

Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: July 10, 2024
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Services 15160 Jackson Rd. Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

Via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766858945</u> Meeting ID: 857 6685 8945

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.

ACCESSIBILITY - If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this event, please contact SRCD Staff before the day of the meeting via email [info@SloughhouseRCD.org] or telephone [916-526-5447] to discuss your accessibility needs.

OPENING / CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR (Non-Agenda Items)

TREASURY REPORT:

Sloughhouse RCD Treasurer will provide a report on fiscal updates.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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 10, 2024
- b. Minutes June 12, 2024
- c. Financial Report July 2024

REPORTS:

a. SRCD Board Member Reports

SPECIAL HEARING

1. Consideration of Groundwater Sustainability Fee (Hearing & Board Vote)

GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- 2. Policies and Procedures
 - a. Draft Investment Policy
 - b. Draft Updated Teleconference Resolution
- 3. Future SRCD Office Space Updates
- 4. Grant Updates
 - a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)
 - b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)
- 5. Staff Evaluation Documents

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS:

- 6. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
 - a. Board Discussion

INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. SRCD Staff Report

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 12, 2024 Where: Rancho Murieta Community Services 15160 Jackson Rd. Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

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Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn, Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr., Lindsay Carter, Jay Schneider Associate Directors: Teresa Flewellyn Staff: Brittany Friedman

***A recording of this meeting can be found on the Sloughhouse RCD website at:* <u>https://srcd.specialdistrict.org/meetings</u> **

OPENING

Chairman Garms called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

TREASURY REPORT

Staff provided an update on SRCD's financials including the current invoices for the month. SRCD has been working with Rick Wood to assist with the final budget to be presented at this meeting. Staff now have two credit cards, one for each employee, to assist with easier access to purchasing supplies for the various programs.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Agenda June 12, 2024
- b. Minutes May 8, 2024
- c. Financial Report June 2024

Director Carter moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed with four in favor and one absent.

REPORTS

- a. USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) None.
- b. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report There is a current fruit fly quarantine in progress.
- c. SRCD Board Member Reports None.

GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Groundwater Sustainability Fee (Hearing & Comments only) The Board presented to the public a history of SGMA, the reason for an increase/change in the Groundwater Sustainability Fee, how best the public can find related documents/information online, how they connect with staff and how best to ascertain what Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) they are a part of and how much they are being charged. The fee would go into effect this year once the Board votes to move forward at the July 2024 meeting.

The public had many questions about the fee including: why the state isn't paying for it, how does land subsidence factor in, does an increase of CPI need to be included, what projects will be completed in return for these fees, what legislative efforts are there in regards to permitting, would metering ever come into play, etc.

The Board as well as legal counsel answered these questions to the best of their ability while staff provided a follow-up email to everyone who attended the meeting with specific documentation to assist them. There was a suggestion that there be an Annual Report workshop/webinar with Galt ID and Clay WD to go over what these agencies are doing with the water in the basin and what the status is.

No action was taken at this time. The Hearing closed at 2:59pm.

2. Draft FY 24-25 Budget/Finances a. Draft 24-25 Budget

Staff provided a draft budget to the Board for the fiscal year 24-25. The budget was adjusted based on incoming taxes, the groundwater fee, and a separate PMA retainment/income of about \$60,000 to focus on CGA Projects for the GSP 5-year update. The budget was looked over by Rick Wood at CSDA and by the RCD Treasurer, Gary Silva, before being shown to the Board. The Board discussed the expenses and

income amounts for the projected fiscal year as well as the reserves set aside in Five Star Bank, and possibly soon with California CLASS.

Director Carter motioned to approve the 24-25 Budget as presented. Director Schnedier seconded the motion. The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.

b. Draft Investment Policy

The Board looked at an updated draft of our Investment Policy which needs to be updated in order to open a California Class account. Legal will take a look at this and make the necessary recommendations before this Policy is brought back to be voted on at the July 2024 meeting.

3. Office Space Update

Staff provided a draft lease for the potential office space to the Board that legal had already looked over and approved. The lease will need to be updated with the landowner's specifications. There will also need to be a renewal clause included as well as a termination clause. There was a suggestion to get rid of the Triple Net paragraph. An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Director Schneider and Asst. Director Flewellyn will look over the agreement to ensure these changes are made correctly and look for any other improvements that may be made. Director Garms will share the lease with the landowners and it will be brought back before the Board at a later date.

4. Grant Updates

a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)

Staff provided a report/update on the CAPGP grant. There are currently 10 landowners working with Technical Service Providers (TSP's). For outreach efforts, the Board discussed different flyering opportunities, looking at farmers markets, working with NRCS, mailing to the irrigator list, etc. Several of the plans have already been completed and submitted to CDFA.

b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)

Program Coordinator Chris Timmer provided an in-depth Powerpoint presentation and report on the WETA program including recent evaluations he has completed, how the WETA program works, what items are still needed to move forward (possibly an ATV), new flyers, etc.

The Board suggested that reaching out to Davis Ranch, Kautz Farms, Gallo Wines, etc. may be a good way to begin more evaluations and/or pump efficiency tests. Chris is also working on completing a contract for a pump efficiency coordinator. Staff will work with legal to ensure it is up to code before sending out/signing.

5. Staff Evaluation Documents

Staff presented a draft of annual evaluation documents including one for the Board's use and one for self-evaluation. It was suggested that a general comments section be added to both. These evaluations will be updated and brought back in front of the Board in July 2024.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS

- 6. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
 - **a. Recommended Corrective Actions** Item Tabled.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. SRCD Staff Report

Staff is putting together a list of possible upcoming grant opportunities for the RCD to apply to and will present this at the July Board meeting. As part of the SLEWS Academy, staff is particularly looking at a project to implement with local high school students over the course of one school year. The Center for Land-Based Learning is assisting in grant research and writing, as well.

Staff is working with Jerry Legg at California Class to open an account in which the RCD will place the future groundwater sustainability fee project funds. The interest rate at this time is 5.2%. The account can remain open and without funds without penalty for as long as needed. California Class also works closely with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and Rick Wood has been assisting staff with the application process.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

- Future SRCD office space
- Staff Eval documents
- CGA Recommended Corrective Actions
- Fee Study hearing and vote

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garms adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm.

Expenses Needing Board Approval

All Dates

DATE	AMOUNT	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
CARCD		
06/28/2024	16,654.13	Staff Wages - June 2024
Total for CARCD	\$16,654.13	
CGA		
06/28/2024	74,201.00	Member Contribution FY 23-24 Part 2
Total for CGA	\$74,201.00	
Chris Timmer		
06/25/2024	129.80	WETA Mileage/Supplies Reimbursement - June 2024
Total for Chris Timmer	\$129.80	
CSDA		
06/24/2024	330.00	Meetings with Rick Wood - May 2024
Total for CSDA	\$330.00	
Innovative Ag Services		
06/25/2024	9,180.00	Conservation Plan Payment - 162 DIA Soil Health and 116 CPA Soil Health
Total for Innovative Ag Services	\$9,180.00	
Kronick		
06/24/2024	3,127.50	Legal Services through April 2024
Total for Kronick	\$3,127.50	
Messenger Publishing Group		
06/24/2024	1,209.00	Galt Herald Publication 2024 v.2 - SRCD & Clay
Total for Messenger Publishing Group	\$1,209.00	
Molly Taylor		
06/25/2024	10,000.00	Conservation Plan Payment - Carbon Farm Plan #1
Total for Molly Taylor	\$10,000.00	
TOTAL	\$114,831.43	

Balance Sheet

As of July 5, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	
1001 SRCD Operating - County of Sacramento	-19,936.26
Operations Sustainability Reserves (6576) - 2	251,524.09
Public Checking (2162) - 2	185,540.45
Special Projects Reserve (6568) - 2	251,524.09
Total Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	\$668,652.37
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	22,535.50
Total Accounts Receivable	\$22,535.50
Total Current Assets	\$691,187.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$691,187.87
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	
Current Liabilities	\$114,831.43
Total Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	\$114,831.43
Equity	
Opening balance equity	565,311.79
Retained Earnings	11,562.40
Net Revenue	-517.75
Total Equity	\$576,356.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$691,187.87

Budget vs. Actuals: SRCD FY 23-24 Budget - FY24 P&L

July 2023 - June 2024

ACTUAL	BUDGET		
	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
90,929.86	161,000.00	-70,070.14	56.48 %
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0.00		0.00	
20,200.00	194,051.00	-173,851.00	10.41 %
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6,898.96	20,000.00	-13,101.04	34.49 %
6,898.96	20,000.00	-13,101.04	34.49 %
177,813.36	146,500.00	31,313.36	121.37 %
145,954.19	149,413.00	-3,458.81	97.69 %
7,480.97	15,000.00	-7,519.03	49.87 %
331,248.52	310,913.00	20,335.52	106.54 %
\$449,277.34	\$685,964.00	\$ -236,686.66	65.50 %
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Budget vs. Actuals: SRCD FY 23-24 Budget - FY24 P&L

July 2023 - June 2024

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Contract & professional fees				
5330 Other Professional Services (20259100)	3,470.00	15,000.00	-11,530.00	23.13 %
5380 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Contribution (20281204)	148,902.00	149,413.00	-511.00	99.66 %
5390 South American Subbasin SGMA Contributions (20289900)	8,325.00	9,000.00	-675.00	92.50 %
Accounting fees	3,450.00	8,000.00	-4,550.00	43.13 %
Investment management fees	-1,723.66		-1,723.66	
Legal fees				
5350 Legal - General (20253100)	16,276.00	15,000.00	1,276.00	108.51 %
5355 Legal - Groundwater (20253100)	19,447.67	15,000.00	4,447.67	129.65 %
Total Legal fees	35,723.67	30,000.00	5,723.67	119.08 %
Total Contract & professional fees	198,147.01	211,413.00	-13,265.99	93.73 %
Insurance	2,396.00		2,396.00	
5300 Insurance (20205100)		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
Total Insurance	2,396.00	2,500.00	-104.00	95.84 %
Payroll expenses				
Salaries & wages				
5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)				
Staff Costs (Friedman)	121,925.55	96,056.00	25,869.55	126.93 %
Staff Costs (Miller)	37,557.47	116,900.00	-79,342.53	32.13 %
Staff Costs (WETA) (deleted)		26,102.00	-26,102.00	
Total 5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)	159,483.02	239,058.00	-79,574.98	66.71 %
Total Salaries & wages	159,483.02	239,058.00	-79,574.98	66.71 %
Total Payroll expenses	159,483.02	239,058.00	-79,574.98	66.71 %
Travel				
5400 Transportation (Travel, Mileage)	370.72		370.72	
Hotels	480.90		480.90	
Total Travel	851.62		851.62	
Uncategorized Expense				
5250 SRCD GSA Expenses (General)	12,847.24		12,847.24	
5270 Education, Training, & Staff Development (20203600)	3,325.00	8,000.00	-4,675.00	41.56 %
5320 Misc. Expenses (20227504)	143.86	4,000.00	-3,856.14	3.60 %
Total Uncategorized Expense	16,316.10	12,000.00	4,316.10	135.97 %
Total Expenditures	\$431,196.91	\$645,059.00	\$ -213,862.09	66.85 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$18,080.43	\$40,905.00	\$ -22,824.57	44.20 %
NET REVENUE	\$18,080.43	\$40,905.00	\$ -22,824.57	44.20 %

Budget vs. Actuals: SRCD FY 24-25 Budget - FY25 P&L

July 2024 - June 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
4600 Services (Staff Support)		65,000.00	-65,000.00	
Contributed income				
4500 Grant Income		154,025.00	-154,025.00	
Total Contributed income		154,025.00	-154,025.00	
Investment income				
4900 Interest Income (94941000)		18,000.00	-18,000.00	
Total Investment income		18,000.00	-18,000.00	
Other Income				
4100 Tax Revenue (91-)		177,813.00	-177,813.00	
4200 Groundwater Sustainability Fee		222,903.00	-222,903.00	
4300 Intergovernmental Revenue (95-)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
4700 Misc. Other Revenue (97979000)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Total Other Income		404,716.00	-404,716.00	
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$641,741.00	\$ -641,741.00	0.00%
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00	\$641,741.00	\$ -641,741.00	0.00 %
Expenditures				
5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	387.05	20,000.00	-19,612.95	1.94 %
Bank fees & service charges				
5200 Assessment/Collections Services (20250700)		1,750.00	-1,750.00	
Total Bank fees & service charges		1,750.00	-1,750.00	
Memberships & subscriptions				
5260 Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions, Publications, etc. (20206100)		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Total Memberships & subscriptions		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Shipping & postage				
5340 Postage/Shipping (20292200)		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Total Shipping & postage		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Total 5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	387.05	28,750.00	-28,362.95	1.35 %
5510 CDFA Conservation Ag Planning Grant (CAPGP)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)		·	,	
5221 WETA Personnel - Salaries & Wages		77,613.00	-77,613.00	
5222 WETA Supplies	130.70	6,000.00	-5,869.30	2.18 %
5223 WETA Travel		1,808.00	-1,808.00	
5224 WETA Contractors/Labor Costs		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
Total 5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)	130.70	100,421.00	-100,290.30	0.13 %
Contract & professional fees				
5330 Other Professional Services (20259100)		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
5380 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Contribution (20281204)		149,413.00	-149,413.00	
5390 South American Subbasin SGMA Contributions (20289900)		9,000.00	-9,000.00	
Accounting fees		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
Legal fees				

Budget vs. Actuals: SRCD FY 24-25 Budget - FY25 P&L

July 2024 - June 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
5350 Legal - General (20253100)		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
5355 Legal - Groundwater (20253100)		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
Total Legal fees		35,000.00	-35,000.00	
Total Contract & professional fees		211,913.00	-211,913.00	
Grant Writing/Youth Education		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Insurance				
5300 Insurance (20205100)		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Total Insurance		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Occupancy				
Rent		18,000.00	-18,000.00	
Utilities		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
Total Occupancy		24,000.00	-24,000.00	
Payroll expenses				
Salaries & wages				
5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)				
Staff Costs (Friedman)		120,351.00	-120,351.00	
Staff Costs (Timmer)		29,649.00	-29,649.00	
Total 5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)		150,000.00	-150,000.00	
Total Salaries & wages		150,000.00	-150,000.00	
Total Payroll expenses		150,000.00	-150,000.00	
Travel				
5400 Transportation (Travel, Mileage)		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Total Travel		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Uncategorized Expense				
5270 Education, Training, & Staff Development (20203600)		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
5320 Misc. Expenses (20227504)		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Total Uncategorized Expense		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Total Expenditures	\$517.75	\$542,584.00	\$ -542,066.25	0.10 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -517.75	\$99,157.00	\$ -99,674.75	-0.52 %
NET REVENUE	\$ -517.75	\$99,157.00	\$ -99,674.75	-0.52 %

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024
Agenda Item #: Agenda Item Subject:	#1 Consideration of Groundwater Sustainability Fee (Hearing & Board Vote)
To: From:	SRCD Board of Directors SRCD Staff

Groundwater Fee Resolution Hearing

At the May SRCD Board meeting, the Board provided direction to move forward with the final fee study as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) that is a member of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA). Legal has drafted two Resolution documents for the Board approve to vote on at the July 10th Board meeting. In June, the Board had a Public Hearing (comment only) on the fee from members of the public.

The Board will hear from members of the public again today, who may be affected by the Groundwater Fee and take comments before any voting begins. The fee adjustment to be enacted in the new Fiscal Year 24-25 is derived from the CGA Rate and Fee Study which is linked below. Water Code § 10730 authorizes a GSA to implement fees both pre- and post-Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) adoption.

Attachments: De Minimis Groundwater Regulation GSA Fee Resolution CGA Rate and Fee Study (Link only)

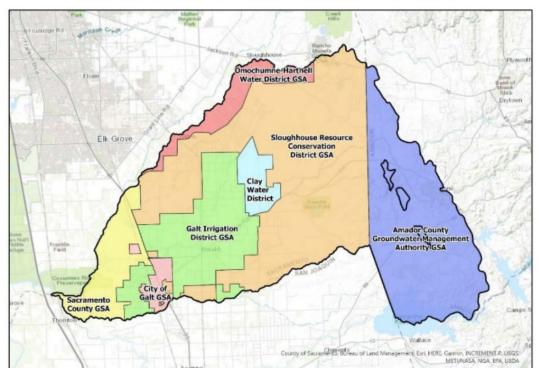
RECOMMENDATION:

- Take Comments from the Public
- Vote on the De Minimis Groundwater Regulation Resolution
- Vote on the GSA Fee Resolution

All Direct Groundwater-Using Parcels - Base Charge							
Property Type	Rates Per Parcel	Total GW-Using Parcels		% of Parcels	Revenue		
	Res	idential Parcels	5				
Base Charge:	\$35.47	4,286	;	81%	\$152,026		
	Commerc	ial / Industrial	Parcels				
Base Charge:	\$35.47	94		2%	\$3,334		
	Agri	cultural Parcel	s				
Base Charge	\$35.47	618			\$31,640		
Base Charge With Residence	\$35.47	274		17%			
Subtotal, Agricult	ural Parcels:	892					
	Totals						
All GW-U	All GW-Using Parcels: 5,272 100% \$187,000						
Pu	blic Water S	ystems - Extrac	tion Char	ge			
Revenue Type	Rate Per A	Rate Per AF Extracted Average A		AF Extracted nnually	Revenue		
Public Water Systems	\$5	5.98	4	4,904	\$29,327		
Agricu	Agricultural Irrigators - Irrigated Acreage Charge						
Revenue Type	Rate Per Irrigated Acre Total Irri		Total Irrigated Acres		Revenue		
Irrigated Acreage Fee	\$1	\$10.00 4		4,591	\$445,910		
Total Revenue, All Sources: \$662,237							

CGA Total Fee Structure

Figure 1 – Cosumnes Subbasin and Member GSA Boundaries



BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 2024.07.10.02

Resolution Adopting a Groundwater Management Sustainability Fee in the Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") in 2014, inter alia, to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater consistent with rights to use or store groundwater, to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater, and to manage groundwater basins through the actions of local governmental agencies to the greatest extent feasible. (Water Code, § 10720.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District is the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency over part of its jurisdiction in the Cosumnes River Subbasin under the provisions of SGMA and the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District also concurrently functions as the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency"); and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a GSA to impose a fee on the extraction of groundwater or other regulated activity to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program. (Water Code, § 10730.) The levy of a fee on groundwater extraction for the purpose of managing the sustainability of a groundwater subbasin constitutes (1) a charge imposed for a specific benefit conferred directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and (2) a charge imposed for a specific government service provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged; and

WHEREAS, In July 2021 the Agency imposed a fee on the extraction of groundwater on irrigated land parcels pursuant to RESOLUTION No. 2021.07.14.01. This fee was based on the Cosumnes Subbasin Fee Study prepared by HDR, a professional engineering consulting firm, prepared for the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority ("CGA"). While that fee study determined that the fee adopted at that time was not a tax, that the amount is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity, nonetheless new additional information is now available and preparation of an updated fee study and updated expanded Fee is warranted.

WHEREAS, The CGA arranged for the preparation of an updated Fee Study by SCI Consulting Group, a recognized public finance and urban economic consulting firm for public, nonprofit and private sector organizations. The "Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Rate and Fee Study" ("Fee Study"), was approved by the CGA Board on April 3, 2024 for use by its Member Agencies to justify the adoption of the fees herein. The Fee Study is hereby

incorporated by reference into this Resolution, The Fee Study shows that the fee adopted herein is not a tax, that the amount is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity; and

WHEREAS, the Agency seeks to modify the existing groundwater sustainability fee established by RESOLUTION No. 2021.07.14.01 in 2021 through this Resolution ("the Fee") within its jurisdictional boundaries in the Cosumnes Subbasin as authorized by Water Code section 10730 based on the Fee Study; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a GSA to impose a fee on de minimis users of water (less than 2-acre feet per year for domestic purposes, see Cal. Water Code sec. 10721 (e) only after the GSA unless the agency has regulated the users pursuant to this part. Since the Agency has determined it will regulate de minimis extractors pursuant to Resolution 2024.07.10.02, and this Resolution modifies the previous fee to place a fee on de minimis extractors, residential, commercial, irrigated agriculture and public water system using groundwater; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10730(d), prior to imposing the Fee, the Agency has held a public meeting, at which written or oral presentations have been made; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10730(d), the Agency posted notice of the time and place of the public meeting at which the Fee will be considered, the notice was published in the newspaper in compliance with Government Code section 6066, the notice was posted on the Agency's website and was mailed to interested parties, and the data to support the Fee was available to the public at least 20 days before the Agency's public meeting to impose the Fee.

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

1. The Agency finds that all of the RECITALS above are correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

2. The Agency finds that all prerequisites required before adopting the Fee have been met, including the proper public noticing of the hearing and the conduct of the public hearing.

3. The Agency approves the Fee Study and finds that it is the proper basis on which to establish the Fee, and that the Fee adopted herein is not a tax, that the amount is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity.

4. The Agency hereby adopts the Fee, including a Fee on de minimis extractors, de minimis extractors, residential, commercial, irrigated agriculture and public water system using groundwater as set forth in Attachment A hereto.

5. The Agency Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to work with the County of Sacramento Department of Finance Auditor-Controller Division to add the Fee as more fully set forth in Attachment A to the County's annual secured tax roll; and

6. The Agency Administrator and Agency Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such other and further steps as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10^{h} day of July, 2024 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 July 10, 2024 that Resolution 2024.07.10.02 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.

Brittany Friedman, SRCD Secretary

Date

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY FEE ATTACHMENT A

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Acre Foot" or "AF" is a unit of measurement defined by the volume of water necessary to cover one acre of surface area to a depth of one foot. It is equal to 325,851 gallons.

1.2 "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Agency.

1.3 "Agency" means the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District or the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

1.3 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District.

1.4 (e) "De minimis extractor" means a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year.

1.5 "Fee" means the Groundwater Sustainability Fee charged as set forth herein.

1.6 "Jurisdictional Area" means those parcels of real property within the Subbasin and those parcels of real property adjacent to the Subbasin that use groundwater derived, extracted, or otherwise obtained from within the Subbasin excluding therefrom any area for which the Agency has entered into an agreement that provides that the Fee shall not be charged within such area, or any portion thereof.

1.7 "Person" means the owner of property charged the Fee, or the owner of real property with a means of extracting groundwater.

1.8 "Subbasin" means the Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin as set forth in Bulletin 118 of the California Department of Water Resources, as may be amended from time-to-time.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEE

2.1 Once enacted and in force, this Fee is intended to replace any previously enacted Groundwater Fees established by the Agency. There is hereby charged within the Jurisdictional Area a Fee pursuant to Section 10730 of the California Water Code, and as more fully set forth herein.

2.2 The Fee may consist of one or more of the following charges for each parcel utilizing groundwater and shall be payable to the Agency as follows:

2.3 <u>Base Fee Charge</u> - Persons using groundwater, including all parcels that directly utilize groundwater throughout the Agency's jurisdiction, shall pay to the Agency a Base Fee Charge. This includes residential parcels, commercial parcels, and agricultural parcels. As of the date of enactment, this Base Fee Charge is set at \$35.59 per Parcel. This Base Fee Charge is subject to an annual adjustment as set forth in the Annual Fee Adjustment Section below.

2.4 <u>Public Water System Fee</u> - The Public Water System Fee assigns a charge per acre foot payable to the Agency by all Public Water Systems that extract groundwater within the Agency's jurisdiction. This charge is a five-year average of groundwater uses as determined by the Electronic Annual Reports submitted to the State Water Resources Control. As of the date of enactment, this Public Water System Fee is set at \$5.98 per acrefeet of groundwater extracted. This Public Water System Fee is subject to an annual adjustment as set forth in the Annual Fee Adjustment Section below.

2.5 <u>Irrigated Acreage Fee</u> -The Irrigated Acreage Fee assigns a charge per irrigated acre to all irrigated lands within the Agency's jurisdiction. The actual annual charges for Persons irrigating with groundwater will be determined based on irrigated acreage as determined publicly available sources, including but not limited to, published Statewide Crop Mapping data provided by the California Department of Water Resources. As of the date of enactment, this Irrigated Acreage Fee is set at \$10 per irrigated acre. This Irrigated Acreage Fee is subject to an annual adjustment as set forth in the Annual Fee Adjustment Section below.

2.6 <u>Annual Fee Adjustment</u> – In order to keep pace with inflationary costs of service in carrying out the Agency's purposes for which the Fees are collected, The Agency may apply an annual inflation increase. The initial Annual Adjustments can only be in place for 5-years after approval of this Resolution, but can be extended through further Board action in the future. Each Fee presented above, will be adjusted annually for inflationary increases in the cost of service based on a 12-month period, as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) West All Items (Series Id: CUUR0400SA0) for June through May of each respective year. The Annual Fee Adjustment will be limited to the lower of the actual cost of service increase, or the CPI-U increase, but will not less than zero.

2.7 The Agency shall determine those real properties that are subject to the Fee and shall submit the Fee data to the County of Sacramento Department of Finance Auditor-Controller Division to be included in the annual secured tax roll.

2.8 If any Person fails to pay the Fee as charged, the Person shall pay interest and/or penalties to the Agency as allowed by law.

2.9 In addition to the interest and penalty set forth in Section 2.4.2, above, the Board may elect to utilize any of the remedies available to it for failure to pay the Fee as set forth in Water Code section 10730.6.

2.10 Fee revenues may be used for support of the Agency's groundwater sustainability program, including but not limited to, administration costs, implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, planning projects and management actions, and reasonable reserves for the aforementioned activities.

SECTION 3. APPEAL

3.1 Should a Person wish to contest the projected amount of groundwater extraction on which the Fee is assessed, the Person shall first be required to pay the Fee as charged. Within thirty (30) days following payment of the Fee, the Person may file an appeal with the Agency, on a form approved by the Administrator, setting forth the basis upon which the appeal is made. The appeal will be considered timely filed if, within the time allowed, 1) the form is postmarked, United States first class mail, 2) delivered to the Administrator.

3.2 Within thirty (30) days of filing the appeal, the Administrator shall meet with the Person to discuss the basis of the appeal. The Administrator is authorized to grant the appeal, in whole or in part, or deny the appeal. The determination shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days following the meeting and shall be in writing and delivered to the Person in the same manner as the filing of the appeal.

3.3 If the Person who filed the appeal is dissatisfied with the determination of the Administrator, the Person may file an appeal to the Board within thirty (30) days of delivery of the determination, following the procedures for filing an appeal as set forth in Section 3.1, above.

3.4 The appeal will be placed on the agenda for the next available Board meeting occurring within sixty (60) days of the filing of the appeal. The Board shall receive evidence, and hear from the appellant and staff regarding the merits of the appeal. The Board is authorized to grant the appeal, in whole or in part, or deny the appeal. The determination of the Board shall be memorialized in a minute order and shall be the final decision of the Agency.

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 2024.07.10.01

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") in 2014, inter alia, to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater consistent with rights to use or store groundwater, to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater, and to manage groundwater basins through the actions of local governmental agencies to the greatest extent feasible. (Water Code, § 10720.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins by providing GSAs with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, said powers and authorities include, but are not limited to the imposition and collection of fees on all applicable properties to fund regulatory activities within the GSAs jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources ('DWR') has designated the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin Number 5-022.16) as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, in November 2021, Amador County Groundwater Management Authority, Clay Water District, City of Galt, Galt Irrigation District, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, County of Sacramento and the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District created the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority ("CGA"), through the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement for the purpose of collectively managing the entirety of the Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, CGA elected to collectively develop and coordinate the implementation of a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") covering the entire basin as part of their effort to maintain local control of groundwater management (Water Code, §10725 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, in compliance with SGMA, the CGA developed, adopted and submitted a GSP for the Cosumnes Groundwater Subbasin on January 27, 2022. DWR conditionally approved the GSP in October 26,2023; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the GSP requires exercising the regulatory powers and authorities provided in SGMA for all applicable parcels within its boundaries, of which, include de minimis extractors (e.g., a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, that:

- Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency will regulate de minimis extractors by this Resolution, pursuant to Water Code §10730(a).
- 2. While regulated, De Minimis Extractors will not be required to be metered.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10^h day of July, 2024 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 July 10, 2024 that Resolution 2024.07.10.01 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.

Brittany Friedman, SRCD Secretary

Date

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024
Agenda Item #: Agenda Item Subject:	#2 Policies and Procedures
То:	SRCD Board of Directors
From:	SRCD Staff

Background

Sloughhouse RCD strives to stay up to date with our policies, procedures and resolutions to maintain compliance with RCD guidelines. To ensure that we are conducting our meetings in a legal manner, compliant with the Brown Act and California RCD guidelines, staff has consulted with legal and updated the Teleconference Resolution.

Staff is also presenting an updated draft of the Investment of District Funds Policy so we may be able to open a California Class Account in the future, as advised by Rick Wood.

Attachments:

- Draft Teleconference Resolution
- Draft Investment of District Funds Policy

Recommendations:

Adopt and approve the updated Teleconference Resolution Adopt and approve the updated Investment Policy

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 2024.07.10.01

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 1st of the year, 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

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

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 10th day of July, 2024, 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 July, 10, 2024 that Resolution 2024.07.10.01 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.

<u>7/10/2024</u> Date

Brittany Friedman, District Manager

2024 BROWN ACT TELECONFERENCE FLOWCHART

This document outlines general permissions and limitations contained in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq., regarding teleconferencing by members of legislative bodies. This is general guidance, terms and circumstances require further analysis on a case-by-case basis. If a member intends to participate electronically in a meeting, they should consult agency leadership and legal counsel to confirm compliance

STEP 1: Based on your circumstances and timing, identify the potential ways you can teleconference.				
Why are you unable to join the meeting in person?	Has the agenda posting deadline passed?			
"Physicalemergency that prevents a member from attending in person"	No → Traditional or Emergency Yes → Emergency			
"Family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person"	No → Traditional or Emergency Yes → Emergency			
"A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely."	No \rightarrow Traditional or Just Cause Yes \rightarrow Just Cause			
"A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person."	No \rightarrow Traditional or Just Cause Yes \rightarrow Just Cause			
"A need related to a physical or mental disability as defined in Sections 12926 and 12926.1 not otherwise accommodated by [the agency's ADA accommodations]."	No \rightarrow Traditional or Just Cause Yes \rightarrow Just Cause			
"Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency."	No \rightarrow Traditional or Just Cause Yes \rightarrow Just Cause			
No specified reason, reason not covered by above options, or do not want to disclose.	No → Traditional Yes → Teleconferencing not permitted			

TRADITIONAL	EMERGENCY	JUST CAUSE
INADITIONAL	You have NOT teleconference participated for <i>just</i> cause or emergency circumstances for 3 consecutive months OR 20% or more of the regular meetings for this calendar year.	You have NOT teleconference participated for just cause or emergency circumstances for 3 consecutive months OR 20% or more of the regular meetings for this calendar year OR for just cause 2 meetings or more this calendar year.
A quorum of the body's members participate in-person from locations within the agency's jurisdiction.	A quorum of the body members participate in- person from a single location (1) identified on the agenda, (2) open to the public, and (3) within the jurisdiction.	A quorum of the body members participate in- person from a single location (1) identified on the agenda, (2) open to the public, and (3) within the jurisdiction.
You notified the body of your need to join via teleconference in time for agenda posting.	You notified the body as soon as possible of your need to join via teleconference for emergency circumstances.	You notified the body as soon as possible of your need to join via teleconference for emergency circumstances.
	You made a request to join via teleconference for this specific meeting; separate requests for each meeting are required	
	You provided the body a general description, meaning no more than 20 words, of the qualifying emergency circumstances.	You provided the body a general description, meaning no more than 20 words, of the qualifying just cause circumstances.
You participate through at least audio technology.	You participate through both audio and visual technology.	You participate through both audio <i>and</i> visual technology.
The public is provided an opportunity to observe <i>and</i> address the body from your location.	The public is provided an opportunity to observe and address the body either via (1) two-way audiovisual platform, e.g. Zoom, or (2) a phone and live webcast.	The public is provided an opportunity to observe and address the body either via (1) two-way audiovisual platform, e.g. Zoom, or (2) a phone and live webcast.
The agenda lists the address you are teleconferencing from.	The agenda includes information on how the public can remotely observe <i>and</i> address the body.	The agenda includes information on how the public can remotely observe <i>and</i> address the body.
The agenda is posted at the remote location.		
The agenda provides an opportunity for public comment at times typically required, including remotely, and comments are not required to be submitted in advance.	The agenda provides an opportunity for public comment at times typically required, including remotely, and comments are not required to be submitted in advance.	The agenda provides an opportunity for public comment at times typically required, including remotely, and comments are not required to be submitted in advance.
All votes are taken via rollcall.	All votes are taken via rollcall.	All votes are taken via rollcall.
	"[A]t the meeting before any action is taken," you disclose any individuals over 18 in the room and their relationship to you.	"[A]t the meeting before any action is taken," you disclose any individuals over 18 in the room and their relationship to you.
	At the beginning of the meeting, the body "take[s] action to approve the request."	
The body's meeting conduct protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the public (e.g., opportunity for public comment, accessible, no disruptions)	The body takes no action during a disturbance in the electronic access that prevents the public from observing or addressing the meeting.	The body takes no action during a disturbance in the electronic access that prevents the public from observing or addressing the meeting.

SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT Investment of District Funds

Updated Draft - July 2024

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. The listing of permitted investments is included on Pages 3 & 4.

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.

Policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District on July 10, 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent:

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 July 10, 2024 that the Investment of District Funds has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adaptation and that it is now in full force and effect.

SRCD District Manager, Brittany Friedman

Date

FIGURE 1

ALLOWABLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS PER STATE GOVERNMENT CODE (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024)^A APPLICABLE TO ALL LOCAL AGENCIES^B

See "Table of Notes for Figure 1" on the next page for footnotes related to this figure.

INVESTMENT TYPE	MAXIMUM MATURITY ^c	MAXIMUM SPECIFIED % OF PORTFOLIO ^D	MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS	GOV'T CODE SECTIONS
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	None	None	53601(a)
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None	53601(b)
State Obligations– CA And Others	5 years	None	None	53601(c) 53601(d)
CA Local Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None	53601(e)
U.S Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None	53601(f)
Bankers' Acceptances	180 days	40% ^E	None	53601(g)
Commercial Paper–Non-Pooled Funds ^F (under \$100,000,000 of investments)	270 days or less	25% of the agency's money ^G	Highest letter and number rating by an NRSRO ^H	53601(h)(2)(c)
Commercial Paper–Non-Pooled Funds ^I (min. \$100,000,000 of investments)	270 days or less	40% of the agency's money ^G	Highest letter and number rating by an NRSRO ^H	53601(h)(2)(c)
Commercial Paper– Pooled Funds ^J	270 days or less	40% of the agency's money ^G	Highest letter and number rating by an NRSRO ^H	53635(a)(1)
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30% ^к	None	53601(i)
Non-negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	None	None	53630 et seq.
Placement Service Deposits	5 years	50% ^L	None	53601.8 and 53635.8
Placement Service Certificates of Deposit	5 years	50% ^L	None	53601.8 and 53635.8
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None	53601(j)
Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lending Agreements	92 days ^м	20% of the base value of the portfolio	None ^N	53601(j)
Medium-Term Notes ^o	5 years or less	30%	"A" rating category or its equivalent or better	53601(k)
Mutual Funds And Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20% ^P	Multiple ^{Q, R}	53601(I) and 53601.6(b)
Collateralized Bank Deposits ^s	5 years	None	None	53630 et seq. and 53601(n)
Mortgage Pass-Through and Asset-Backed Securities [⊤]	5 years or less [⊤]	20%	"AA" rating category or its equivalent or $better^{T}$	53601(o)
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None	27133
Joint Powers Authority Pool	N/A	None	Multiple ^u	53601(p)
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None	16429.1
Voluntary Investment Program Fund ^v	N/A	None	None	16340
Supranational Obligations ^w	5 years or less	30%	"AA" rating category or its equivalent or better	53601(q)
Public Bank Obligations	5 years	None	None	53601(r), 53635(c) and 57603

TABLE OF NOTES FOR FIGURE 1

- ^A Sources: Sections 16340, 16429.1, 27133, 53601, 53601.6, 53601.8, 53630 et seq., 53635, 53635.8, and 57603.
- ^B Municipal Utilities Districts have the authority under the Public Utilities Code Section 12871 to invest in certain securities not addressed here.
- ^c Section 53601 provides that the maximum term of any investment authorized under this section, unless otherwise stated, is five years from the settlement date. However, the legislative body may grant express authority to make investments either specifically or as a part of an investment program approved by the legislative body that exceeds this five year remaining maturity limit. Such approval must be issued no less than three months prior to the purchase of any security exceeding the five-year maturity limit.
- Percentages apply to all portfolio investments regardless of source of funds. For instance, cash from a reverse repurchase agreement would be subject to the restrictions.
- ^E No more than 30% of the agency's money may be in bankers' acceptances of any one commercial bank.
- ^F Applies to local agencies, other than counties or a city and county, with less than \$100 million of investment assets under management. Includes agencies defined as a city, a district, or other local agency that do not pool money in deposits or investment with other local agencies, other than local agencies that have the same governing body.
- ^a Local agencies, other than counties or a city and county, may purchase no more than 10% of the outstanding commercial paper and medium-term notes of any single issuer.
- Issuing corporation must be organized and operating within the U.S., have assets in excess of \$500 million, and debt other than commercial paper must be in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or higher by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, or the issuing corporation must be organized within the U.S. as a special purpose corporation, trust, or LLC, have program wide credit enhancements, and have commercial paper that is rated "A-1" or higher, or the equivalent, by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
- Applies to counties or a city and county, and the City of Los Angeles that have \$100 million or more of investment assets under management.
- Includes agencies defined as a county, a city and county, or other local agency that pools money in deposits or investments with other local agencies, including local agencies that have the same governing body. Local agencies that pool exclusively with other local agencies that have the same governing body must adhere to the limits set forth in Section 53601(h)(2)(C).
- K No more than 30% of the agency's money may be in negotiable certificates of deposit that are authorized under Section 53601(i).
- Effective January 1, 2020, no more than 50% of the agency's money may be invested in deposits, including certificates of deposit, through a placement service as authorized under 53601.8 (excludes negotiable certificates of deposit authorized under Section 53601(i)). On January 1, 2026, the maximum percentage of the portfolio reverts back to 30%. Investments made pursuant to 53635.8 remain subject to a maximum of 30% of the portfolio.

- Reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending agreements may exceed the 92-day term if the agreement includes a written codicil guaranteeing a minimum earning or spread for the entire period between the sale of a security using a reverse repurchase agreement or securities lending agreement and the final maturity dates of the same security.
- Reverse repurchase agreements must be made with primary dealers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or with a nationally or state chartered bank that has a significant relationship with the local agency. The local agency must have held the securities used for the agreements for at least 30 days.
- ^o "Medium-term notes" are defined in Section 53601 as "all corporate and depository institution debt securities with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States."
- ^P No more than 10% invested in any one mutual fund. This limitation does not apply to money market mutual funds.
- ^o A mutual fund must receive the highest ranking by not less than two nationally recognized rating agencies or the fund must retain an investment advisor who is registered with the SEC (or exempt from registration), has assets under management in excess of \$500 million, and has at least five years' experience investing in instruments authorized by Sections 53601 and 53635.
- A money market mutual fund must receive the highest ranking by not less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations or retain an investment advisor registered with the SEC or exempt from registration and who has not less than five years' experience investing in money market instruments with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.
- ^s Investments in notes, bonds, or other obligations under Section 53601(n) require that collateral be placed into the custody of a trust company or the trust department of a bank that is not affiliated with the issuer of the secured obligation, among other specific collateral requirements.
- ^T Security types authorized under Section 53601(o) that are issued or guaranteed by an issuer identified in subdivisions (b) or (f), are not subject to the limitations placed on privately issued securities authorized in Section 53601(o)(2)(A)(B).
- ^U A joint powers authority pool must retain an investment advisor who is registered with the SEC (or exempt from registration), has assets under management in excess of \$500 million, and has at least five years' experience investing in instruments authorized by Section 53601, subdivisions (a) to (o).
- ^v Local entities can deposit between \$200 million and \$10 billion into the Voluntary Investment Program Fund, upon approval by their governing bodies. Deposits in the fund will be invested in the Pooled Money Investment Account.
- Only those obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Finance Corporation (IFC), and Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less.

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024
Agenda Item #:	#3
Agenda Item Subject:	<mark>Office Space Updates</mark>
To:	SRCD Board of Directors
From:	SRCD Staff

Background

A possible office space for Sloughhouse staff as well as a conference area for the Board to meet has become available at: 13147 Jackson Rd. This office space would also be able to house all of SRCD's archival documents.

Board Chair Herb Garms is currently in negotiation with the landowners to ensure that the lease (updated by the Ad Hoc Committee, legal and staff) is agreed upon and signed by both parties.

Sloughhouse staff, Treasurer Silva and Director Garms also recently met with KLOVE staff in Rocklin who are selling and/or donating office furniture to SRCD at generous rate. Staff will work with local movers to relocate the furniture to the office space, mid-late July. If the office furniture does turn out to be a donation, staff is recommending that we donate a lump sum as a thank you to the radio station.

Recommendations

Approve a donation (if warranted) to the KLOVE Radio Station for the office furniture

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024
Agenda Item #:	#4
Agenda Item Subject:	<mark>Grant Updates</mark>
To:	SRCD Board of Directors
From:	SRCD Staff

Background – CAPGP

Sloughhouse RCD was awarded \$199,800 from the <u>California Department of Food and</u> <u>Agriculture's (CDFA) Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)</u> and the SRCD Board has already begun to work on the 2-year grant contract agreement.

- SRCD has entered into agreements with these certified conservation planners to write the plans.
 - Matthew Wacker 2 Grazing Management Plans in Sacramento County and 1 in Tuolumne County
 - Harol Gallardo 8 Soil Health Plans (1 in Tuolumne, 7 in Sac County), 7 Carbon Farming Plans (4 in Sacramento County and 1 in Tuolumne) and 1 CEMA Carbon Sequestration Plan in Sacramento County
 - Molly Taylor 3 Carbon Farming Plans in Alpine County
 - Ian Vielli 2 Irrigation Water Management Plans in Sacramento County
- Identifying landowners whose property will receive the conservation plans.
 - o Interest form: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRCDconservationplanning</u>
 - 10 landowners are currently working with TSP's
 - A second round of applications is open up with new marketing materials going out. This round of applications will be open until the slots are filled up (10 conservation plans remain open at this time).
- SRCD Staff Time for the Grant totals around \$19,250 to reimbursed to us

Background – CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant

On July 28th, the CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced that Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District has been selected to receive a Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) award in the amount of \$ 432,153.00. CDFA staff has finalized the grant agreement documents including the Scope of Work and Budget. The end date for this grant is slated to be March 31, 2026. The grant application requested funds to cover personnel costs (roughly 4% FTE of the District Manager position, 8% FTE of the Admin Coordinator position, and a Water Efficiency Program Coordinator at 75% FTE), supplies, travel, employee training, outreach supplies, and pump efficiency test. Under this agreement, an outside contractor/consultant can also be hired and utilized to complete project objectives.

WETA Update as of 7/10/24

- Presented Mobile Irrigation Lab to the Sacramento Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting on 6/12/14.
- Continued program outreach with more flyer postings, walking farmers markets, reaching out to local organizations.
 - Developed a MIL outreach letter if a future mailing is ever needed
- MIL webpage has been updated and now features a Spanish flyer and sign-up questionnaire, a Hmong flyer(sign up questionnaire in the works), a FAQ handout, photos of evaluations and a <u>Powerpoint recording that highlights the MIL program</u>.
- SRCD is offering a contract with Knutsen Pump Testing for pump efficiency tests as part of the WETA grant. Knutsen Pump Testing will provide pump testing at well sites requested by WETA Coordinator and will provide a completed certified pump efficiency report to the grower as part of the MIL evaluation report.
 - \$250 per pump efficiency test
 - Growers must participate in at least one irrigation evaluation to qualify for scheduling a pump efficiency test



SLOUGHHOUSE Resource Conservation District



How much does it cost?

All irrigation evaluations conducted within the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) boundaries of Sacramento County are provided at NO COST! The Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) has been funded by the Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture

Who is eligible for this FREE service?

Any producer who has an agricultural irrigation system (surface drip, micro-sprinkler, sprinklers) and operates anywhere within Southeastern Sacramento County

How do I schedule a FREE evaluation?

To sign-up for the free program, contact Chris Timmer, the Water Efficiency Program Coordinator or you may sign up by clicking the sign-up link on the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) webpage or take a photo of the QR code on flyers. Once you answer the sign-up questionnaire you will be added to a wait list. At the beginning of each irrigation & during the irrigation season Chris Timmer will schedule evaluations starting at the top of the list and working through each contact as open dates become available. At the time of scheduling, all details associated with each evaluation will be thoroughly discussed confidentially.

What questions do we ask when you sign-up?

We ask basic questions regarding the field or block/set requested to be evaluated. We will ask for the type of crop, size of field, type of irrigation, pump/well information, filtration method, etc. We will also ask for a design/site plan if available, to help us have a better understanding of the irrigation system when on site. We also ask if the site is classified as a Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher. The USDA defines socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers (SDFRs) as those belonging to groups that have been subject to racial or ethnic prejudice. SDFRs include farmers who are Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian or Pacific Islander. For some but not all USDA programs, the SDFR category also includes women

How does the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) benefit the grower?

Confidential reports provided by the MIL program contain comprehensive details of the irrigation system that is inspected. Each report contains data, helpful information & recommendations that could lead to improved system performance. When there is better system performance, water is distributed more evenly to the crop, which can lead to better yields, a decrease in pump run times and the overall awareness of how each system evaluated is functioning.

Who can I contact?

You can contact Chris Timmer, Water Efficiency Program Coordinator with Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District. He can be reached by phone at 916-628-0369 or email, Chris@sloughhousercd.org.

> This program has been funded by the Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

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Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024
Agenda Item #:	#5
Agenda Item Subject:	SRCD Evaluation Documents
To:	SRCD Board of Directors
From:	SRCD Staff

Background

Staff collaborated with Director Washburn to improve and update the staff evaluation documents to be used later this year. The documents are meant to be used by Board Members to evaluate Staff on their annual performance as well as for Staff to self-evaluate and have an open-dialogue with supervisors/Board members.

Evaluations should take place either annually on anniversary of hire date or by Board's discretion.

Attachments: <u>SRCD Performance Evaluation Form</u> <u>SRCD Staff Self-Evaluation Form</u>

Recommendations:

Approve and adopt the Staff Evaluations

SLOUGHHOUSE RCD PERFORMANCE REVIEW – EMPLOYEE SELF-EVALUATION TEMPLATE:

Employee Self-Evaluation	
Employee Name:	Discussion Date:
Employee Title:	Supervisor:

Section I:

Suggested questions:

Each question is assigned a letter:

- I improvement needed to perform at expected standards
- M performance fully meets expected standards
- E performance consistently exceeds expected standards

For each question, a letter is assigned, comments are offered, or both.

1. Quality of Work – is the staff person accurate, neat, well-organized and thorough in their work?

2. Quantity of Work – is the amount of work consistent with requirements of the position?

3. Work Habits – is the employee effective at using their time?

4. Relationships with People – does the staff person recognize the needs of others and treat others with respect?

5. Taking independent action – Is the staff person self-motivated and initiate work activities?

6. Meeting work commitments – are assignments completed and deadlines met?

7. Supervising work of others – if appropriate, is the staff person effective at guiding the work of others, delegating responsibility, and supporting the needs of those supervised?

8. General comments or questions?

Section II: Discuss with your supervisor the following questions:

- 1. What about your current role and responsibilities do you find motivating and engaging—or put another way, what makes you want to come to work each day?
- 2. What (if anything) gets in the way of your motivation and engagement?
 - 3. What else would you like to do or work on in the future that you may not be doing now—or what would add to your job satisfaction? (*This is optional and may not apply to all, especially for those who are new to the organization or new to their position.*) How would it meet the needs of the organization? Consider any knowledge, skills or competencies that might be necessary. How would you develop those?

4. Consider the type and level of support you currently receive from your supervisor. What do you find most valuable or helpful? What would you change, add to, subtract, or request from your supervisor?

Note: Summarize the points discussed with your supervisor in writing on this page

Employee Signature: _____

Date Submitted**: _____

• Please reflect the date this documentation is being shared electronically with your supervisor at the same time that it is being submitted for your Employee File.

Sloughhouse RCD Performance Evaluation

Process:

Both staff and reviewer(s) evaluate staff person using the criteria described below. Part of this process involves all parties reviewing the relevant job description/duty statement. This is to ensure that the evaluation is based on realistic expectations. A meeting then takes place where the self-evaluation and board evaluation are review, focusing on the staff person's strengths and opportunities for improvement. Both evaluation forms are placed in the file of the staff person.

Suggested questions:

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I - improvement needed to perform at expected standards

M – performance fully meets expected standards

E – performance consistently exceeds expected standards

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Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Overview		
From:	SRCD Staff	
То:	SRCD Board of Directors	
Agenda Item #: Agenda Item Subject:	#6 <mark>Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Update</mark>	
Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024	

Links: Board Meeting Materials | Committee Meeting Materials

Upcoming CGA Board Meetings

Next Regular Meeting

- Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 8:30-11:30am
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632

Recommended Corrective Actions

At the recent CGA Board meeting, the Board heard from Consultant EKI about the Recommended Corrective Actions (RCA's) DWR has laid out for CGA and corresponding GSA's to complete by December 2026. A timeline has been put in place but the CGA and it's GSA's need to discuss in depth a solid plan to address these needed actions in 1.5 years.

Attachments: DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions (Link only)

RECOMMENDATION:

Board Discussion

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

From:	SRCD Staff
To:	SRCD Board of Directors
Agenda Item #: Agenda Item Subject:	#7 <mark>SRCD Staff Report</mark>
Agenda Date:	July 10, 2024

Staff Updates

- Staff is in the process of acquiring and ordering SRCD swag! Hats, t-shirts, tablecloth and polo shirts will be arriving soon. This will improve the RCD's professional look when out in the field and networking or tabling events.
- Staff will be in attendance at the Herald Day Event on August 3 representing both the CGA and SRCD to promote CGA awareness and disseminate information about SRCD's grant projects. Asst Director Teresa Flewellyn will also be in attendance to help/as a volunteer.
- Staff is working with Jerry Legg at California Class to open an account in which the RCD will place the future groundwater sustainability fee project funds. The interest rate at this time is 5.2%. The account can remain open and without funds without penalty for as long as needed. California Class also works closely with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and Rick Wood has been assisting staff with the application process.