

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

Agenda Date: May 4 2026
Agenda Item #: 2
Agenda Item Subject: SWEEP Grant Program

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: SRCD Staff

Background

The SWEEP Block Grant Program initial phase has officially opened with a deadline of May 15th. Staff will be pursuing block grant application and connecting with local partners.

SWEEP provides financial assistance to implement on-farm irrigation improvements that reduce water use and greenhouse gas emissions. Funding can be used to install or upgrade equipment and systems that improve irrigation efficiency and reduce energy consumption.

Latest Update

Staff has been working with the Central Sierra Hub on their interest in a partnership within this block grant. The Hub is actively working on another block grant for Health Soils with Placer RCD as the lead agency. The Hub is offering engagement assistance in the following areas:

- Regional Coordinator between SRCD and other agencies to assist with meeting and internal regional information dispersion and coordination.
- Project publicity with OARS and assistance with case studies, workshops, solicitation and overall project communication with the public.
- Creation of MOU, Outreach, Selection, Contracts, Technical Assistance and Oversight workgroups to share the workload among entities

This assistance would relate to additional project support to SRCD staff, with time and materials charged to the grant for services performed. SRCD would maintain being the lead agency, but this could add to the support from other entities to SRCD staff.

Discussion:

- Is the Board interested in pursuing this type of relationship with the Central Sierra Hub for additional assistance on the SWEEP Block grant for the duration of the grant?