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Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: August 14, 2024
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Services
15160 Jackson Rd.
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766858945>
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.

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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 – August 14, 2024
- b. Minutes – July 10, 2024
- c. Financial Report – August 2024

REPORTS:

- a. SRCD Board Member Reports

GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of California CLASS Account
2. SRCD Board of Directors Open Appointments
3. SRCD Office Space Updates
4. Grant Updates
 - a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)
 - b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS:

5. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
 - a. Filling data gaps
 - b. Board Discussion

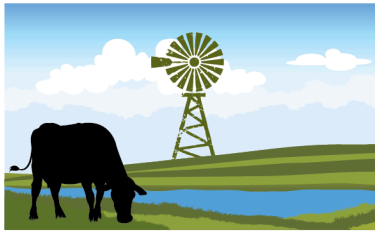
INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

or

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

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn (absent), 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:*
<https://srcd.specialdistrict.org/meetings> **

OPENING

Chairman Garms called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

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. This current report highlighted an error in Quickbooks that will soon be fixed by staff as well as the Sacramento County account that holds \$7,000 in addition to our Five Star accounts.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Drafted on:
7/10/2024

*Director Carter moved to approve the consent calendar items a & b.
Director Silva 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
None.
- c. SRCD Board Member Reports
Director Silva reported on the 5-0 recent Clay Water District vote on the Groundwater Sustainability Fee which passed unanimously. Galt Irrigation District passed, as well. There was no public comment on the Clay WD meeting but at least 90 people did attend the Galt ID meeting and gave comments.

SPECIAL HEARING

The special hearing opened at 12:48 pm.

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

The Board answered questions from the public on the reason for an increase/change in the Groundwater Sustainability Fee as well as how the fees will be used going forward. The Board also discussed the difference between fees for Ag use vs. Domestic use as and what the appeals process is for someone who feels they have been wrongly charged. The fee would go into effect this year once the Board votes to move forward at this July 2024 meeting.

*Director Schneider moved to approve the De Minimis Regulation Resolution.
Director Silva seconded the motion.
The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.*

*Director Carter moved to approve the updated Groundwater Sustainability Fee Resolution.
Director Schneider seconded the motion.
The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.*

The special hearing closed at 1:08 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

2. Policies & Procedures

a. Draft Updated Teleconference Resolution

Staff presented to the Board an update to the Teleconference Resolution which allows Board members to attend and vote online/Via Zoom if needed to. This resolution will need to be

renewed at the beginning of the calendar year on an annual basis. The resolution now states that special circumstances will need to go into effect if the Board member has missed 3 prior meetings that Fiscal Year, meaning that an emergency situation will need to have taken place in order for online voting to take place. Otherwise, if the agenda has not yet been sent out, the location of the board member can be posted (i.e. from home, library, office, etc.) and no special circumstances need to go into effect.

Director Carter moved to approve the updated Teleconference Resolution.

Director Silva 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. Jerry Legg from California Class attended the meeting and presented to the Board the benefits of Class in addition to our Five Star account as their interest rate is 5.4%. Legal counsel Scott Morris recommended passing the policy with the intention to revisit the investment policy on an annual basis. The Board also asked Jerry to return to the August Board Meeting to discuss more in depth the details of a Class account.

Director Silva motioned to approve the updated Investment Policy.

Director Carter seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.

3. Office Space Update

Staff provided an update regarding office furniture for the new office space. Director Silva coordinated with KLOVE radio station, who is moving, to donate large amounts of equipment and furniture to SRCD. Staff and hired movers will take the furniture to the office on July 17. While SRCD will pay the movers for their time and efforts, KLOVE is not charging us. Therefore, staff proposed that a \$2,500 donation be made to the radio station general fund as the furniture items being donated would have cost us upwards of \$25,000 if purchased on our own.

Director Carter motioned to approve the donation of \$2,500 to KLOVE general fund.

Director Schneider seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.

The lease for the office space is currently being looked over by the landowners and the Board is hopeful it will soon be signed. The landowners have said they are willing to let us keep our office furniture in the space before the lease goes into effect, free of charge. Staff will update the Board on the eventual signing and start of office workability soon.

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) with 3 plans completed. The first

invoice has been submitted to CDFA for reimbursement. Staff is still continuing outreach efforts for this grant as there are 10 spots remaining.

b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)

Program Coordinator Chris Timmer provided a report on the WETA program including a recent presentation of the Mobile Irrigation Lab to the Sacramento Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting on 6/12/14. He has continued program outreach with more flyer postings, walking farmers markets, reaching out to local organizations. The 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 Powerpoint recording that highlights the MIL program. 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.

Staff is working on a possible Fall Water Workshop and is in the process of looking into an ATV or truck rental to make water evaluations as easy as possible. Staff will need to check with CDFA before an ATV can be obtained but also looked to the Board for approval on this matter.

Director Schneider motioned to approve the ATV purchase with Director Silva's assistance.

Director Carter seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.

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 and staff completed this request. 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.

Director Carter moved to approve the Staff Evaluation Documents.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four in favor, one absent.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS

6. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

a. Board Discussion

The Board discussed the Carillon Well Project that the City of Galt had a meeting on last month. Director Carter explained the updates regarding this project which will be presented by the City of Galt to CGA at the August 7 Board meeting. It is thought that the City of Galt had this project on the books since at least March 5 but had not discussed it with CGA. The project has currently been put on pause until more information is obtained and further discussion is had by CGA and the

City of Galt constituents. This project would entail a new contract to re-drill a deep well (a replacement well but one that would be almost double the depth to about 1,600 ft.). as well as a 1.5 million gallon above ground reservoir of 2,000 gallons per minute. Questions about this project include: how does this fit into the current modeling or the cone of depression? Is there an environmental impact report? This well is to be located off of Walnut and Carillion Rd.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. SRCD Staff Report

Staff is in the process of acquiring and ordering SRCD swag! Hats, t-shirts, tablecloths 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.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

- Future SRCD office space
- California CLASS account
- CGA Recommended Corrective Actions
- Grant Opportunities

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garms adjourned the meeting at 3:28pm.

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

Expenses Needing Board Approval

All Dates

	AMOUNT	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	
Brittany Friedman			
	137.61	July 2024 Mileage Log	
Total for Brittany Friedman			\$137.61
Chris Timmer			
	264.16	WETA Mileage/Supplies Reimbursement - July 2024	
Total for Chris Timmer			\$264.16
Herb Garms			
	500.00	Office Cleaning - July 2024	
Total for Herb Garms			\$500.00
Kronick			
	2,930.86	Legal Services through June 2024	
Total for Kronick			\$2,930.86
Yolo RCD			
	6,873.86	YOLO RCD Consultant Services through June 2024	
Total for Yolo RCD			\$6,873.86
TOTAL			\$10,706.49

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Balance Sheet

As of August 8, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	
1001 SRCD Operating - County of Sacramento	-24,136.26
Operations Sustainability Reserves (6576) - 2	252,475.72
Public Checking (2162) - 2	91,936.74
Special Projects Reserve (6568) - 2	252,475.72
Total Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	\$572,751.92
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	22,135.50
Total Accounts Receivable	\$22,135.50
Total Current Assets	\$594,887.42
TOTAL ASSETS	\$594,887.42
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	
Current Liabilities	\$10,706.49
Total Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	\$10,706.49
Equity	
Opening balance equity	565,311.79
Retained Earnings	12,236.40
Net Revenue	6,632.74
Total Equity	\$584,180.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$594,887.42

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

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)	9,000.00	65,000.00	-56,000.00	13.85 %
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)	1,903.26	18,000.00	-16,096.74	10.57 %
Total Investment income	1,903.26	18,000.00	-16,096.74	10.57 %
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)	1,560.00	2,000.00	-440.00	78.00 %
Total Other Income	1,560.00	404,716.00	-403,156.00	0.39 %
Total Revenue	\$12,463.26	\$641,741.00	\$ -629,277.74	1.94 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$12,463.26	\$641,741.00	\$ -629,277.74	1.94 %
Expenditures				
5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	834.44	20,000.00	-19,165.56	4.17 %
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	
Small tools & equipment				
5280 Equipment, Tools, Furniture (<\$5k)	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Total Small tools & equipment	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Total 5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	3,334.44	28,750.00	-25,415.56	11.60 %
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	161.17	6,000.00	-5,838.83	2.69 %
5223 WETA Travel	102.99	1,808.00	-1,705.01	5.70 %
5224 WETA Contractors/Labor Costs	6,873.86	15,000.00	-8,126.14	45.83 %
Total 5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)	7,138.02	100,421.00	-93,282.98	7.11 %
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	

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

July 2024 - June 2025

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
5390 South American Subbasin SGMA Contributions (20289900)		9,000.00	-9,000.00	
Accounting fees		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
Investment management fees	-9,910.41		-9,910.41	
Legal fees				
5350 Legal - General (20253100)	2,930.86	20,000.00	-17,069.14	14.65 %
5355 Legal - Groundwater (20253100)		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
Total Legal fees	2,930.86	35,000.00	-32,069.14	8.37 %
Total Contract & professional fees	-6,979.55	211,913.00	-218,892.55	-3.29 %
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				
Cleaning	500.00		500.00	
Rent		18,000.00	-18,000.00	
Utilities		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
Total Occupancy	500.00	24,000.00	-23,500.00	2.08 %
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)	1,837.61	1,500.00	337.61	122.51 %
Total Travel	1,837.61	1,500.00	337.61	122.51 %
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	\$5,830.52	\$542,584.00	\$ -536,753.48	1.07 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$6,632.74	\$99,157.00	\$ -92,524.26	6.69 %
NET REVENUE	\$6,632.74	\$99,157.00	\$ -92,524.26	6.69 %

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

Agenda Date: August 14, 2024
Agenda Item #: #1
Agenda Item Subject: California CLASS Account
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: SRCD Staff and Jerry Legg, California CLASS

Background

Sloughhouse RCD has been looking into opening a separate financial account at California CLASS (California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System). This particular account would be where 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. This account would be kept separate from the standard Five Star bank funds but is easily transferable, if needed.

Jerry Legg, Senior Director of Investment Services, from California CLASS will discuss the benefits of opening a CLASS account and can guide staff and Treasurer on how best to do so.

Link:

- [California CLASS Registration Packet](#)

Recommendations:

Approve staff to open a CLASS Account with Jerry Legg's assistance

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

Agenda Date: August 14, 2024
Agenda Item #: #2
Agenda Item Subject: Upcoming SRCD Board Elections
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: SRCD Staff

Background:

This Fall, Sloughhouse RCD has three scheduled vacancies on the Board. According to the [Sloughhouse RCD Director Appointment Policy](#), SRCD notified the Board of Supervisors of an upcoming scheduled vacancy. Staff will now need to post the scheduled vacancies and solicit applications as of September 1, 2024.

From the SRCD Director Appointment Policy: “After deliberating on the applicants, the Board may select from a variety of public processes to develop a draft recommendation and final recommendations must be approved by a majority public vote of the SRCD Board. Current SRCD Directors may vote for themselves if applying to be reappointed.”

Terms Expiring:

- Director Lindsey Carter
- Director Jay Schneider
- Vice Chair Barbara Washburn

Directors seeking re-appointment may apply, as well as those interested in the position who do not currently serve on the Board. Staff will advertise via SRCD website, Farm Bureau Newsletter and social media. Recommendations will need to be made at the next Sloughhouse meeting in September with applications submitted.

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

Agenda Date: August 14, 2024
Agenda Item #: #3
Agenda Item Subject: Office Space Updates

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: SRCD Staff

Background

The office space located at 13147 Jackson Rd has officially been moved into in terms of housing office furniture, supplies, files and tech. The internet still needs to be established via satellite installment of Star Link. Staff is working with outside support to have this installed.

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 will need to finalize the set-up of the office by installing the tv and setting up the computers. The following is a list of what is still needed for the office space that has yet to be purchased:

- Fridge or mini-fridge for kitchen
- Printer/copier (leased or purchased)
- Folding chairs for public meetings
- Potable water dispenser
- Décor (maps to be provided by Sac County free of charge)

Pending or Monthly Payments

- Internet monthly cost and initial install payment (\$500 initial and \$120 monthly)
- Office Cleaning charge on a monthly basis

Recommendations

Approve staff to purchase needed office supplies and discuss the lease or purchase of printer, Internet costs and monthly office cleaning

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

Agenda Date: August 14, 2024

Agenda Item #: #4

Agenda Item Subject: **Grant Updates**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

Background – CAPGP

Sloughhouse RCD was awarded \$199,800 from the [California Department of Food and Agriculture’s \(CDFA\) Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program \(CAPGP\)](#) 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.
 - Interest form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRCDconservationplanning>
 - 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 8/7/24

- 10 irrigation evaluations have been performed this past month.
 - Plan to perform roughly 20-25 irrigation evaluations before irrigation season ends. Year 1 objective with CDFA WETA grant, is at least 20 evaluations performed.

- Knutsen Pump Testing has signed the contract to perform pump efficiency tests as part of the WETA grant. Will start coordinating and scheduling tests within the next week.

- CDFA has denied SRCD purchasing an ATV for the Mobile Irrigation Lab. Unfortunately, the grant only allows rentals or leases. Recommend to table to vehicle until next irrigation season and plan during winter. Will be using rental trucks for the rest of this irrigation season.

- SRCD staffed a booth at Herad Day on Saturday August 3rd. Flyers of the Mobile Irrigation Lab were provided. Outreach and communication were made with attendees.

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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: August 14, 2024

Agenda Item #: #5

Agenda Item Subject: **Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Update**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Overview

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

Upcoming CGA Board Meetings

Next Regular Meeting

- Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 8:30-11:30am
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632
- Topics: RCA's, Groundwater Monitoring, CGA Audit

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.

Sloughhouse RCD has two specific data gaps that need to be filled by October 2024 in order to stay in compliance:

1. Gain access or find replacement wells for RMW-ISW4 and RMW-ISW8 (previously monitored by DWR)
2. Activate Dry Creek stream Guage

Attachments: [DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions \(Link only\)](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

- Board Discussion on how to best fill the data gaps listed

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

Agenda Date: August 14, 2024

Agenda Item #: #6

Agenda Item Subject: **SRCD Staff Report**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

Staff Updates

- Staff has ordered 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 SLEWS Academy Retreat on August 20-21 in Woodland. Staff will present on possible program ideas for our own SLEWS program to be implemented next Fall 2025 as well as receive assistance and ideas from SLEWS Staff and other partners.
- Compost Lunch and Learn Event: SRCD Staff will be taking part in a Sac County/Agromin ran lunch event for local farmers and ranchers to present our programs to the public as well as conduct general outreach. This well be held at the Jean Harvie Community Center in Walnut Grove from 12 – 2pm. It is a free event with BBQ lunch and all are welcome to attend.