

# SLOUGHHOUSE

## Resource Conservation District

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REVISED AGENDA

### Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: February 18, 2025  
Where: **NEW LOCATION**  
Sloughhouse RCD Office  
13147 Jackson Rd.  
Sloughhouse, 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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#### 1. OPENING / CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR (Non-Agenda Items)

##### TREASURY REPORT:

*Sloughhouse RCD Treasurer will provide a report on fiscal updates.*

**3. 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 – February 18, 2025
- b. Minutes – January 15, 2024
- c. Financial Report – February 2025

**REPORTS:**

- a. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report
- b. NRCS Report
- c. SRCD Board Reports

**GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Sacramento Valley Conservancy Project Proposal
  
- 2. CGA Funding Agreement/Member Contribution
- 3. Resolution, General Board-Staff Communications
- 4. RCD Letter on the Delta Tunnel
  
- 5. Moving SRCD PO Box Location
  
- 6. Letter of Support Requests
  - a. Rancho Murieta Community Services District (RMCS D)
  - b. Center for Land Based Learning (CLBL)
  
- 7. Grant Updates
  - a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)
  - b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) - including presentation on vehicle purchase-lease
  - c. DWR Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP)
  - d. Catalyst RFP

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS:**

- 7. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
  
- 8. South American Subbasin

**INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 9. SRCD Staff Report

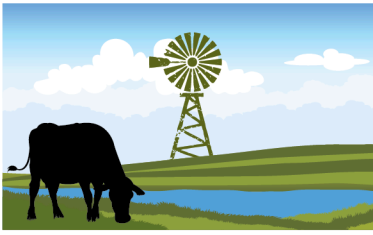
**IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Board Members may request items to be placed on future agendas.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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# SLOUGHHOUSE

## Resource Conservation District

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### Meeting of the Board - MINUTES Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

When: Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
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: Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr., Jay Schneider, Lindsey Carter, Teresa Flewellyn  
Associate Directors: Barbara Washburn  
Staff: Brittany Friedman, Chris Timmer

*\*\*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 12:39pm.*

#### **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**

Treasurer Gary Silva provided an update on SRCD's financials including the current invoices for the month. The Treasurer and staff met with a potential bookkeeper recently who would be able to work part-time for SRCD on overall financial organization, upkeep and Quickbooks maintenance. Staff also reported that the Sacramento County collected fees should be wired to the Five Star Bank account in the coming months with a summary of details to be emailed along with it.

*Director Schneider moved to authorize the bookkeeper to assist staff on a part-time basis.  
Director Flewellyn seconded the motion.  
The motion passed with all in favor.*

Drafted on:  
1/15/2025

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Agenda – January 15, 2025
- b. Minutes – December 18, 2024
- c. Financial Report – January 2025

*Director Schneider moved to approve the consent calendar.*

*Director Silva seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

## **REPORTS**

- a. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report  
Ag Commissioner Chris Flores shared with staff several documents relating to the Avian Flu outbreak currently affecting livestock and dairies in California. Staff passed along this information to the Board, including information on an upcoming webinar/workshop to take place via Zoom on January 29, 2025. Staff also provided the phone number for residents to report sick or deceased birds.
- b. SRCD Board Member Reports
  - Director Flewellyn provided an update on the Denier Well which is being monitored through Wildeye Telemetry. There has been an issue with the monitoring including abnormal spikes in the data. A representative from Wildeye will be visiting the well to attempt to fix the problem and correct the data skew.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. SRCD Office Hours**

Sloughhouse RCD Board and staff discussed the office hours that staff will maintain as the brick and mortar office is up and running. After back and forth regarding staff contracts, hiring practices, workplace policies, and general schedule conflicts, it was decided that staff will continue to come into the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the expectation that another day may be added on if the demand is there from the public or staff feels it is necessary/beneficial. Staff often does come into the office more than these two days a week. However, these will be the official public business hours listed on the website.

It was also discussed that the Board would like to change the Board meeting dates moving forward to Tuesdays at 12:30pm. Staff moved the time of the February meeting to Tuesday, February 18 and will change the meeting dates going forward if this proves to work for everyone after the next meeting.

*Director Schneider moved to approve the Board date change to the third Tuesday of the month.*

*Director Flewellyn seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

## **2. SRCD 5-Year Long Range Plan**

Staff brought forward the 5-Year Long Range Plan that was developed in 2022 as a means to discuss a potential work plan or annual plan that keeps us in line with the Long Range Plan. Staff's main objective is to ensure that SRCD is making progress on these goals, and if not, to revise our course of action and create a work plan that can address these goals. It was suggested that staff look into creating a timeline for the 2025 year along with any potential policies that could guide the RCD moving forward. The Board was also interested in seeing some grant obligation documentation and planning processes with corresponding action items. Staff will bring this back before the Board at a later date.

## **3. Delta Tunnel Letter from SRCD**

The Board had a discussion about the RCD submitting a letter as either an RCD or GSA to the California Governor/Delta Tunnel Project voicing our concerns. There was speculation that submitting an opposition letter might give us negative exposure as an entity. Overall, it was decided that staff would work with Director Carter to develop a draft letter that would be brought back before the Board in February.

## **4. Sacramento Valley Conservancy/SRCD Partnership**

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) approached SRCD with a partnership/collaboration opportunity to implement Beaver Dam Analogs in the Deer Creek Hills Nature Preserve as part of their Crevis Creek Restoration Project. SVC is requesting \$7,000 in funding from Sloughhouse RCD to support the Crevis Creek restoration and habitat creation project. The funding will be used to cover project design, permitting, materials, on-site installation, and for post-install monitoring and public education and marketing of beaver dam analogs and post-assisted log structures. The Board had many questions in regards to this project including timing, permits, funding exact usage, mapping, etc. The Board suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting along with staff submitting a list of questions to SVC on behalf of the discussion that took place.

*Director Flewellyn moved to direct staff to work with SVC on clarification and bring back more information at the February meeting*

*Director Silva seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with three in favor, one absent (Carter) and one abstaining (Schneider).*

## **5. Grant Updates**

### **a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)**

Staff provided a report/update on the CAPGP grant. There have been 17 plans completed overall with 1 grazing management plan in the process, 1 soil health management plan available, 1 irrigation plan and 3 carbon farms. The second invoice will be submitted this month to CDFA in the amount of \$42,400.

Staff will send the Board a copy of a completed Carbon Farm Plan (with personal details redacted) so they can get an idea of what this report consists of/addresses.

**b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)**

Program Coordinator Chris Timmer provided a written report on the WETA program.

- In 2024, eleven irrigation evaluations and six well pump efficiency tests were performed during the summer and fall.
  - o In 2025, the goal is to perform more than 80 irrigation evaluations from April – October. This equates to between 11-12 irrigation evaluations a month.
  - o In 2025, the goal is to perform 50 well pump efficiency tests throughout the year.
- The 2025 Mobile Irrigation Lab advertising campaign will begin in January and will go through Feb/March.

Chris T will be presenting the Mobile Irrigation Lab program at the Sacramento County Farm Bureau’s Farm Safety Seminar, Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in Walnut Grove.

- There will also be a Mobile Irrigation Lab presentation during the annual Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Farmer BBQ event on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**c. DWR - CalSIP stream gage grant**

DWR is currently seeking to fund public entities to improve stream gage infrastructure and bridge data gaps as part of the Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP).

Through CalSIP, public agencies can receive technical assistance to upgrade, reactivate, or install new surface water monitoring stations, at no additional cost to them, that will share important streamflow data that can help inform water management decisions.

Staff submitted an application on October 31, 2024 to reactive 3 stream gages (2 in the Cosumnes Subbasin and 1 in the South American Subbasin). Staff also submitted an application on December 31, 2024 for the Amador County GSA. CALSIP is still reviewing applications and will reach out soon with the decision (awards to be given out through March - May 2025).

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS**

**6. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority**

**a. General Board Discussion**

The Board had a quick discussion regarding the CGA BBQ to take place on February 20, 2025 at the Herald Fire Hall. More information will be disseminated about this at the CGA meeting although staff already sent an email out to the CGA Board to update them regarding this. The next CGA meeting will be on February 5, 2025 at the Galt Police Department Community Room.

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7. SRCD Staff Report**

Staff has been working with Blomberg and Griffin Accounting to complete the FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 Audits. This will likely take several months before a written report will be presented to the Board. Consultant Rick Wood has offered to advise/assist staff if needed.

- Staff, along with Treasurer, Gary Silva, is looking into hiring a part-time bookkeeper to assist with overall financial structures as we continue to take on more grants and bring in more funds.

- The meeting for the February Board meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 18 at 12:30pm. An update will be sent out to the Board and partners.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

CGA MOU

Bookkeeper Contract

Office Hour Policy

Delta Tunnel Letter

SVC Project

Chris Hunley Presentation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Garms adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm.*

# Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

## Expenses Needing Board Approval

All Dates

DATE	AMOUNT	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
CARCD		
02/04/2025	25,127.02	Staff Wages - January 2025
<b>Total for CARCD</b>	<b>\$25,127.02</b>	
Chris Timmer		
02/10/2025	116.83	WETA Mileage Reimbursement - Jan - Feb 2025
<b>Total for Chris Timmer</b>	<b>\$116.83</b>	
Knutsen Pump Testing (916) 215-1510		
02/04/2025	1,500.00	Pump Testing Nov 2024
<b>Total for Knutsen Pump Testing</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Yolo RCD		
01/21/2025	1,316.79	YOLO RCD Consultant Services through December 2024
<b>Total for Yolo RCD</b>	<b>\$1,316.79</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,060.64</b>	



# Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

## A/R Aging Detail

As of February 10, 2025

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	CUSTOMER	DUE DATE	OPEN BALANCE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
Current						
02/06/2025	Pledge	10001180186128	California Department of Food and Agriculture	03/08/2025	28,610.99	WETA Invoice #4
02/10/2025	Pledge	10001180186129	California Department of Food and Agriculture	03/12/2025	42,400.00	CAPGP Invoice #3
<b>Total for Current</b>					<b>\$71,010.99</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$71,010.99</b>	

# Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

## Balance Sheet

As of February 10, 2025

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	
Operations Sustainability Reserves (6576) - 2	258,291.46
Public Checking (2162) - 2	239,530.24
Special Projects Reserve (6568) - 2	258,291.46
<b>Total Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)</b>	<b>\$756,113.16</b>
Accounts Receivable	<b>\$71,010.99</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$827,124.15</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$827,124.15</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	<b>\$28,060.64</b>
Equity	
Opening balance equity	565,311.79
Retained Earnings	41,167.94
Net Revenue	192,583.78
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$799,063.51</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$827,124.15</b>

# 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
<b>Revenue</b>				
4600 Services (Staff Support)	30,000.00	65,000.00	-35,000.00	46.15 %
4910 Investment management fees	11,548.49		11,548.49	
Contributed income				
4500 Grant Income	169,024.10	154,025.00	14,999.10	109.74 %
<b>Total Contributed income</b>	<b>169,024.10</b>	<b>154,025.00</b>	<b>14,999.10</b>	<b>109.74 %</b>
Investment income				
4900 Interest Income (94941000)	13,534.74	18,000.00	-4,465.26	75.19 %
<b>Total Investment income</b>	<b>13,534.74</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>-4,465.26</b>	<b>75.19 %</b>
Other Income				
4100 Tax Revenue (91-)	219,016.53	177,813.00	41,203.53	123.17 %
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)	2,340.00	2,000.00	340.00	117.00 %
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>221,356.53</b>	<b>404,716.00</b>	<b>-183,359.47</b>	<b>54.69 %</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$445,463.86</b>	<b>\$641,741.00</b>	<b>\$ -196,277.14</b>	<b>69.41 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$445,463.86</b>	<b>\$641,741.00</b>	<b>\$ -196,277.14</b>	<b>69.41 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	24,972.06	20,000.00	4,972.06	124.86 %
Bank fees & service charges				
5200 Assessment/Collections Services (20250700)	1,305.10	1,750.00	-444.90	74.58 %
<b>Total Bank fees &amp; service charges</b>	<b>1,305.10</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>-444.90</b>	<b>74.58 %</b>
Memberships & subscriptions				
5260 Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions, Publications, etc. (20206100)	3,264.50	4,000.00	-735.50	81.61 %
<b>Total Memberships &amp; subscriptions</b>	<b>3,264.50</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>-735.50</b>	<b>81.61 %</b>
Shipping & postage				
5340 Postage/Shipping (20292200)		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
<b>Total Shipping &amp; postage</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>-3,000.00</b>	
<b>Total 5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)</b>	<b>29,541.66</b>	<b>28,750.00</b>	<b>791.66</b>	<b>102.75 %</b>
5510 CDFA Conservation Ag Planning Grant (CAPGP)	67,340.00	2,000.00	65,340.00	3,367.00 %
5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)				
5221 WETA Personnel - Salaries & Wages	53,379.41	77,613.00	-24,233.59	68.78 %
5222 WETA Supplies	161.17	6,000.00	-5,838.83	2.69 %
5223 WETA Travel	924.17	1,808.00	-883.83	51.12 %
5224 WETA Contractors/Labor Costs	6,610.21	15,000.00	-8,389.79	44.07 %
5225 WETA Other Direct Costs	140.00		140.00	
<b>Total 5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)</b>	<b>61,214.96</b>	<b>100,421.00</b>	<b>-39,206.04</b>	<b>60.96 %</b>
Contract & professional fees				
5330 Other Professional Services (20259100)	1,900.00	15,000.00	-13,100.00	12.67 %
5380 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Contribution (20281204)		149,413.00	-149,413.00	
5390 South American Subbasin SGMA Contributions (20289900)	7,127.00	9,000.00	-1,873.00	79.19 %

# 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
Accounting fees		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
Legal fees				
5350 Legal - General (20253100)	5,244.00	20,000.00	-14,756.00	26.22 %
5355 Legal - Groundwater (20253100)	828.00	15,000.00	-14,172.00	5.52 %
<b>Total Legal fees</b>	<b>6,072.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>-28,928.00</b>	<b>17.35 %</b>
<b>Total Contract &amp; professional fees</b>	<b>15,099.00</b>	<b>211,913.00</b>	<b>-196,814.00</b>	<b>7.13 %</b>
Grant Writing/Youth Education		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Insurance	2,276.15		2,276.15	
5300 Insurance (20205100)		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>2,276.15</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>-1,723.85</b>	<b>56.90 %</b>
Occupancy				
Cleaning	360.00		360.00	
Rent	7,500.00	18,000.00	-10,500.00	41.67 %
Utilities	500.00	6,000.00	-5,500.00	8.33 %
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>8,360.00</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>	<b>-15,640.00</b>	<b>34.83 %</b>
Payroll expenses				
Salaries & wages				
5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)				
Staff Costs (Friedman)	69,782.01	120,351.00	-50,568.99	57.98 %
Staff Costs (Timmer)		29,649.00	-29,649.00	
<b>Total 5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)</b>	<b>69,782.01</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>-80,217.99</b>	<b>46.52 %</b>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; wages</b>	<b>69,782.01</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>-80,217.99</b>	<b>46.52 %</b>
<b>Total Payroll expenses</b>	<b>69,782.01</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>-80,217.99</b>	<b>46.52 %</b>
Travel				
5400 Transportation (Travel, Mileage)	293.80	1,500.00	-1,206.20	19.59 %
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>293.80</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-1,206.20</b>	<b>19.59 %</b>
Uncategorized Expense				
5250 SRCD GSA Expenses (General)	3,340.00		3,340.00	
5270 Education, Training, & Staff Development (20203600)		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
5320 Misc. Expenses (20227504)		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
<b>Total Uncategorized Expense</b>	<b>3,340.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>-6,660.00</b>	<b>33.40 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$257,247.58</b>	<b>\$542,584.00</b>	<b>\$ -285,336.42</b>	<b>47.41 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$188,216.28</b>	<b>\$99,157.00</b>	<b>\$89,059.28</b>	<b>189.82 %</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$188,216.28</b>	<b>\$99,157.00</b>	<b>\$89,059.28</b>	<b>189.82 %</b>

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #1

Agenda Item Subject: **Sacramento Valley Conservancy/SRCD Partnership**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Brittany Friedman, District Manager

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**Background**

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) approached SRCD with a partnership/collaboration opportunity to implement Beaver Dam Analogs in the Deer Creek Hills Nature Preserve as part of their Crevis Creek Restoration Project. SVC is requesting \$7,000 in funding from Sloughhouse RCD to support the Crevis Creek restoration and habitat creation project. The funding will be used to cover project design, permitting, materials, on-site installation, and for post-install monitoring and public education and marketing of beaver dam analogs and post-assisted log structures. Project duration is highly dependent on the acquisition of funding.

Additionally, SVC is seeking a partnership with SRCD on this initial restoration project with the hope that success in this endeavor may lead to continued collaboration on watershed health initiatives and restoration projects including a potential SLEWS project for the 2025-2026 School year. As a reminder, SRCD has invested \$3,000 and many hours to be apart of the SLEWS program to implement a natural resources project with high school students over the course of 3 field days spread out over the 25-26 year. SVC has completed several SLEWS programs in the past and would be able to let us use this site for the natural resources project as well as assist to provide hands-on learning and guidance.

This collaboration is in line with our goals for in-stream recharge in our district and could serve as a method to potentially test changes in the water table if SRCD was interested in that addition. Crevis Creek is a riparian corridor with mostly open lands but some oaks, although many oaks have been degraded. Implementing these BDA's as well as a willow or oak thicket through the SLEWS program can increase quality of rangeland and water for cattle, the improve floodplain conditions, and provide a positive impact on existing oak woodlands.

**Link:** [Full SVC/Sloughhouse RCD BDA Partnership Proposal](#)

[Full Site Photos and Design Examples](#)

[Q & A with Site Photo](#)

**Staff Recommendations**

- Approve the SVC/SRCD collaboration with the potential for a SLEWS program in the Fall of 2025



February 10, 2025

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RE: Sacramento Valley Conservancy-Sloughhouse RCD Restoration Partnership on the Proposed 'Crevis Creek Restoration and Habitat Creation Project'

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The Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and accredited land trust (Land Trust Alliance) that aims to preserve the beauty, character, and biodiversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape by protecting and stewarding natural and working lands, and scenic open spaces for the benefit of current and future generations.

SVC is planning on implementing an initial restoration project on its Deer Creek Hills Preserve property (DCH) within the Sloughhouse RCD action area. DCH is located along Latrobe Road and is within proximity to the unincorporated community of Rancho Murrieta. The property's primary land use is as functional rangeland, however, since the property also serves as a nature preserve, there is an established public access component of use and management. DCH is characterized by annual grasslands and large stands of mature blue oak woodland; other intermixed oak species include valley and interior live oak. There are portions throughout the Preserve that contain mature riparian woodland corridors. These corridors are associated with ephemeral drainages as well as ephemeral and perennial ponds within the Preserve boundaries. The two most prominent ephemeral watercourses are Deer Creek and Crevis Creek. DCH is seasonally grazed and managed by SVC stewardship staff for rangeland and oak woodland health, focusing on preserving and promoting biodiversity within this working landscape.

The planned restoration will involve the use of "low-tech process-based restoration" techniques (PBR) in the form of beaver dam analogs (BDA) and post-assisted log structures (PALS). Process-based restoration is partnering with nature to recover degraded river and stream catchments by removing impediments to physical and biological processes and harnessing the system's fluvial and biological energy to do most of the restoration "work". Practitioners use low-risk approaches that minimize the use of fossil fuels to achieve restoration goals. Heavy machinery is primarily reserved to address source problems such as levees, roads, and legacy mine tailings that confine the fluvial landscape. Additional treatments are designed to replace missing or altered functional ecosystem components that maintain floodplain connectivity and complexity. Treatments may include adding woody features such as post-assisted log structures and beaver dam analogs, and sizeable woody augmentation. Partnered restoration actions may include recruiting ecosystem engineers such as beaver, managing livestock grazing



operations, applying controlled burns, forests thinning, and supplemental riparian and meadow vegetation planting. Interventions are guided by a stewardship mentality whereby they are adaptive over time in response to environmental feedback with a goal of encouraging a self-sustaining, dynamic ecosystem (CALPBR 2024).

Implementation of BDA and PALS structures within ephemeral watercourses has become a growing practice on both public and private lands to increase the capacity of degraded river and stream ecosystems to retain water, support biodiversity, create fire resiliency, promote landscape level adaptation to climate change, reduce the effects of erosion, improve groundwater recharge, promote small scale/localized flooding within proximity to the installation site, remedy incised banks, and generally improve watershed health. In short, implementation of these restoration measures slows flow within historically fast flowing watercourses and keeps water on the landscape for longer periods of time.

SVC is requesting \$7,000 in funding from Sloughhouse RCD to support the 'Crevis Creek Restoration and Habitat Creation Project'. Funding will be used either as a match to NRCS funding or as the primary funding source to cover project design, permitting, materials, on-site installation, and for post-install monitoring, public education, and marketing of beaver dam analogs and post-assisted log structures as a tool for watershed restoration. Project duration is highly dependent on the acquisition of funding and completion of the permitting process. SVC is optimistically looking at a multi-phased project implementation starting between May and July of 2025 for the initial installation of wooden posts and preparation of aggregate, woody debris, and additional sediment needed for the following phase of project implementation. The second phase of project implementation would occur following the first significant rain events within the region and would consist of the completion of BDA structures through the building of standard 'wicker-weave' design beaver dam analogs. The third phase of the project connects youth to a hands-in-the-dirt experience through the Center for Land-Based Learning's Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) Program, which aims to encourage high-school students to dig into habitat restoration through real projects on farms, ranches, and open spaces. A SLEWS planting field day would occur following the successful implementation of project structures. SLEWS scheduling will be determined by Sloughhouse RCD and will be set for an agreed-upon date with SVC.

For this initial restoration project, SVC plans to implement three structures within a single reach of Crevis Creek, which runs through annual grassland toward mature blue oak-dominant woodland. SVC plans to associate these restoration efforts with riparian and pollinator restoration plantings; SVC has been actively propagating locally sourced willows in-house to utilize for this restoration project. SVC plans to utilize stewardship staff, an existing volunteer network, and docents to complete this work in an efficient and timely manner; as such, this initial BDA/PALS project is expected to take approximately 1-2 full days of physical work onsite and post-implementation monitoring will be conducted regularly in tandem with weekly and bi-weekly management visits by SVC staff. Following initial implementation, the installed structures would continue to function for multiple years with little to no needed maintenance. Long-term maintenance of the BDA/PAL structures would be conducted by SVC stewardship staff as part of routine preserve management. For this initial project, SVC will consult with the American River Conservancy, the California Process-Based Restoration Network, and the Wet Meadows Institute to design and plan this BDA project. Following implementation, SVC will consult and seek technical assistance and funding from

NRCS and the USFWS Partners Program to continue the implementation of similar structures within the Preserve. Below, we have provided a series of representative photos and website links that better describe the process and benefits of BDA and PALS restoration measures.

Additionally, SVC is seeking a partnership with the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District on this restoration project with the hope that success in this endeavor may lead to continued collaboration on watershed health initiatives and restoration projects. SVC sees this BDA/PALS implementation as a fantastic opportunity for both organizations to engage the public, both in person and through social media. This project presents an especially crucial opportunity for the Sloughhouse RCD to broaden their reach and further engage with the public through the avenue of watershed restoration and wildlife habitat creation. SVC plans to generate content in the form of professional-quality photography taken on the restoration service day (social media blast content) and would also include pre and post implementation aerial photography and video taken in 4k resolution to show the impacts of BDA/PALS implementation (use for social media, website, and newsletter content). Through this partnership, all content produced by SVC will be accessible to Sloughhouse RCD for use on its website and social media. SVC will highlight this collaboration in announcements and social media promotions, which will further enhance the public visibility of Sloughhouse RCD.

#### Links/Resources/References

<https://www.calpbr.org/pbr> (CalPBR 2024)

<https://www.calpbr.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAM94B73bzE&t=1s> (Beaver Dams and Fire Resiliency)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tg58wKmZRA&pp=ygUSYmVhdmVylGRhbSBhbmFsb2dz> (Nature Conservancy – Beaver Dam Analogs)

<https://www.instagram.com/arconservancy/reel/DA1WIOkBnSt/> (American River Conservancy – Leek Meadows Restoration Project)

<https://www.wetmeadows.org/> (Wet Meadows Institute)



# Leek Springs Meadow Restoration Project



Eroded channel draining meadow floodplain.



Volunteers installing groundwater monitoring wells.

The Leek Springs Meadow Restoration Project, scheduled for the summer of 2024 will use process-based restoration tools of beaver dam analogs (BDAs) and post assisted log structures (PALS) to trap sediment in runoff, reconnecting stream channels to adjacent meadow floodplains. Encroaching lodgepole pines will be removed from meadow areas to decrease evapotranspiration and to be used as materials for building instream structures. This work will be completed using hand tools and foot traffic, thereby having minimal effects on current meadow soils and vegetation.

This work will be managed by the American River Conservancy on land owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife with support from many partners and funding agencies including the Wildlife Conservation Board, United States Forest Service and Point Blue Conservation Science.



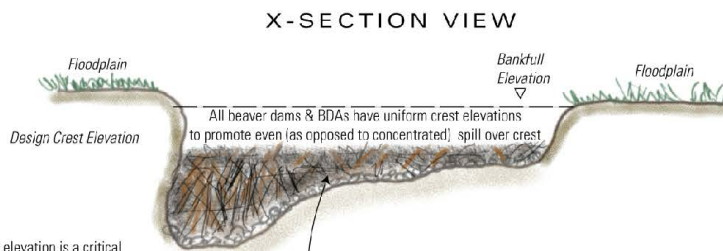
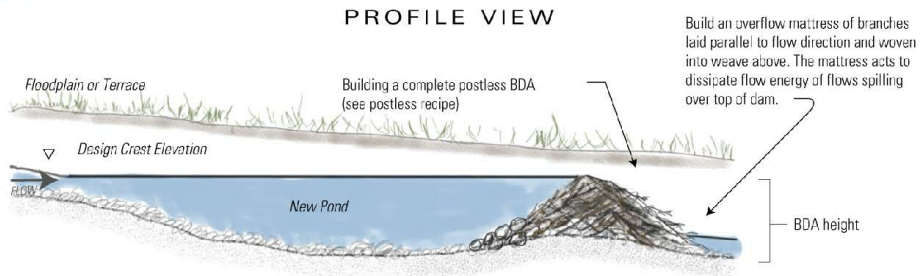
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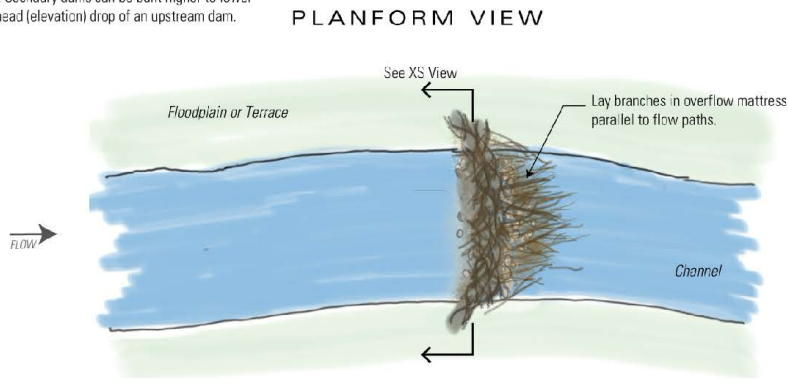
Human built BDA to mimic beaver effects in meadow.

For more information contact ARC Stewardship Manager, Cathy Mueller at [Cathy@ARConservancy.org](mailto:Cathy@ARConservancy.org)

Postless BDA Details



**NOTE**  
The crest elevation is a critical consideration. In general, primary dams are taller than secondary dams, and usually wider (either extending onto bars, inset benches or floodplains, as to lower unit stream power). Secondary dams tend to just be tall enough to back-water up to the base of the next upstream dam. Secondary dams can be built higher to lower the head (elevation) drop of an upstream dam.



NOT-TO-SCALE

Figure 30 – Typical schematic sketches of a postless BDA.



## Post-Line Wicker Weave as a BDA

As described in [Appendix C](#), a simple post-line wicker weave was the first version of BDAs. Post-line wicker weaves have been used since at least the 1930s (Kraebel and Pillsbury, 1934) and in the 1800's in France (Chapter 1: Shahverdian et al., 2019a). Post-line wicker weaves as BDAs have the important characteristic that the crest elevation is built to be perfectly uniform in height. Post-line wicker weave BDAs can and have worked in many situations. Draw backs to this method are the emphasis often goes into building the weave and gaining elevation, and a postless BDA design emphasizes what a beaver dam is meant to: holding back water. We have also seen these wicker-weaves open in floods like a barn gate, which often produces good habitat, but those are situations a bank-attached PALS would have made more sense (e.g. Figure 24) and have been more economical to build.

### General Post-Line Wicker Weave as BDA Recipe

#### Ingredients

- Untreated wooden fence posts (as many as needed to space 30 – 50 cm apart and staggered)
- Willow weave material (long (i.e., > 1 m), limbed branches of 1/4" to 2" diameter willow branches)
- Cobble, gravel, sand and mud

#### Tools needed

- Personal Protective Equipment (see Chapter 6)
- Cutting tools: loppers and chainsaw minimally; optionally hand saw(s), pruning shears
- Digging tools: Shovels & optionally pick-axe or digging bars
- 5 Gallon Buckets - for filling and moving finer fill material from source areas to BDA
- Optionally -cam straps are sometimes helpful to bundle together branches for easier hauling from source or staging areas to BDA.

#### Instructions

1. Decide location of BDA dam crest, configuration (e.g., straight or convex downstream), and crest elevation (use landscape flags if necessary). Position yourself with your eye-level at proposed crest elevation of dam (make sure it is < 1.5 meters in height) and look upstream to find where the pond will backwater to. Adjust crest elevation as necessary to achieve desired size of pond, inundation extent, and overflow patterns. If concerned about head drop over BDA, build a secondary BDA downstream with a crest elevation set to backwater into the base of this BDA (and lessen head drop or elevation difference between water surface in pond and water surface downstream of BDA).
2. Install posts with hydraulic post pounder into stream bed and banks in configuration as shown.
3. Trim (with chainsaw) posts to level, desired crest elevation (this can be done at end instead).
4. Weave willow branches in between posts across the channel. Pack stream substrate from area to be ponded against upstream face of dam to 'plug' up.
5. Work a willow mattress (laying branches parallel to flow) into dam on downstream side to provide energy dissipation for overtopping flows.
6. If desired, and time permits, attempt to plug up BDA with mud and organic material (small sticks and turf) in order to flood pond to crest elevation. Optionally, you can leave this for maintenance by beaver or for infilling with leaves, woody debris and sediment.

#### Notes

- Resist the temptation to overbuild the BDA.
- A BDA that 'breaches' or 'blows out', just like natural beaver dams do, is not a 'failure' if designed to accommodate such a response. Often, BDAs that blow out or breach provide improved and more complex habitat.
- Design life: < 1 year (note actual life may last many years or even decades).



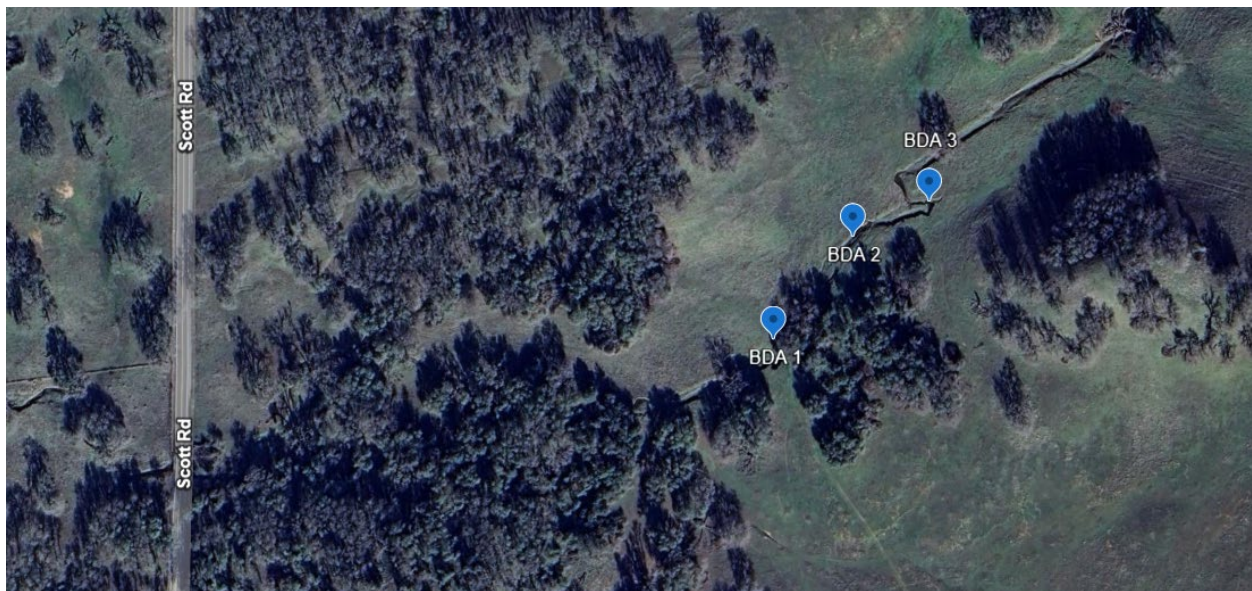
**1. Are there any specific permits needed for this project? Have they already been granted or does this need to be approved if permits are needed?**

There are permits needed to progress to the implementation and monitoring stage of the proposed BDA/Restoration project. We have attached an overview of the permitting process to this response but in short, due to the small-scale nature of the proposed project, SVC and its partners will be eligible for a streamlined permitting pathway through CDFW and the RWQCB; specific permit requirements are outlined in the attached document. Eligibility for the streamlined permitting pathway is dependent on the length of stream to be 'impacted' or restored, which in the case of this initial Crevis Creek restoration project, will be well below the allowed limit, thus the project is within the eligibility criteria.

Permitting will be conducted by SVC stewardship staff and is accounted for within the proposed funding amount requested from Sloughhouse RCD. SVC has drafted an itemized budget for the proposed project which includes the assumed staff time and permitting fees necessary to successfully permit and initiate the proposed project.

The timeline for permit approval varies based on the scale and scope of the project, as well as the time of year in which permit applications are sent in, due to the streamlined permitting pathway and SVC's assumed timeline for project implementation, we are confident that permit approval will not be a hindrance to our schedule or the timeline of project implementation.

**2. What is the exact location (coordinates) that the BDA's will be constructed? Please put these on a map so the Board can visually see them.**



BDA Structure #1 - 38°32'02"N 121°06'01"W

BDA Structure #2 - 38°32'03"N 121°05'59"W

BDA Structure #3 - 38°32'04"N 121°05'57"W

### 3. Are there any other funders on board?

SVC is currently in the application review process to receive either Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding from NRCS. Our application has been with the agency for multiple months as of the writing of this document and we are in the process of scheduling a site visit with a NRCS rangeland ecologist to initiate the review process to award funding.

In the case that NRCS funding is not awarded, SVC, based on general costs of restoration projects of similar scale, is confident that sole funding from the Sloughhouse RCD, will suffice to implement the project, cover permitting costs, materials costs, and associated staff time with the project implementation and SLEWS educational components. Generally speaking, low-tech process-based restoration projects are relatively inexpensive to implement and yield a high return in positive impacts compared to the low costs of project implementation. That being said, SVC has been awarded NRCS funds for Deer Creek Hills Preserve for a multitude of projects within the recent past, as such, we have a strong working relationship with our local NRCS office and are actively working on multiple efforts to enact restoration initiatives on Deer Creek Hills Preserve through NRCS farm bill programs.

Apart from local, state, and federal governmental funding, SVC is actively seeking additional grant funding to broaden our restoration activities within the Preserve, as such, we are confident that SVC will be able to fill gaps in funding should they arise, however, this is not expected and our funding ask is anticipated to be sufficient to implement the project as intended.

### 4. Is Sloughhouse liable for any elements of the project legally?

In short, no.

As property owner, SVC will assume all legal liability for the project. Implementation will be completed with SVC Staff and Volunteer labor. All volunteers are required to sign a liability waiver before entering the property. A copy of the liability form is attached for your reference.

The same procedure will be required for the SLEWS field day portion of the proposed project; signing of liability waivers and waivers of release will be provided to the Sloughhouse RCD SLEWS representative prior to the field day.

### 5. Is any ongoing maintenance and upkeep needed?

Minimal ongoing maintenance and regular upkeep is anticipated, however, Low-tech process-based restoration methods were conceived and developed to continue working over long periods of time without additional human intervention. I.e. placed beaver dam analog structures continue building upon themselves as yearly weather and high flow events move sediment and debris downstream and into the structure, as such, periodic monitoring may be required to assess the success of the restoration initiative, yet, in practice, these structures, if installed properly, do not require high intensity - continuous maintenance. General, low-intensity maintenance and upkeep is written into the budget for the total funding amount requested from Sloughhouse RCD.

SVC assumes responsibility for monitoring of this proposed restoration initiative once implemented; SVC has the capacity to include periodic monitoring of the proposed restoration project into regular monitoring practices and maintenance conducted on Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

Through the NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program, low-tech process-based restoration is an approved repeatable practice. If the implemented structure does require more significant upkeep or maintenance after initial implementation, SVC can utilize its volunteer and docent base as well as other non-RCD sources of restoration funding to enact maintenance on the Crevis Creek restoration structures.

**6. Will the funds be paid all at once or over time?**

Based on the itemized budget which will be provided prior to the next board meeting, SVC would prefer funds distributed in a one-time payment, however, if this creates a conflict for Sloughhouse RCD, we are flexible on the payment schedule.

**7. Does Crevis Creek spill out onto or near any roads? Is there any flooding concern?**

Crevis Creek meanders across DCH (See attached map). The project area is far removed from any property boundaries and downstream of any intersections with Latrobe Rd. The project will cause localized flooding in the immediate project area but reduce flood danger downstream and at road crossings.

**8. Will a representative be able and willing to attend the next SRCD Board meeting in person or virtually to answer any other questions the Board has and to explain the project in depth?**

Yes – David Greenspan, SVC Conservation Manager, and Eric Kellegrew, SVC Stewardship Director plan on being in attendance virtually to answer any additional questions or concerns regarding the proposed project and potential partnership with Sloughhouse RCD

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #2

Agenda Item Subject: **CGA Member Contribution Funding Agreement**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

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**Member Contribution Agreement (Current Fiscal Year, 2024-2025)**

In February 2025, the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors adopted a Member Agency Contribution Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Now GSAs need to adopt the agreement and invoices will be developed. The agreement is attached.

Agencies have the option of paying in one or two installments. The deadline to pay is June 30, 2025. A portion of the Groundwater Fees will be kept by each GSA. For Sloughhouse RCD, this money will be set aside in the California CLASS account and be used for studies, recharge projects, or other SGMA-related activities as spelled out by the CGA Recommended Corrective Actions and Project Management Actions.

**Attachment:** [CGA Member Agency Contribution Agreement](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the CGA Contribution Agreement

## **COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY MEMBER AGENCY CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this day of \_\_\_\_\_ between COSUMNES GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (“CGA”), a California Joint Powers Authority, by and through its Board of Directors, and the seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) of the Cosumnes Subbasin, which are: Amador County Groundwater Management Authority (“Amador”), City of Galt (“City”), Clay Water District (“Clay”), Sacramento County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“County”), Galt Irrigation District (“Galt ID”), Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (“OHWD”), and Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (“Sloughhouse RCD”), each of which is a “Party” to or a “Member” of this Agreement.. Each of the parties to this Agreement shall individually be referred to as the “Party,” or collectively, as the “Parties.” This Agreement is effective as of the date the last Party signs the Agreement.

### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the CGA was formed to implement certain aspects of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) and the Cosumnes Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”); and

WHEREAS, Section 5.2 of the Joint Powers Agreement forming CGA directs that members “shall share in the general operating and administrative and project costs of operating the Authority, as outlined in the annual budget documents;” and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement further provides that each Member will be responsible for contributing its share of such costs through an agreed upon contribution; the implementation of a groundwater fee program; or other written agreements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with that direction, the Members entered into an Initial Funding and Revenue Agreement for Implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan in 2021, and have provided annual contributions under that structure since that time, based on a cost allocation of roughly \$10/irrigated acre per member; and

WHEREAS, each Member’s share of costs of the Authority, not otherwise covered by fees directly collected by the Authority, shall be assessed twice yearly pursuant to Section 5.2(f) of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, CGA approved its Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Rate and Fee Study in April 2024 (“2024 Fee Study”), expanding upon the prior irrigated acreage to provide specific consideration for residential, commercial, and public water system use in calculating groundwater related fees.

WHEREAS, the CGA Board of Directors adopted its Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in June 2024; a summary of that budget is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.



NOW THEREFORE, the Parties, on the terms and conditions herein set forth, hereby agree as follows:

**TERMS:**

1. **Member FY 2024-2025 Contributions:** The Members' 2024-2025 budgeted contributions are set forth in Exhibit 2 ("2024-2025 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Income"). CGA will issue invoices for each Party's 2024-2025 member contributions based on the amounts identified in Exhibit 2. Invoices will be issued in February 2025 and June 2025, with final payment due in full on or before July 1, 2025.
2. **Adjustments to FY 2024-2025 Member Contribution Obligation:** The Member contributions set out in Exhibit 2 are based on Members' allocated collections under the 2024 Fee Study, adjusted based on feedback from the Members during the 2024-2025 Budget development process. In the event that any Member is unable to collect its budgeted contribution, that Member may petition the CGA Board for a corresponding reduction in its 2024-2025 Member Contribution.
3. **In-Kind Contributions:** Any in-kind contributions proposed to be substituted, in whole or in part, for monetary payment of a Party's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Member Contribution must be part of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 approved budget and approved in advance by the CGA Board of Directors.
4. **Agreement Term:** This Agreement sets out Members' FY 2024-2025 Member contributions. It may be modified, amended, or extended by written agreement of the Parties.

**SIGNED:**

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**Lindsey Carter, Board Chair  
Cosumnes Groundwater  
Authority**

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**Date:**

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**Board Representative  
Amador County Groundwater  
Management Authority**

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**Date:**

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**Board Representative  
City of Galt**

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Sacramento County Groundwater  
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**Board Representative  
Sloughouse Resource Conservation  
District**

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**Date:**

# EXHIBIT 1

## FY 2024-2025 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Budget

Adopted June 2024

### Regulatory and Operational Budget

Activity	FY 24-25
Personnel	\$70,000
Legal	\$15,000
Public Outreach Supplies	\$10,000
Annual Report	\$33,000
Data Management System	\$4,000
EKI GSP Technical Support	\$50,000
Groundwater Monitoring	\$4,500
Office Supplies, Subscriptions & Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Financial Audit	\$10,000
Grant Funding Exploration	\$5,000
Data Gaps	\$30,000
Folsom Water Application	\$5,000
Reserves	\$50,000
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$291,500</b>

## EXHIBIT 2

### FY 2024-2025 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Income

#### Revenue - Member Contributions

GSA	FY 24-25 Contributions
City of Galt	\$20,376
Amador CGMA	\$10,558
Galt Irrigation District	\$191,677
Clay Water District	\$15,003
OH Water District	\$31,352
Sloughouse RCD	\$166,194
County of Sacramento	\$51,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$486,930</b>

### EXHIBIT 3

#### Estimated Member Collections - 2024 CGA Fee Study

<b>GSA</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>% of Total Revenue</b>	<b>Total Contribution to CGA</b>	<b>Total GSA Reserve Funds Held</b>
Amador GSA	\$11,414.91	2%	\$10,558	\$856.91
City of Galt GSA	\$27,545.09	4%	\$20,376	\$7,169.09
Clay WD GSA	\$23,443.86	4%	\$15,003	\$8,440.86
Galt ID GSA	\$257,496.28	39%	\$191,677	\$65,819.28
Omochumne Hartnell WD GSA	\$42,075.21	6%	\$31,352	\$10,723.21
Sacramento County GSA	\$77,358.03	12%	\$51,770	\$25,588.03
Sloughhouse RCD GSA	\$222,386.92	34%	\$166,194	\$56,192.92
Totals:	\$661,720.30	100%	\$486,930	\$174,790.30

\*For information only. Actual net collections across GSAs or individually may vary. Please refer to Exhibit 2 for agreed-upon member contribution commitments\*

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #3

Agenda Item Subject: **Delta Tunnel Letter from SRCD**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Brittany Friedman, District Manager

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**Background**

It was suggested at the December 2024 SRCD Board meeting that staff investigate creating a Letter from Sloughhouse RCD, voicing our opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and Tunnel. At the January 2025 Board meeting, staff was directed to create a draft opposition letter on behalf of the Sloughhouse Board.

The Delta Tunnel project is the latest version of a massive water infrastructure project that would divert water from the Sacramento River at Hood and Courtland, and put it in a 40+ mile tunnel 40 feet access to be exported to State Water Project contractors. Could also be used for wheeling Central Valley Project water.

**Link:** <https://savethedelta.saccounty.gov/Pages/DeltaTunnel.aspx>

**Attachment:** [SRCD Delta Tunnel Letter](#)

**Staff Recommendations**

- Provide feedback on the draft Delta Tunnel letter and/or approve letter to be sent

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Governor Newsom  
Governor  
1021 O St. Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Governor Newsom,

As representatives of and stewards of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta), Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) is writing to express our concern and opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project (Delta Tunnel). We strongly oppose the proposed Delta Tunnel project due to its severe negative impacts on the Delta ecosystem, local communities, water quality and distribution, and the health of endangered species including the Delta smelt and the winter-run Chinook Salmon.

Sloughhouse RCD has been working since 1956 to address soil and water conservation & management issues in. The boundaries of our district cover over 90,000 acres in Wilton, Herald and Sloughhouse where hardworking farmers and ranchers would directly be impacted by the Delta Tunnel.

The construction and operation of this tunnel would significantly disrupt the Delta's ecosystem, causing further decline in water quality and inequitable water distribution. This project would likely displace residents and businesses in the Delta region, impacting local economies and livelihoods. Furthermore, there are increasing concerns regarding the potential for increased flood risk due to alterations to the Delta levees during construction. This project lacks adequate public input and fails to adequately address the concerns of the Delta communities.

The Delta Tunnel is not a viable solution to California's water challenges, and we urge you to reject the Delta Tunnel project. We believe that protecting the Delta is critical for the health of our community's environment and economy, as well as the entirety of California.

Sincerely,

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board  
[Info@SloughhouseRCD.org](mailto:Info@SloughhouseRCD.org)  
[www.sloughousercd.org](http://www.sloughousercd.org)

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #4

Agenda Item Subject: **Moving PO Box Location**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

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**Background**

SRCD currently has a PO Box location in Elk Grove where we receive all mail, correspondence, bills, checks, etc. The location is The UPS Store at 8698 Elk Grove Blvd. 1-207 Elk Grove, CA 95624. This location is adjacent to the Elk Grove Farm Bureau where CGA has their mail sent. Currently, the District Manager drives to Elk Grove once a month to collect the CGA and SRCD mail from these locations.

Board Chair Herb Garms requested that staff investigate a PO Box in Rancho Murieta as our mailbox lease is due for renewal in March 2025. At the Rancho Murieta Post Office, there are PO Boxes available for the following lease cost options:

- 3-month lease - \$70
- 6-month lease - \$122
- 12-month lease - \$244

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide direction to staff on the potential movement of our PO Box



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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #5

Agenda Item Subject: **Letter of Support Requests**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

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**Center for Land Based Learning SLEWS**

SRCD has been approached by two separate organization with a request to produce a letter of support for grant programs. The first is by the Center for Land Based Learning’s Steward Landowner Education and Water Stewardship (SLEWS) program of which we are currently a participant. To date, we have spent \$3,000 to take part in the SLEWS training program and academy, attend workshops and participate in the 2025-2026 SLEWS days where high school students learn about natural resources and do hands-on activities such as native plantings.

CLBL is requesting a letter of support as they apply to two grants, Impact100 Greater Sacramento and the City of Rancho Cordova Community Enhancement and Investment Fund (listed below). As a non-profit, the funding they receive from the grants goes towards implementing the SLEWS Program, providing training, paying SLEWS Staff, working with mentors and potentially acquiring supplies to Sloughhouse RCD for our SLEWS program. CLBL would write in SRCD as a subcontractor and we would be able to bill them for supplies up to a certain limit. If we find that we cannot or do not want to proceed with the project, they have made it clear that they can amend the grant agreement at any time and remove us from it.

This letter will show our support for the SLEWS program and will not bind or commit us to something concrete.

Grants: [Imapct100 Greater Sacramento](#)  
[City of Rancho Cordova Community Enhancement and Investment Fund](#)

**Attachment: CLBL Letter of Support**

**Rancho Murieta Community Services District**

Rancho Murieta CSD’s Director of Operations, Eric Houston, approached SRCD with a request for a letter of support regarding a DWR grant for Prop 4 funds to conduct groundwater banking for approximately 2,000-acre ft per year. Currently, RMCS D is permitted for about 6,400 acre ft of water per year with 4,050-acre feet diverted to storage. They are currently looking at an acquisition of the golf course property which then gives the District control over the ponds and lakes. They would also like to place irrigation or municipal wells on the property to meet

irrigation demands and in years of drought they could be used for drinking water purposes. They are going to request the funding to improve groundwater banking, infrastructure for helping increase the speed of groundwater recharge, feeding water back into the storage reservoirs, etc.

The letter of support does not bind us to any part of this grant but shows our support and encouragement for the RMCS D to receive and implement the funds appropriately.

**Attachment:** [Grant Information from Eric Houston](#)  
[RMCS D Letter of Support](#)

**Recommendations:**

Approve the District Manager to sign and send the requested Letters of Support

February 18, 2025

Subject: Sloughhouse RCD's Support of Center for Land Based Learning's Student Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) Program

To Whom it May Concern,

The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) is writing this letter of support in regard to the grant application submitted by the Center for Land Based Learning's Student Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship Program (SLEWS). SRCD has partnered with SLEWS by assisting at their field days and we are currently a participant in their SLEWS Training Program with the hopes of being able to build a sustainable program/partnership between our two organizations for this upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

Through these experiences, high school students receive engaging, hands on, educational instruction while also performing beneficial work in our community. Students are also exposed to a variety of potential careers and mentors in the stewardship and habitat restoration field. Additionally, through grant funding such as this, students will have the opportunity to significantly increase their chances of pursuing educational pathways in agriculture and natural resource careers while alleviating one of the barriers. We look forward to continuing to work with the Center for Land Based Learning (CLBL) to inspire more students from Sacramento County dedicating themselves to protecting our natural resources.

In conclusion, we would appreciate your consideration of the SLEWS grant application. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our experience working with CLBL.

Sincerely,

Brittany Friedman

District Manager  
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District  
Brittany@SloughhouseRCD.org

## RM Support Letter Information

I was hoping to reach out to you and begin discussions on groundwater banking. I was hoping that you and the Conservation District might be able to prepare a letter in support of a groundwater banking project that RMCS D is looking at the possibility of grant funding for. Also, I would like to start to report some of our groundwater banking that we currently do. I am not sure if that report would go to the conservation district, but I am hoping you can walk me through the process. Currently reclaimed water is past from our system into Bass Lake in this area not the larger Bass Lake and throughout the golf course area. In each of these storage locations groundwater recharge is occurring. We would like to start documenting this recharge in the possibility of the future of putting in permits to do some extraction. I think this a great opportunity for the Conservation District.

Typically, I have seen large agencies keep track of their water banking and extraction to comply with the SGMA. It is usually an internal document that is then shared with the GSA to show the overall banking and extraction mechanism. AS for the project it is so early to share the information, and I am waiting on Board Direction. It would look like the acquisition of the golf course property which then gives the District control over the ponds and lakes. It would also allow for the banking activity to commence even further. Then throughout that property we would be able to place irrigation or municipal wells. If irrigation we would utilize these wells to meet all irrigation demands of the system and in years of drought they could be used to back feed into our storage reservoirs for drinking water purposes. In wet years we would use ponds, detention basins, lakes, and any other mechanism to recharge the groundwater table. Currently we are permitted for about 6400-acre feet of water per year with 4050-acre feet diverted to storage I believe. Our current usage is around 2,000-acre feet that leaves a substantial amount on the table to be banked. Our largest issue is the inability to divert water from June 1 to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Utilizing wells during this period would provide the community much needed risk and resiliency, the groundwater banking would improve groundwater levels and water quality.

The idea would be to purchase both the north and south course here in Rancho Murieta. If you look at an aerial photo this would give us access or rights to multiple ponds that are currently doing groundwater recharge without any documentation. We could also include the water from our storage reservoirs that seeps into the ground aquifer basin. This would be the unaccounted-for water loss at all of all three reservoirs. This would not include evaporation, water used, and evaporation. All other water lost is seepage. I believe the basins impacted would be both basins with the largest benefit being the Cosumnes and basins south and west of these areas. The grant is DWR Prop

4 money that Regional Water Authority is projecting that Governor Newsom will want used by the end of his term. It is slated to be approximately \$393 million dollars. I think our area stands a great opportunity in being awarded as our basin serves communities that are of concern including disadvantaged and tribal. The amount of funding for this project would be in the \$4 million dollar range. That would get us the ability for land acquisition. Instrumentation and controls for the proper reporting of groundwater banking as well as infrastructure for helping increase the speed of groundwater recharge into the ground below it. As well as infrastructure needs to make this all a possibility. The amount of potential banking could be approximately 2,000-acre feet per year.

February 18, 2025

RE: Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Support of Rancho Murieta Community Services District Grant Proposal

To Whom It May Concern,

As the District Manager of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD), I write this letter on behalf of the Sloughhouse RCD Board of Directors in enthusiastic support of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District (RMCS D) grant application. SRCD's boundary area falls within Rancho Murieta and they have proven to be a valuable resource to us over the years.

As a remote community that is surrounded by drought prone landscapes, Rancho Murieta is the perfect community to focus these groundwater banking and recharge efforts and enhance the region's preparedness for future dry years. Improving the area's water banking will have multiple benefits which will work toward the ongoing effort to sustainably manage our natural resources including a potential increase in groundwater storage and water quality.

RMCS D's Director of Operations, Eric Houston, is a knowledgeable and capable program implementer who will use the awarded grant funds to improve the area's groundwater table while increasing aquifer storage and groundwater banking by approximately 2,000-acre feet per year. We are confident that this grant program will have a great impact on the Rancho Murieta community.

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District is excited to support this application. Thank you for taking the time to consider this project that we believe will have a very positive impact within our district. I hope you will give this project your full consideration for a grant award.

Sincerely,

Brittany Friedman  
District Manager  
Brittany@SloughhouseRCD.org

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #6

Agenda Item Subject: **Grant Updates**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

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**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 is finishing the work on this 2-year grant contract agreement.

- Identifying landowners whose property will receive the conservation plans.
  - Interest form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRCDconservationplanning>
  - The remaining round of applications will be open until the slots are filled up (only 6 conservation plans remain open at this time).
  - Open plans: 1 Soil Health Plan, 1 Grazing Mgmt Plan, 1 Irrigation Mgmt Design Plan and 3 Carbon Farm Plans
  
- SRCD Staff Time for the Grant totals around \$19,250 to reimbursed to us
- The current overall reimbursement to be submitted is in the amount of **\$42,400**

**Background – CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant**

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

- Currently submitting a project modification request to CDFA OEFI CSA office to move some budgets around with the WETA grant. \$1,000 from line item 1.1 & \$2,000 from line item 3.1 will be moved to line item 2.2 to allow for additional well pump efficiency tests.

Budgeted Project Personnel Funds	2024-2025 Fiscal Year							Overall \$ Remaining	Amount Used	% used
	Total Budget	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25			
1.1 - Initial Outreach, Trainings, and Evaluations	\$45,000.00	\$4,162.50	\$300.00	\$1,556.25	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$937.50	\$15,375.00	\$29,625.00	66%
1.2 - Outreach and Evaluations	\$75,000.00			\$2,550.00	\$1,087.50	\$900.00	\$1,500.00	\$68,962.50	\$6,037.50	8%
2.1 - Pump Test RFQ (District Manager)	\$4,800.00							\$4,800.00	\$0.00	0%
2.1 - Pump Test RFQ (Project Manager)	\$3,000.00	\$187.50						\$2,512.50	\$487.50	16%
2.2 - Coordination of Tests	\$9,000.00		\$75.00	\$225.00	\$600.00			\$8,100.00	\$900.00	10%
3.1 - Trainings	\$75,000.00	\$525.00	\$4,800.00	\$1,425.00	\$600.00	\$187.50	\$2,250.00	\$65,137.50	\$9,862.50	13%
4.1 - Admin, reporting and invoicing (Chris)	\$27,000.00	\$712.50	\$525.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$16,856.25	\$10,143.75	38%
4.2 - Oversight (Brittany)	\$16,000.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$160.00	\$1,228.20		\$11,118.05	\$4,881.95	31%
Process payroll, expenses, invoices, etc. (Brittany)	\$37,500.00	\$225.00	\$281.25	\$400.00	\$240.00	\$1,237.70		\$33,822.30	\$3,677.70	10%
<b>Budgeted Travel Funds</b>								<b>\$226,684.10</b>	<b>\$65,615.90</b>	
1.1 - Initial Evaluations Travel	\$2,798.00	\$515.07		\$55.61			\$99.40	\$1,453.13	\$1,344.87	48%
1.2 - Evaluations Travel	\$10,500.00							\$10,500.00	\$0.00	0%
3.1 - Trainings Travel	\$1,125.00		\$120.80	\$169.24				\$387.50	\$737.50	66%
<b>Budgeted Supplies Funds</b>								<b>\$12,340.63</b>	<b>\$2,082.37</b>	
1.1 - Initial Outreach	\$2,500.00	\$43.17						\$1,865.65	\$634.35	25%
1.2 - Outreach and Evaluations Supplies	\$2,000.00		\$44.27					\$771.77	\$1,228.23	61%
<b>Budgeted Consultant Funds</b>								<b>\$2,637.42</b>	<b>\$1,862.58</b>	
2.2 - Contract TBD; Pump Efficiency Tests	\$30,000.00		\$3,793.42		\$1,500.00	\$1,316.79		\$16,515.93	\$13,484.07	45%
<b>Indirect Expenses</b>								<b>\$67,145.17</b>	<b>\$19,284.83</b>	<b>22%</b>
Indirect Expenses(25%)	\$86,430.00		\$6,317.33			\$5,722.20				
<b>Other Expenses</b>								<b>\$4,360.00</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>3%</b>
3.1 - Trainings	\$4,500.00	\$140.00								
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$432,153.00</b>	<b>\$6,960.74</b>	<b>\$16,707.07</b>	<b>\$7,831.10</b>	<b>\$7,487.50</b>	<b>\$13,292.39</b>	<b>\$5,986.90</b>	<b>\$329,683.25</b>	<b>\$102,469.75</b>	<b>24%</b>

- Invoice #5 submitted to CDFA for a total reimbursement of \$28,610.99

## CDFA WETA - Budget of Water Efficiency Grant 11/01/2023 - 03/31/2026

Budget Category	Amount	2023-2024 Fiscal Year		2024-2025 Fiscal Year		REMAINING	Amount Used	% used
		Invoice 1	Invoice 3	Invoice 4	Invoice 5			
Personnel	292,300.00		19,931.80	19,949.80	19,847.15	232,571.25	59,728.75	20%
Travel	14,423.00		693.22	1,005.80	224.85	12,499.13	1,923.87	13%
Supplies	4,500.00		1,482.30	380.28		2,637.42	1,862.58	41%
Contractual	30,000.00		6,873.86	3,793.42	2,816.79	16,515.93	13,484.07	45%
Other	4,500.00			140.00		4,360.00	140.00	3%
Indirect Expenses	86,430.00		7,245.30	6,317.33	5,722.20	67,145.18	19,284.82	22%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>432,153.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>36,226.48</b>	<b>31,586.63</b>	<b>28,610.99</b>	<b>335,728.91</b>	<b>96,424.09</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Personnel Used:</b>								
1. Program Coordinator	238,800.00	Invoice 2	Invoice 3	Invoice 4	Invoice 5	REMAINING	Amount Used	% used
2. District Manager	53,500.00		17,400.00	17,587.50	16,181.25	187,631.25	\$ 51,168.75	21%
			2,531.80	2,362.30	3,665.90	44,940.00	\$ 8,560.00	16%
	\$ 292,300.00	\$ -	\$ 19,931.80	\$ 19,949.80	\$ 19,847.15	232,571.25	\$ 59,728.75	20%

- Staff presented the Mobile Irrigation Lab to owners/growers at the Sacramento Farm Bureau Safety Seminar. There were roughly 20-25 attendees.



## Purchasing/Leasing a Vehicle for SRCD

SRCD has been on the market for a truck to help assist employees operate and manage and projects/programs at a professional capacity. A District vehicle will help increase overall efficiency of projects/programs, safety, professionalism, and can be a tool/resource that can help the District with future projects and programs.

SRCD is proposing a “Truck Rental/Use Fee” policy, that shall be used for each time the truck is checked out for use. The “Truck Rental/Use Fee” shall be \$100 for each time the truck is checked out. For example, if the truck is used for an irrigation evaluation with the Mobile Irrigation Lab, a “Truck Rental/Use Fee” will be charged for that day of use in the field. If the truck is used for well monitoring, a “Truck Rental/Use Fee” shall be charged to Cosumnes Groundwater Authority.

Trucks Use Fees can be collected and put into an account to help with financing the purchase or lease.

Currently, there is \$12,499 left remaining in the Mobile Irrigation travel budget. If the "Truck Rental/Use Fee" is utilized for the Mobile Irrigation Lab, it is estimated that \$9,800 in “Truck Rental/Use Fees” could be generated and collected from the Mobile Irrigation Lab. The remaining \$2,699 budget will be used for mileage reimbursement.

If SRCD were to finance or lease the truck, but the total price/accumulated costs ended up being more than one project/program, the truck can be rented out to future projects/programs or SRCD would need to absorb the rest of the costs. If the "Truck Use Fee" can be set in policy for all projects/programs with SRCD, then future programs/projects can utilize the same approach to cover the remaining costs, insurance and maintenance if needed.

Below are charts showing how the “Truck Rental/Use Fee” can be utilized with the Mobile Irrigation Lab.

Month	Irrigation Evaluations	Well Pump Efficiency Tests	Truck Check Outs Per Month	Cost per use	Amount	Realistic Amount
April	5	<del>15</del> (2)	7	\$100	<del>\$2,000.00</del>	\$700.00
May	11	<del>15</del> (3)	14	\$100	<del>\$2,600.00</del>	\$1,400.00
June	15	<del>15</del> (3)	18	\$100	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	\$1,800.00
July	15	<del>15</del> (3)	18	\$100	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	\$1,800.00
August	15	<del>15</del> (3)	18	\$100	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	\$1,800.00
September	12	<del>15</del> (3)	15	\$100	<del>\$2,700.00</del>	\$1,500.00
October	6	<del>15</del> (2)	8	\$100	<del>\$2,100.00</del>	\$800.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>105-pump tests scheduled</b>	<b>97</b>		<b>\$18,400.00</b>	<b>\$9,800.00</b>
		<b>(17 pump tests driven to)</b>				

Month	# of Times Truck is used	Avg miles driven per use	IRS Mileage Reimbursement	Mileage Reimbursement
April	7	40	\$0.70	\$196.00
May	13	40	\$0.70	\$364.00
June	18	40	\$0.70	\$504.00
July	18	40	\$0.70	\$504.00
August	18	40	\$0.70	\$504.00
September	14	40	\$0.70	\$392.00
October	8	40	\$0.70	\$224.00
				<b>\$2,688.00</b>

The biggest question is whether we finance a used truck or lease a new truck. There are pros and cons to each. Currently, leasing a truck appears to be the most affordable and convenient for the next 3 years. There are lease promotions currently due to the Presidents holiday weekend. Below are current lease specials:

Lease Specials - Truck	Due at Signing	Cost/month	Total Cost
<b>*2024 Tacoma SR5</b>	\$2,999.00	254(\$2,748 per year for 36 months)	\$12,143.00
<b>2024 Tacoma SR5 - Miata Sacramento</b>	\$3,000.00	294.35(36 months)	\$13,596.60
<b>2025 Tacoma SR - 4X4 Double Cab - Placerville Toyota</b>	\$3,995.00	325(39 months)	\$16,670.00
<b>GMC Canyon</b>	\$4,659.00	\$399/month for 36 months.	\$19,023.00
<b>Ford Ranger - estimate</b>	\$4,000.00	388(36 months)	\$17,968.00
<b>* Estimated price - still waiting on actual quote from dealership</b>			

### Used Trucks:

Used Finance - Truck	Mileage	Cost
2020 Toyota Tacoma 2WD SR	54,421	\$22,997
2021 Toyota Tacoma 2WD SR	80,819	\$19,820
Used 2017 Chevrolet Colorado	79,126	\$14,995
Used 2020 Toyota Tacoma SR	92,189	\$17,995
Used 2017 Chevrolet Colorado Work Truck	108,853	\$14,995
2021 Ford Ranger	63,535	\$18,910
Used 2021 Ford Ranger XL	68,843	\$20,977

- Flyer campaign has started, and Mobile Irrigation Lab flyers have been posted throughout the District and just outside the District in Lower Cosumnes RCD boundaries. Lower Cosumnes RCD is thankful we can offer these services and said it's a tremendous resource.
- SRCD, NRCS and Yolo County RCD have been working close together and have been willing to partner, collaborate and help pass along Mobile Irrigation Lab information to interested growers. NRCS engineering staff and planning staff have begun coordinating appointments with the Mobile Irrigation Lab to provide the best possible service for growers. There are typically many different services needed on one site.
- The Mobile Irrigation Lab has contributed to the planning and will be providing a short presentation at the CGA Irrigator Luncheon which will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at noon, at the Herald Fire Station.

### **Background – DWR CalSIP**

DWR is currently seeking to fund public entities to improve stream gage infrastructure and bridge data gaps as part of the Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP). Through CalSIP, public agencies can receive technical assistance to upgrade, reactivate, or install new surface water monitoring stations, at no additional cost to them, that will share important stream flow data that can help inform water management decisions.

Staff submitted an application to reactive 4 stream gages (2 in the Cosumnes Subbasin and 2 in the South American Subbasin). The application requested a total of \$100,000 per stream gage to cover engineering, telemetry and staff time costs. If awarded, SRCD will need to fund maintenance expenses for the gages out-of-pocket beginning in 2027.

CalSIP serves to execute funding agreements as soon as reasonably possible with a deadline to award by March 1, 2025, and to fully execute agreements by June 30, 2025. Gages should be fully operational by October 1, 2026. CalSIP is currently in the review process and has reached out to Sloughhouse RCD to ask clarifying questions. We are still awaiting a decision on grant approval.

- 2019-01 Deer C NR Sloughhouse CA
- 2009-01 Dry Creek NR Lone CA
- 2011-01 Dry Creek NR Gat CA
- 1158-01 DEER C NR CAMERON PARK CA

## **NEW GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: CATALYST RFP**

**The Catalyst RFP is expected to advance quality jobs in one or more of the following sectors (Biotechnology, Precision Manufacturing, Working Lands, Business Services).**

**PURPOSE OF FUNDING:** The goals of funding Catalyst Pre-Development Phase projects are to:

- Invest in industries that will advance environmentally sustainable, future focused, high quality job opportunities.
- Fund projects that ensure workers and disinvested communities are the primary beneficiaries.
- Advance projects toward implementation readiness, positioning them to compete effectively for future federal, state, or private funding

**The Catalyst fund can cover:**

**Planning and Feasibility:** Planning activities to explore a project's viability. Examples of potential activities include, but are not limited to:

- Feasibility studies
- Market analysis
- Environmental impact assessments, surveys, and remediation
- Site plans, project designs, and necessary permits

**Financial and Legal Frameworks:** Expenses related to setting up financial or legal frameworks for the project. Examples of potential activities include, but are not limited to:

- Legal costs for setting up partnerships or public-private arrangements
- Planning costs to establish financial tools, such as a regional tax financing district
- Creating agreements that benefit the community (Community Benefits Agreements)

**Capacity Building:** Investments to strengthen the project team's ability to plan and execute the project effectively. Examples of potential activities include, but are not limited to:

- Staffing and training costs for project leadership
- Development of sustainable infrastructure plans for essentials like water or waste systems
- Professional development for key team members or partners.
- Financial planning associated with a capital project (e.g., preliminary budget and construction financing)

**Pilot Projects: Pilot projects are eligible for Catalyst funding if they serve as a scalable test for broader implementation.**

- Development of new pilot or demonstration projects and programs that create innovative workforce pathways in priority industry sectors leading to high-quality jobs for disinvested communities. Pilots must also demonstrate the potential for expansion across the region or into multiple regions.

**FUNDS AWARDED** will support activities from the date of award through September 30, 2026. While there is no specified minimum or maximum award, awards are recommended to be up to \$1,000,000. A total of \$9 million in funding is available, with the expectation that not all funds will be allocated to this first round of funding. **A second funding opportunity is planned for the Spring or Summer of 2025.**

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #7

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

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Brittany Friedman, District Manager

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**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Overview**

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

Upcoming CGA Board Meetings

Next Regular Meeting

- Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 8:30-11:30am
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632
- Topics: Member Contribution Funding Agreement and 2024 Annual Report

**Background**

At the most recent CGA meeting, the Board adopted the Member Contribution Funding Agreement. Each GSA must now take this agreement to their Boards for approval/adoption. Funds will be collected on or before June 30, 2025.

EKI is in the process of putting together a draft Annual Report for the Special March 5 meeting. This draft will be sent out to the GSAs by February 21 for comments. A final Report will be presented at the April 2025 CGA Board Meeting.

Staff will work with the Treasurer to put together a draft budget for the 2025-2026 year for the April CGA meeting, as well as begin working on the FY 23-24 CGA Audit which is due June 30, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Board Discussion on CGA activities – general

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #8

Agenda Item Subject: **South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan  
Implementation**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

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**South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation**

Links: [South American Subbasin Website](#)

**SASb Updates**

Sloughhouse RCD attended the SASb Manager Meeting on January 16, 2025. We looked over the draft Annual Report which has been shared with the GSAs, discussed the draft budget for the 5-year review, and heard the news that John Woodling will be stepping down as the GSP/SCGA Manger in June/July 2025. A RFP will be put out to replace him in the near future.

SRCD is currently represented by one representative and has an assignable GSP Administration and Implementation cost of 3.7%. Member contribution agreements will be sent out in early Spring to the GSA's.

**Attachment:** [SASb Annual Report WY 2024](#)

**Recommendations:**

Discuss the draft Annual Report and submit any comments to SASb

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

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item #: #9

Agenda Item Subject: SRCD Staff Report

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: SRCD Staff

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**Staff Updates**

- Staff has been working with Blomberg and Griffin Accounting to complete the FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 Audits. This will likely take several months before a written report will be presented to the Board. Consultant Rick Wood has offered to advise/assist staff if needed.
- Staff will attend the California Small Farm Conference on Feb 23 – 28. The sessions are mostly online with one in-person session in Sacramento.
- Staff, along with Treasurer Gary Silva, has begun working with Shawna, a part-time bookkeeper, to assist with overall financial structures as we continue to take on more grants and bring in more funds.