

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@sloughousercd.org.

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