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Resource Conservation District

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Meeting of the Board - MINUTES

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

When: Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Service District
Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn, Herb Garms, Lindsey Carter, Jay Schneider, Gary Silva Jr.

Associate Directors: Teresa Flewellyn

Staff: Austin Miller, Brittany Friedman

OPENING

Garms called the meeting to order 12:33pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Agenda – March 8, 2023
- b) Minutes – February 8, 2022
- c) Financial Report – March 20223

Director Schneider moved to approve the consent calendar items A and B.

Director Silva Jr. seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Director Silva Jr. moved to approve the consent calendar item C.

Director Washburn seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 3 in favor (Washburn, Silva Jr., Garms) and 1 opposed (Schneider).

REPORTS

a) Staff Report

Staff provided a report on the Virtual CARCD Conference that the Board can attend if they want to, the Sacramento Climate Emergency Task Force updates (discussion on compost in the county), fallen trees in the area and safety regarding this, Quickbooks and Accounting update, Interest in RCD's in Sac County (possibility to expand, partner and grow) and the executive order on well permits.

Finalized:
4/12/23

b) NRCS Report

Toney Tillman provided a report on the deadline for contracts (June 29th) for various Equip programs. March 17 is the deadline for the IRA program where specific fund pools will be eligible (air quality and forest land varieties). April 3 is the deadline for the Equip Program with the selection process taking place on June 23. This second batch also has different funding pools (CIC program, Cali Wildlife Habitat, Recharge Projects, Conservation Planning Activities, On-Farm Activity, Watershed activities, etc.) Also discussed the Emergency Conservation Program for disaster recovery and the deadline to submit is April 14.

c) County Ag Commissioner's Report

None.

d) Board Report

Director Washburn provided a report on the Sac Bee reporter reaching out to her and that she shared some ideas with him but as a representative of herself, only, and not as a SRCD Board Member. Also, provided feedback on the last CGA Public Workshop that SRCD was a part of. Director Carter provided a report on the Farm Bureau and the possible state intervention of the 6 GSP's that DWR released that were denied. Director Garms suggested we place old files found in the Florin RCD office in a new space until we can scan them into an online, integrated system and shred the old files. Also, suggested a possible office space for SRCD staff - a future agenda item topic.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

1. South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

The Board discussed the first meeting as the Executive Committee which was held on February 21, 2023. There will not be another meeting until October 2023, unless needed. Also discussed the Domestic Well Advisory Group (DWAG) and the goal of having representation from each GSA area.

2. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Update

The Board discussed the Member Contribution Agreement and authorizing payment for Fiscal Year '22 - '23 from Sloughhouse RCD to CGA. Also, discussed the fee study next steps as well as a brief discussion on the staff services contract.

Director Silva Jr. moved to approve the member contribution payment.

Director Washburn seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

3. CA DOC Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Grant Application

The Board discussed the overview of this program/grant in its entirety and the idea of Sloughhouse RCD leading the efforts of this grant with the possibility of other partners being involved in the future. This grant could potentially bring \$9 million to the subbasins. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2023 with an interview with DOC in April

and the decision being made before the end of June. A possible steering committee was discussed as part of the decision making process with the grant and keeping it as an agriculture main-focused grant.

Director Washburn moved to authorize staff to apply for this grant with an amendment to the resolution on Agenda Item #3 wording as well as a steering committee made up of GSA's at large.

Director Silva Jr. seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 3 in favor (Garms, Washburn, and Silva Jr.), 1 opposed (Schneider) and 1 absent (Carter).

4. Sloughhouse RCD Budget

The Board discussed approving a \$14,000 budget update to allocate towards staff capacity of bringing Administrative Coordinator Brittany Friedman on full time for Sloughhouse RCD staff as of April 1, 2023.

Director Schneider moved to approve the budget amendment to increase staff capacity.

Director Silva Jr. seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four in favor (Schneider, Washburn, Silva Jr. and Garms) and 1 absent (Carter).

5. Annual Form 700 Filing and Director Training Requirements

Tabled until April Meeting.

6. Grant and Funding Opportunities

Tabled until April Meeting.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

1. Pass regulation to register wells in future resolution.
2. Discussion of the Minutes.
3. Looking at the website.
4. Discussion with Rancho Murieta.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Garms adjourned the meeting at 4:39pm.