**Board Meeting**

**Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District**

**Board Meeting Minutes Notes**

When: Friday, March 15th, 2019  
Where: The Murieta Inn; 7337 Murieta Dr, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683  
Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Board: Herb Garms, Jay Schneider, Barbara Washburn, Gary Silva Jr.  
Staff: Amanda Watson, Hanspeter Walter, Scott Morris  
Public: Lynn Wheat, Susan Pechi, Leland Schneider (OHWD), Danny Lopez (SCGA), Yasina Diaz (NRCS)

1. **Call to Order**
   *Schneider called the meeting to order 11:08am*

2. Enter into closed session: (2 hours)  
   Closed Session regarding: EXISTING LITIGATION –  
   One Case - *Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District v. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority et. al* (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2017-80002529). (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1))
   
   *The board gave direction to counsel on how to proceed on the above litigation.*
   
   Public Employment – Consideration of employment for Resource Specialist position. (Government Code section 54957(b)(1); 54954.5(e).)
   
   *Washburn moved to extend an offer for the Resource Specialist position to Trina Walley, if she declines then extend an offer to Austin Miller and authorize Amanda to work to get the person hired.*
   
   *All in favor (don’t put this minutes)*  
   
   *The decision to extend an offer was made.*

   
   **Agenda Items 3 – 12 will not be called or heard by the Board of Directors until 1:00 pm or later, after the Board’s closed session items are addressed.**

3. Reconvene the open session portion of the meeting and report out of closed session.  
   *Schneider recoivned the meeting at 1:35pm*
   
   *Amanda reported out the closed session*
   *The board gave direction to counsel on how to proceed on the above litigation.*

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*Action Items  
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3/8/2019*
The decision to extend an offer was made.

4. 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. (15 minutes)

No Public Comment

5. Approval of Agenda and Minutes 1/9/2019* (5 Minutes)

Silva moved to approve
Garms seconded
All in favor

6. Approval of the Financial Report* (5 minutes)

Silva moved to approve
Garms seconded
All in favor

7. Regular Reports
   a. Staff Report- Watson (5 Minutes) – No report

   b. NRCS Report (5 Minutes) – Yasina new applications can be accepted at the NRCS office. The Farm Bill is almost complete. No date for the batch 3 deadline, all fund pools are available. New assistance for state conservationist located out of Fresno office- Sharron Nancy. New pathways positions available for students, deadline is March 21st. Yasina is starting a new job with NRCS in Texas.

   c. Board Report (5 Minutes) – No report

8. Authorization to pay a consultant to develop a logo for SRCD* (20 minutes)

   Barbara reported about the possibility of having Melinda doing a SRCD logo. $50/hour would take 2-4 hours.

   *Barbara made a motion to work with Melinda Lang on developing a SRCD logo.

   Garms seconded

   All in favor.

   Amanda gave some background on the ‘conservation c’ logo, and statewide CARCD logo.

   The board likes the idea of having ag lands and maybe a cow featured in the logo.

Public Comment: Susanne asked about the name change from Soil Resource Conservation Districts to Resource Conservation Districts.

9. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation (SGMA) Updates (40 Minutes)

   b. Reviewing request for data from EKI

   Jay gave an update that Amanda sent an email to Julia regarding studies that had been provided in the past and that the SRCD does not currently have any of the data that has been requested.

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Washburn believes that there is work that the Board could do to expand the data. Such as personal wells gw levels. Stream Gauge information. Washburn suggested that the board should use personal experiences and knowledge to put together this information.

Washburn suggested that the new staff person should work with the board to collect this information and put it in a format that would be helpful to EKI.

The board discussed what kind of protections and agreements would need to be developed to make sure that the property rights of well owners/landowners that agree to have wells monitored.

This would need to make sure that landowners can end the agreement at any time.

Herb mentioned that the board might want to have counsel develop a policy about how the Board should work with landowners/well owners about monitoring and data collections.

Barbara suggested that we work with EKI and really identify the critical data gaps.

Jay thinks that public information should be used for the plan development unless it is critical that new data is collected.

Public Comment: That people are responding to the survey and that there are people that would like to provide data.

c. EKI Consultants – District Meeting

Need to clarify the date of this meeting and it should be suggested that the meeting should happen when the new staff person is on board.

Amanda will email Anona and let her know that SRCD can meet with Anona after the March 20th meeting.

Hanspeter discussed data collection in the basin and well collection requests that have been done in other basins, such as the Napa County Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee.

d. Public Workshop Planning – SGMA Public Workshop March 28th 6pm-7:30pm, Wilton Community Center 9717 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693

Barbara discussed the Spring 2019 Public Workshop schedule and agenda.

Workshops will be held:
Amador March 27th 6pm-7:30pm
Wilton March 28th 6pm-7:30pm
Galt April 4th, 6pm-7:30pm
Cosumnes Groundwater Classroom – Galt April 4th 1pm-4pm

Gary, Barbara, and Herb will be on the panel at the Wilton workshop.

Public Comment: Susanne wants to hear new information such as probability of fees, and other details about.

10. Discussion of Cosumnes Basin Research Project or Study* (20 Minutes)

The board directed Schneider and Washburn to pursue getting more information on the possibility of a future study with Jeremy Wire or other consultants and possibly include EKI in the discussion of the methods by common consent

Barbara discussed the possibility of expanding the Jeremy Wire study.

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Move this agenda item to the next board meeting

Gary said that it is important that the data will be useable for the model and EKI.

11. Consideration of Future Agenda Items* (5 Minutes)

Discussion of Cosumnes Basin Research Project or Study*

Have the meeting at the Rancho Murieta Inn and have a lunch for Amanda

Potential meeting change location.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Schneider adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm.