rehabilitated, or newly constructed.

For the remaining acreage outside of the homestead (~87 acres), the Regional Parks plans to continue to lease the property for agricultural use as well as work with SRCD on ideas for advancing groundwater (and other natural resources) sustainability at the site. Regional Parks also plans to continue discussions with Wilton Fire on their request for ~7 acres near their existing station (near the intersection of Dillard and Wilton Roads) to expand their operations.

Additional Background Info:

- Dillard Ranch Master Plan (April 2022)
- Dillard Ranch Natural Resource Assessment (June 2020)
- Dillard Ranch Historic and Cultural Resources Report (April 2021)
- Dillard Ranch Virtual Tour Video (May 2021)

Identified Projects: Homestead Projects:

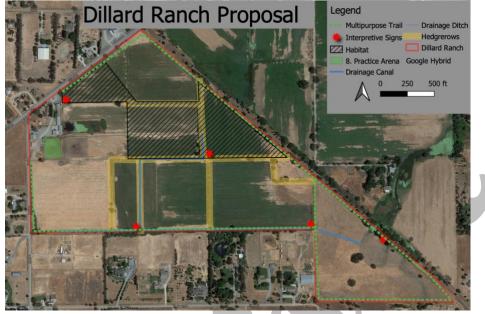
- Interpretive Signage
- Drought Tolerant Demonstration Garden
- Equestrian Practice Arena

Agricultural Area Projects:

- <u>Sloughhouse RCD Comment Letter of Dillard Ranch Master Plan</u> <u>Development</u>
- Pollinator Habitat
- Multipurpose Trail and Interpretive Signs

- Water Conservation Practices (agriculture)
- Hedgerows
- Carbon Farming

## Draft site design:



#### Dillard Ranch Master Plan:

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## Project Benefits:

Pollinator Project Benefits:

• <<benefits of pollinators>>

Water Conservation Benefits:

• <<water conservation benefits>>

Carbon Farming/Soil Health Benefits:

• <<carbon farming benefits>>

#### Community Outreach:

Date	Organization	Method
Fall 2021-	Regional Parks	Public Comment Period and
Spring 2022		Two Public Workshops
Spring 2022	Wilton Trail Riders	Survey

#### Potential Project Partners:

Partner	Role	
Sacramento County,	Lead – Project/consultant management, grant applicant, outreach	
Regional Parks		
Sloughhouse Resource	Lead – Project/consultant management, grant applicant, outreach	
<b>Conservation District</b>		
Miridae	Site plan development, plant/seed supplier	
Center for Land-based	Implementation support (planting, etc.)	
Learning		
Sacramento Splash	Educational signage/information development	

## Draft budget for planning purposes:

Activity	Cost
Interpretive Signage	Content Development (Splash): \$8,000
	Signage: \$1,500/sign
Drought Tolerant Demonstration	
Garden	
Pollinator Habitat Creation	Site Prep:
	Plants:
	Planting:
Multipurpose Trail	Materials:
	Labor:
Water Conservation Practices	
Hedgerow	Plants:
	Planting:
Carbon Farming	

# Connecting Dillard Elementary School and Dillard Ranch

- Overview: Dillard Elementary School and Dillard Ranch are <u>located ~.5 miles apart</u> along the same side of Dillard Road. No continuous walkway currently exists but a well-designed multipurpose path and/or sidewalks could be created to link the two sites. A safe connection between the two could facilitate Dillard Elementary School groups taking advantage of Dillard Ranch. Additionally, a network of more than X miles of paths, with educational interpretive signs, could immerse Wilton residents in the area's natural spaces.
- Adjacent Properties: Depending on the design, a new path connecting the two sights might be possible within the existing right of way or additional space will be needed. Regardless, collaboration with the adjacent property owners would be needed.

Property 1:

- Assessor #: 13600300270000
- 9710 Colony Rd., Wilton, CA 95693
- Agricultural

Property 2:

- Assessor #: 13600300030000
- 9811 Dillard Rd., Wilton, CA 95693
- Agricultural / Commercial (driveway, coral)

#### Property 3:

- Assessor #: 13600300020000
- 9797 Dillard Rd., Wilton, CA 95693
- Commercial (gas station)

#### Property 4:

- Assessor #: 13600300180000
- Agricultural (railway)

#### Identified Projects: Potential projects could include:

- Swales: Creation of a swale along Dillard Road to create flood infrastructure, create habitat for native species to flourish, and creates a safety barrier between where vehicles and pedestrians/bicycles will be.
- Multi-Use Path: A thoughtfully designed path could be created to provide an enjoyable walking/biking infrastructure that could be used be all Wilton community members.

Project Benefits:

- Benefits of Swales:
  - <<flood prevention>>

- <<habitat creation>>
- <<rural/open space aesthetic>>
- <<bicyclist/pedestrian protection>>

Benefits of Multi-Use Path Design:

- <<ability to bike, walk, etc.>>
- <<handicap assesible>>
- <<low maintence>>

Benefits of Immersive Design:

- <<benefits of interpretive signs, etc.>>
- <<rural/open space aesthetic>>

Potential Project Partners:

Draft budget for planning purposes: