



# SLOUGHHOUSE

## Resource Conservation District

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

When: Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Service District  
Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

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

Associate Directors: Teresa Flewellyn

Staff: Austin Miller, Brittany Friedman

#### **OPENING**

*Chairman Garms called the meeting to order at 12:38pm*

#### **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 – May 10, 2023
- b. Minutes – April 12, 2023
- c. Financial Report – May 2023

*Director Schneider moved to have a staff directive including individual staff wages and open invoices in the financial reports going forward.*

*Director Silva Jr. seconded the motion.*

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

*Director Schneider moved to approve the consent calendar.*

*Director Washburn seconded the motion.*

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

#### **REPORTS**

- a. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Report  
Tony Tillman provided an email (read aloud by staff) with updates on well approvals as well as new grant opportunities available for Ag Sustainability.
- b. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report  
The Ag Advisory Committee Meetings are now occurring monthly and are open to the public.
- c. SRCD Board Member Reports

Approved on:  
06/14/2023

Director Schneider commented on well monitoring in the area and suggested SRCD should include well-drillers in the area on our mailing list.  
Director Washburn commented on and suggested a possible workshop with CGA and other partners to discuss the Delta Repurposing Program.

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Informational Presentation from *Wildeye Remote Monitoring*

For more information: <https://www.mywildeye.com/>

## **GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

1. Scope of Work from The Freshwater Trust, Review and Revise NRCS Practice List  
The Board discussed the possible partnership with the Freshwater Trust on a Regional Conservation Partnership program and reviewed the agreement and scope of work related to it.

*Director Schneider motioned to table this item.*

*Director Washburn seconded the motion,*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

2. CDFA Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation Grant Programs
  - a. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program - Award Agreement  
The Board discussed the parameters of this award agreement and the language used within.

*Director Washburn moved to approve this agreement.*

*Director Silva Jr. seconded the motion,*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

- b. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance  
The board reviewed the application for this grant as well as the deliverables and benefits of said grant program.

*Director Silva Jr. moved to approve this application for submission.*

*Director Washburn seconded the motion,*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

- c. State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program  
The board reviewed the application for this grant as well as the deliverables and benefits of said grant program.

*Director Washburn moved to approve this application for submission.*

*There was no second on this motion.*

*The motion did not pass.*

3. UCANR Range Camp Scholarships

The Board discussed the Range Camp which is being held in Half Moon Bay from June 18 - 23, 2023 which provides students the opportunity to explore science and management or natural resources. Also discussed was the possibility of authorizing up to \$1,500 for scholarships for 2 high school students in or near the Sloughhouse RCD area.

*Director Schneider moved to approve the authorization for two scholarships.*

*Director Silva Jr. seconded this motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

#### **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

4. Groundwater Sustainability Fee Update

Item tabled.

5. Process for GSP Consistency Review of Well Permits

The Board discussed well permit review guidelines for the Sloughhouse RCD area including questions proposed to help inform GSA efforts. They also looked at submitted public comment letters as well as a letter submitted from Director Washburn. Public members provided feedback on new well approval guidelines in making sure they are consistent with groundwater sustainability plans as well as the suggestion that staff provide more possible action items when a new well is proposed for approval. There is concern that the groundwater pumping levels will impact surrounding areas, farms, homes, etc. Suggestions on well permit guidelines include: map updates, pump information, SGMA monitoring network inclusion, flow meter installations and administrative review fees. Conserving water is a major concern, as noted by public and board comments.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6. SRCD Staff Report

Item tabled.

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

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

Item 4 revisited

Irrigation fee and budget

Public comment, agenda, administrative and minute policies

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Garms adjourned the meeting at 4:51pm.*