

# SLOUGHHOUSE

## Resource Conservation District

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

When: December 18, 2024  
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: **\*ADJUSTED TIME\*** - 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter on the agenda before or during its consideration of the matter. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person and no more than fifteen (15) minutes per topic. For good cause, the Board Chairman may waive these limitations.

**AGENDA ITEM TIME FRAME** – All time allotments are suggested by staff and are an estimate only and subject to change.

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

1. **OPENING / CALL TO ORDER**
2. **CLOSED SESSION AT 11:30AM (STAFF EVALUATION, GOVT CODE 5497, DISTRICT MANAGER)**

*Not open to members of the public - recommended to arrive/log-in at **12pm** for regular Agenda items.*

**3. CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR (Non-Agenda Items)**

**TREASURY REPORT:**

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

**5. 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 – December 18, 2024
- b. Minutes – November 13, 2024
- c. Financial Report – December 2024

**REPORTS:**

- a. USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- b. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report
- c. SRCD Board Reports

**GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:**

1. SRCD Board Appointment Updates
  - a. Ethics Training
2. Grant Updates
  - a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)
  - b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)
  - c. DWR Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP)

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS:**

3. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
  - a. GSP Updates & PMA's
4. South American Subbasin
  - a. GSA Fees

**INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

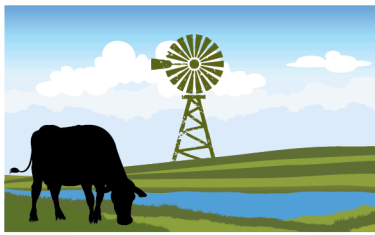
5. SRCD Staff Report
  - a. CARCD Conference
  - b. SRCD Audit
  - c. January Meeting Date

**IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**



# SLOUGHHOUSE

## Resource Conservation District

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

When: Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Services  
15160 Jackson Rd.  
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

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

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn, Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr., Jay Schneider  
Associate Directors: Teresa Flewellyn  
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 12:38pm.*

#### **CLOSED SESSION (STAFF EVALUATION, GOVT CODE 5497, WETA PROGRAM COORDINATOR)**

*Chairman Garms adjourned the Closed Session at 1:07pm and provided a report that the Board and District Manager have evaluated staff Chris Timmer and agreed to a \$1/hr wage increase.*

#### **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. There were several upfront grant costs as well as reimbursements pending from CDFA and it was suggested that staff put together a grant sheet on prospective costs and reimbursements in the future. It was also suggested that staff provide the Board with a printed bank statement the day of the Board meeting.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Agenda – November 13, 2024
- b. Minutes – October 9, 2024
- c. Financial Report – November 2024

*Director Schneider moved to approve the consent calendar.*

*Director Silva seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor and one absent (Carter).*

## **REPORTS**

- a. USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)  
NRCS Representative Toney Tillman provided a report on the Classic EQIP deadline which is November 15, 2024, the IRA deadline which is January 31, 2025 and the CSP deadline which is April 15, 2025. This excludes the NAQI (National Air Quality Initiative) . NRCS is currently processing the funding of applications at higher rates as part of the Act Now Process. The NRCS office can assist those interested in applying for these programs by helping them fill out and submit their application.
- b. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report  
None,
- c. SRCD Board Member Reports
  - Asst. Director Flewellyn reported on the Wildeye Telemetry water levels seen on the Denier Ranch which currently show a technical issue with exponential spikes in water levels either via the Wildeye website or the equipment. To be sure, a crew will be sent out to check the equipment next week and ensure it is working properly.
  - Director Schneider commented on the possibility of working with Rancho Murieta to conduct groundwater water quality testing. SRCD staff is having discussions on water in the area as well as possible projects for the future with the Rancho Murieta staff. Director Schneider also provided a history of work done in the past in the Rancho Murieta area.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. CSDA Membership Renewal 2025**

Sloughhouse RCD is currently under a financial agreement with Rick Wood as part of us being a CSDA regular member. This agreement continues on until June 2025. The CSDA Membership is through December 2024. To continue with our agreement and remain a regular member, SRCD must renew the CSDA membership and decide upon a contribution amount. The Board discussed a payment amount for the CSDA membership, including pondering what the average special district pays. In past years, SRCD has paid \$500 - \$550 in dues. Staff recommended paying \$550 for the Membership dues as well as the \$25 for the State and Federal Labor Poster totaling \$575.

*Director Silva moved to approve and pay \$575 for the membership and poster.*

*Director Schneider seconded the motion.*

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

## **2. SRCD Board Appointments**

Staff provided an update on the status of the Board appointments as was submitted to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. The County will be reviewing the submission in early December and SRCD should have confirmed appointees by the December 18 board meeting.

Due to recent Board Appointments, there is an opening for the Vice Chair position. The role of Vice Chair is mainly to assist or take responsibility in the event that the Chair cannot fulfill their duties or is absent. It was suggested that Director Silva be nominated and confirmed for the Vice Chair position.

*Director Silva moved to accept and confirm the Vice Chair position.*

*Director Washburn seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor and one absent (Carter)*

SRCD recently received an Associate Director application from current Director Washburn whose term will end on December 31, 2024. If approved, she will begin her Associate Director appointment on January 1, 2025. Associate Directors can attend meetings and provide the district with expertise. They are not voting members on Board matters nor are they permitted to take part in closed session meetings.

*Director Silva moved to approve/appointment Director Washburn to the Associate Director position beginning January 1, 2025.*

*Director Schneider seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor and one absent (Carter)*

## **3. Fall Groundwater Monitoring**

Staff provided an update regarding the Fall Groundwater Monitoring process for SRCD who also conducted Clay WD and Galt ID's monitoring. The monitoring took place on Thursday, October 10 and Friday October, 11, 2024. This included Clay WD and Galt ID's wells with 13 water levels to be measured and 4 water quality samples to be taken in total. Due to one well owner not returning our calls/messages and one being out of town, two wells were not able to be monitored. One additional well was able to be monitored in the Galt area.

There was a suggestion to include previous Spring and Fall monitoring data to the Board so they can compare the results. Staff will send this information to the Board. EKI will provide a full report at the CGA meeting on December 4th.

## **4. Grant Updates**

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

Staff provided a report/update on the CAPGP grant. There are currently 6 landowners working with Technical Service Providers (TSP's) with 6 plans completed. The first invoice has been submitted to CDFA for reimbursement. Staff is still continuing outreach

efforts for this grant as there are 10 spots remaining. The Board discussed outreach strategies to fill the Carbon Farm Plan spots. It was suggested to release a report as an example if the contact information and specifics can be removed. Staff will check with CDFA to see if this is permissible.

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

Program Coordinator Chris Timmer provided a written report on the WETA program. Staff attended the CDFA OEFI CSA Technical Assistance Conference that was hosted for TSA providers throughout the state. This was a 2-day conference that focused on the CDFA WETA, SWEEP, HSP, AMMP. Six Well Pump Efficiency tests were performed on Monday November 4th, 2024 with collaboration from Herb Grams, Davis Ranch and Strutz Farms. One irrigation evaluation was conducted on an irrigated pasture with a buried solid set sprinkler system. The water source is from a surface water reservoir and not groundwater.

**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). The application requested a total of \$190,000 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.

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ACTION ITEMS**

**5. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority**

**1. General Board Discussion**

The Board discussed topics that will be presented at the upcoming December 4 Board meeting including member contributions, groundwater monitoring, audit report for the 22-23 FY and the GSP 5-year update. There was also discussion regarding gathering proper data for our knowledge as well as to meet SGMA requirements. It was suggested to look into getting an accurate estimate regarding aquaculture acre ft/pumped and the net consumptive use/metering programs. SRCD is currently on track to meet the recommended corrective actions set out by DWR but it is worth looking into further PMA's we can take part in.

**6. South American Subbasin GSP Implementation**

Sloughhouse RCD attended the SASb Executive Committee Meeting on October 22nd. They are currently trying to refine the scope and budget of the GSP update for SGMA and will meet again on November 21. A 24-25 FY budget was approved with a decision that any budget savings will be carried over to mitigate the costs of the GSP update. SASb is estimating the GSP evaluation and update will cost approximately \$900,000. Staff presented the draft Scope and GSP Budget to the Board.

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. It was suggested to have it legal at the December Board meeting to discuss fees on the SASb side of SRCD. There may be 7 or fewer growers in our district area that we would need either an MOU or Prop 26 to collect fees from.

## **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.

- SRCD will no longer need to approve well permits due to the updated Executive Order N-3-24 issued on September 5, 2024.
- Staff will be attending the CARCD Conference from December 10 – 12, 2024. This Conference will be held at the Double Tree Hilton in Sacramento where a large amount of California RCD staff will be in attendance to present on current grant projects, exchange ideas and potentially build partnerships.
- Due to scheduling conflicts, the scheduled meetings in December 2024 and January 2025 have changed and are reflected on the Sloughhouse Calendar. We are working to have these meetings at the new office location off Jackson Rd. and will confirm this soon.
  - December Meeting: Wednesday, December 18 from 12:30 – 3:30pm
  - January Meeting: Wednesday, January 15 from 12:30 – 3:30pm

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

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

Board Election Updates  
Closed Session for District Manager Staff Evaluation  
DWR CalSIP application status

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Garms adjourned the meeting at 3:23pm.*



# Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

## Expenses Needing Board Approval

All Dates

DATE	AMOUNT	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
CARCD		
12/14/2024	16,684.29	Staff Wages - November 2024
<b>Total for CARCD</b>	<b>\$16,684.29</b>	
Kronick		
12/14/2024	1,207.50	General Legal through October 2024
<b>Total for Kronick</b>	<b>\$1,207.50</b>	
Molly Taylor		
12/14/2024	10,000.00	Conservation Plan Payment - Carbon Farm Plan #3
<b>Total for Molly Taylor</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority		
12/16/2024	7,127.00	FY 24-25 Member Contribution
<b>Total for Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority</b>	<b>\$7,127.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,018.79</b>	

# Sloughouse Resource Conservation District

## Balance Sheet

As of December 17, 2024

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	
Operations Sustainability Reserves (6576) - 2	256,340.29
Public Checking (2162) - 2	71,347.88
Special Projects Reserve (6568) - 2	256,340.29
<b>Total Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)</b>	<b>\$584,028.46</b>
Accounts Receivable	<b>\$30,720.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$614,748.46</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$614,748.46</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	
Current Liabilities	<b>\$35,018.79</b>
<b>Total Liabilities (Accounts Payable)</b>	<b>\$35,018.79</b>
Equity	
Opening balance equity	565,311.79
Retained Earnings	41,167.94
Net Revenue	-26,750.06
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$579,729.67</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$614,748.46</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)	21,000.00	65,000.00	-44,000.00	32.31 %
Contributed income				
4500 Grant Income	98,013.11	154,025.00	-56,011.89	63.63 %
<b>Total Contributed income</b>	<b>98,013.11</b>	<b>154,025.00</b>	<b>-56,011.89</b>	<b>63.63 %</b>
Investment income				
4900 Interest Income (94941000)	1,903.26	18,000.00	-16,096.74	10.57 %
<b>Total Investment income</b>	<b>1,903.26</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>-16,096.74</b>	<b>10.57 %</b>
Other Income				
4100 Tax Revenue (91-)		177,813.00	-177,813.00	
4200 Groundwater Sustainability Fee		222,903.00	-222,903.00	
4300 Intergovernmental Revenue (95-)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
4700 Misc. Other Revenue (97979000)	2,340.00	2,000.00	340.00	117.00 %
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,340.00</b>	<b>404,716.00</b>	<b>-402,376.00</b>	<b>0.58 %</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$123,256.37</b>	<b>\$641,741.00</b>	<b>\$ -518,484.63</b>	<b>19.21 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$123,256.37</b>	<b>\$641,741.00</b>	<b>\$ -518,484.63</b>	<b>19.21 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	10,961.63	20,000.00	-9,038.37	54.81 %
Bank fees & service charges				
5200 Assessment/Collections Services (20250700)		1,750.00	-1,750.00	
<b>Total Bank fees &amp; service charges</b>		<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>-1,750.00</b>	
Internet & TV services	780.00		780.00	
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>	
Small tools & equipment				
5280 Equipment, Tools, Furniture (<\$5k)	3,030.95		3,030.95	
<b>Total Small tools &amp; equipment</b>	<b>3,030.95</b>		<b>3,030.95</b>	
<b>Total 5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)</b>	<b>18,037.08</b>	<b>28,750.00</b>	<b>-10,712.92</b>	<b>62.74 %</b>
5510 CDFA Conservation Ag Planning Grant (CAPGP)	38,180.00	2,000.00	36,180.00	1,909.00 %
5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)				
5221 WETA Personnel - Salaries & Wages	35,223.26	77,613.00	-42,389.74	45.38 %
5222 WETA Supplies	161.17	6,000.00	-5,838.83	2.69 %
5223 WETA Travel	807.34	1,808.00	-1,000.66	44.65 %
5224 WETA Contractors/Labor Costs	3,793.42	15,000.00	-11,206.58	25.29 %
5225 WETA Other Direct Costs	140.00		140.00	
<b>Total 5520 CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant (WETA)</b>	<b>40,125.19</b>	<b>100,421.00</b>	<b>-60,295.81</b>	<b>39.96 %</b>
Contract & professional fees				

# 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
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 %
Accounting fees		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
Investment management fees	-9,910.41		-9,910.41	
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>5,188.59</b>	<b>211,913.00</b>	<b>-206,724.41</b>	<b>2.45 %</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>
Interest paid	-7,729.14		-7,729.14	
Occupancy				
Cleaning	200.00		200.00	
Rent	3,000.00	18,000.00	-15,000.00	16.67 %
Utilities	500.00	6,000.00	-5,500.00	8.33 %
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>3,700.00</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>	<b>-20,300.00</b>	<b>15.42 %</b>
Payroll expenses				
Salaries & wages				
5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)				
Staff Costs (Friedman)	46,594.76	120,351.00	-73,756.24	38.72 %
Staff Costs (Timmer)		29,649.00	-29,649.00	
<b>Total 5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)</b>	<b>46,594.76</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>-103,405.24</b>	<b>31.06 %</b>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; wages</b>	<b>46,594.76</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>-103,405.24</b>	<b>31.06 %</b>
<b>Total Payroll expenses</b>	<b>46,594.76</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>-103,405.24</b>	<b>31.06 %</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>\$150,006.43</b>	<b>\$542,584.00</b>	<b>\$ -392,577.57</b>	<b>27.65 %</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -26,750.06</b>	<b>\$99,157.00</b>	<b>\$ -125,907.06</b>	<b>-26.98 %</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$ -26,750.06</b>	<b>\$99,157.00</b>	<b>\$ -125,907.06</b>	<b>-26.98 %</b>

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

Agenda Date: December 18, 2024

Agenda Item #: #2

Agenda Item Subject: **SRCD Board Appointment Updates**

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Brittany Friedman, District Manager

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**Approved Board Appointments**

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, December 10 to vote on the on the appointed SRCD Board Roles. All submitted roles were approved. As a reminder, these roles will go into effect as of January 1, 2025. The Board of Directors and its designated roles will now appear as such:

- Herb Garms (Chair) - 2026
- Gary Silva (Vice Chair and Treasurer) – 2026
- Jay Schneider – 2028
- Lindsey Carter – 2028
- Teresa Flewellyn – 2028
  - Barbara Washburn (Associate Director)

**Ethics Training**

Per State and Board Regulations, Board members and shall take and complete an Ethics Training every two years. The last SRCD Ethics Training was completed in March 2021 so we are overdue. Staff and the Board, alike, will need to take and complete Kronick’s Local Agency Ethics Training (AB 1234) by March 1, 2025. Staff will coordinate this with legal and Board members to ensure completion.

**Link:** [AB 1234: Ethics Training for Local Officials](#)

**Staff Recommendations**

- Coordinate with staff to complete the Ethics Training by March 1, 2025

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

Agenda Date: December 18, 2024

Agenda Item #: #3

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 has already begun to work on the 2-year grant contract agreement.

- SRCD has entered into agreements with these certified conservation planners to write the plans.
  - Matthew Wacker – 2 Grazing Management Plans in Sacramento County and 1 in Tuolumne County
  - Harol Gallardo – 8 Soil Health Plans (1 in Tuolumne, 7 in Sac County), 7 Carbon Farming Plans (4 in Sacramento County and 1 in Tuolumne) and 1 CEMA Carbon Sequestration Plan in Sacramento County
  - Molly Taylor – 3 Carbon Farming Plans in Alpine County
  - Ian Vielli – 2 Irrigation Water Management Plans in Sacramento County
- Identifying landowners whose property will receive the conservation plans.
  - Interest form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRCDconservationplanning>
  - The remaining round of applications will be open until the slots are filled up (only 5 conservation plans remain open at this time).
- SRCD Staff Time for the Grant totals around \$19,250 to reimbursed to us

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

On July 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

- WETA Grant Finances:

Budget Category	Amount	Invoice 1 03/31/2024	Invoice 2 06/30/2024	Invoice 3 09/30/2024	REMAINING	% used
Personnel (75%)	292,300.00		19,931.80	19,949.80	252,418.40	14%
Travel	14,423.00		693.73	1,005.80	12,723.47	12%
Supplies	4,500.00		1,482.30	380.28	2,637.42	41%
Contractual	30,000.00		6,873.86	3,793.42	19,332.72	36%
Other	4,500.00			140.00	4,360.00	3%
Indirect Expenses	86,430.00		7,245.42	6,317.33	72,867.25	16%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>432,153.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>36,227.11</b>	<b>31,586.63</b>	<b>364,339.26</b>	<b>16%</b>

- One irrigation evaluation was conducted on an irrigated pasture with a buried solid set sprinkler system. The water source is from a surface water reservoir and not groundwater. This was a unique system and weather (20-40 mph winds) greatly affected the evaluation on the first day.



- Six Well Pump Efficiency tests were performed on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with collaboration from Herb Grams, Davis Ranch and Strutz Farms.



- Staff attended the CDFA OEFI CSA Technical Assistance Conference that was hosted for TSA providers throughout the state. This was a 2-day conference that focused on the CDFA WETA, SWEEP, HSP, AMMP. Below is a list of trainings, dashboards and resources that can help staff become more well versed in the Technical Service Provider (TSPs) and Conservation Planning.

### Links for Trainings:

- [Nitrogen & Irrigation Management Training](#) – CDFA Division of Inspection Services
- [Produce Safety Program Training](#) - CDFA
- [Conservation Webinar Portal](#) – NRCS
- [AgLearn](#) – USDA – Contact Marcos Perez – narcos.perez@usda.gov
- [Conservation Professional Training Program](#) –NRCS
- [Technical Assistance Provider\(TAP\) Certification Program](#) - Chico State University – Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems
- [Training Carbon Farm Planners](#) – Carbon Cycle Institute
- NRCS in person Trainings – Usually 4-5 spots available for RCDs

AgLearn



Carbon Cycle Institute



Conservation Training Program

### Links for Networking/Meetings:

- [California Conservation Planning Partnership](#) - C2P2 Monthly Meeting – CARCD
- [Café Hour](#) – Carbon Cycle Institute

### **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 on October 31, 2024 to reactive 3 stream gages (2 in the Cosumnes Subbasin and 1 in the South American Subbasin). The application requested a total of \$190,000 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



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

Agenda Date: December 18, 2024

Agenda Item #: #4

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

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Brittany Friedman, District Manager

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Overview**

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

Upcoming CGA Board Meetings

Next Regular Meeting

- Wednesday, February 5, 2024, 8:30-11:30am
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632
- Topics: Member Contributions, PMA's and GSP 5-year Updates

**GSP Updates**

At CGA's recent meeting, the Board decided to explore updating the GSP in terms of funding, Projects and Management items and a general scope overview. This was decided over an amendment process which would be more timely and costly to take on. Staff will be meeting with EKI to discuss a plan moving forward. Each GSA will need to be forthcoming with projects they are working on, potential projects and funding associated. The 5-year GSP Update will need to be submitted in January 2027.

Project or Management Action?	Action Name	Estimated Cost	Estimated Costs Breakdown
Project	OHWD Ag Flood Managed Aquifer Recharge	\$49,700,000	20 million capital costs plus \$660,000/year in O & M
Project	SAFCA Flood-Mar	\$107,100,000	18 million capital costs plus \$1,980,000/year in O & M
Project	OHWD Cosumnes River Flow Augmentation	\$4,500,000	\$100,000/year in O & M
Project	City of Galt Recycled Water Project	\$2,750,000	\$50,000/year in O & M
Management Action	Voluntary Land Repurposing	\$19,350,000	\$430,000 - \$935,000/year - based on lower O & M costs
Management Action	Groundwater Banking and Sale	\$6,850,000	1 million capital costs plus \$130,000/year in O & M

### **PMA's**

As part of SRCD's identified recommended corrective actions and project management actions, staff is still working to identify alternative monitoring wells for our network. Staff was able to include a new well identified by Gary Silva as well as the wells monitored by Wildeye.

In addition to this, reactivating stream gauges was also identified by EKI as a PMA and we are awaiting word from DWR on the CalSIP grant funding.

Staff is interested in exploring further options to expand our PMA's and support the basin such as recharge projects or land repurposing.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Board Discussion on CGA activities – general

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

Agenda Date: December 18, 2024

Agenda Item #: #5

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 Executive Committee Meeting on November 21. They are currently trying to refine the scope and budget of the GSP update for SGMA. A 24-25 FY budget was approved with a decision that any budget savings will be carried over to mitigate the costs of the GSP update. SASb is estimating the GSP evaluation and update will cost approximately \$900,000.

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. It is possible for SRCD to implement a fee on our GSA area in SoAm, if the Board decides on this.

**Attachment:** [SASb GSP Scope and Budget \(draft\)](#)

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

Agenda Date: December 18, 2024

Agenda Item #: #6

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 attended the CARCD Conference on December 10 – 12, 2024. This Conference was held at the Double Tree Hilton in Sacramento where a large amount of California RCD staff was in attendance to present on current grant projects, exchange ideas and potentially build partnerships. Several follow-up meetings will take place based on connections made at the conference that staff is very excited about including meeting with CARCD's Ag and Watershed Team, Sacramento Valley Conservancy and a new Natural and Working Lands Hub for the Central Sierras.
  
- Due to scheduling conflicts, the scheduled meeting in January 2025 has change and are reflected on the Sloughhouse Calendar
  - January Meeting: Wednesday, January 15 from 12:30 – 3:30pm

