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Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Where: Rancho Murieta CSD Office
15160 Jackson HWY
Rancho Murieta, CA

Or

Via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83179067882>
Meeting ID: 831 7906 7882
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Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 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 Austin Miller before February 9, 2022 via email [info@SloughhouseRCD.org] or telephone [916-526-5447] to discuss your accessibility needs.

OPENING:

1. Call to Order

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR (Non-Agenda Items) (15 minutes)

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. (5 minutes)

- a. Agenda – March 9, 2022

- b. Minutes – February 9, 2022
- c. Financial Report – March 2022
- d. Resolution 2022.3 – Authorizing Teleconference Meeting Options (AB 361 compliance)

REPORTS:

- a. Staff Report (5 minutes)
- b. NRCS Report (5 minutes)
- c. Board Report (5 minutes)

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

1. Update: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (20 minutes)
2. Consideration and Possible Action re: Support of CARCD Grant Application: DOC Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program (15 minutes)
3. Consideration and Possible Action re: SRCD Committee Assignments (15 minutes)
4. Update: SRCD Long Term Planning Process (20 minutes)
5. Update: SRCD Groundwater Sustainability Fee (10 minutes)

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

ADJOURNMENT



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Meeting of the Board - MINUTES Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

When: Wednesday, February 9th, 2022
Where: via Zoom
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Board Members: Jay Schneider, Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr., Barbara Washburn, Lindsey Liebig
Staff: Austin Miller

OPENING

Garms called the meeting to order 1:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Board President may waive these limitations.

A member of the public made a public comment regarding SRCD's role in the development of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP and our outreach efforts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Agenda – February 9, 2022
- b) Minutes – January 12, 2022
- c) Financial Report – February 2022
- d) Resolution 2022.2 – Authorizing Teleconference Meeting Options (AB 361 compliance)

Director Schneider requested to remove Consent Calendar Item c for separate consideration/discussion.

Director Liebig moved to approve consent calendar items a, b, and d.

Director Washburn seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Director Silva moved to approve consent calendar item c.

Director Liebig seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

REPORTS

- a) Staff Report
Staff provided a report on administrative work being done.
- b) NRCS Report



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Toney Tillman provided an update on the Elk Grove NRCS Office. Their office is now open, with limited capacity, to the public.

- c) Board Report
None.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and Possible Action re: Agreement for Accounting & Financial Services from CSDA
Director Liebig moved to approve the drafted agreement, not to exceed \$5,000, for financial services from CSDA. Director Washburn seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
2. Consideration and Possible Action re: Committee Assignments
This item was moved to a future agenda.
3. Update: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Staff and Director Liebig provided an updated on CGA activities.
4. Update: SGMA Implementation in the South American Subbasin
Staff provided an update on implementation of the South American Subbasin GSP.
5. Update: SRCD LongTerm Planning Process
The Board discussed the Long Term Planning Process for the District.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board approved the follow future agenda items by consensus:

- Meeting Location (Operating Engineers)

ADJOURNMENT

Garms adjourned the meeting at 3:04 pm.



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Financial Report

March 2022

Deposits (Revenue):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Revenue Type</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Sub-Total			\$ -

New Bills (Expenditures):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Office Supplies	Austin Miller	General	\$ 69.82
Staff Time (January)	CARCD	General	\$ 7,515.72
Legal Services (January, Groundwater)	KMT&G	General	\$ 260.00
Legal Services (January, General)	KMT&G	General	\$ 471.75
Sub-Total			\$ 8,317.29

Impress Fund Balance: \$500	Total Change in Account Balance	\$ (8,317.29)
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION No. 2022.3

**Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meeting Options During Proclaimed State of
Emergencies**

WHEREAS, the Sloughhouse Resources Conservation District ("District") is committed to preserving public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all regular meetings of the District are open an public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950-54963) , so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Board conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, (Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)) makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section, proclaiming the existence of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Cal. Gov. Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent variants; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer issued the Sacramento County Covid-19 Public Health Order that, in addition to other measures, encourages all individuals adhere with Covid-19 safety measures including social distancing. This Order went into effect on July 30, 2021 and will stay in effect until it is rescinded or amended by the Sacramento County Health Officer. This Order aligns with previous health orders, but supersedes those of 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that COVID-19 exposure has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District

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that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of PVGSA shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the conditions described above exist in the District and the District Board of Directors has considered the circumstances of the State of Emergency as well as local orders and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the District makes all agendas and materials available online, and provides free access to meetings via telephone or Zoom, and all persons requiring additional assistance to access meetings may contact the District Manager, Austin Miller, to request reasonable accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the decision to meet telephonically must be renewed at least every 30 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District as follows:

1. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District and ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

2. The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors may meet via teleconference, as authorized by Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, 2021), between the time of this resolution's adoption and 30 days after that date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) March 9, 2022, or such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Board may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

3. All meetings held via teleconference will comply with meeting requirements outlined in Assembly Bill 361. The District Manager and the Board are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(3) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of March, 2022, by the following vote, to- wit:

AYES:

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NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Sloughouse Resources Conservation District, and that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on March 9, 2022 that Resolution 2022.3 was adopted and has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adaptation and that it is now in full force and effect.

Austin Miller, SRCD Secretary

Date

Agenda Item Reports A (Staff)

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022

Agenda Item #: N/A
Agenda Item Subject: Staff Report

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Updates

- Meeting with Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Board Clerk's Office on March 11, 2022 to discuss the potential of using the AgendaNet system for meeting announcements/materials.
- Dane Wadle with CSDA organized a meeting on February 23, 2022 with Assemblymember Cooper's District Director. Staff from Sloughhouse RCD, Wilton Fire, and Galt-Arno Commentary District provided updates and thanked their office for support of the Covid-19 Relief Funding for Special Districts.

Agenda Item #1

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

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022
Agenda Item #: #1
Agenda Item Subject: Update: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

CGA Staff are currently working on migrating materials from the Cosumnes Subbasin Working Group Website (Cosumnes.WaterForum.org) which will be removed by March 31, 2022. Additionally, CGA has updated contact information:

- CosumnesGroundwater.org
- info@CosumnesGroundwater.org
- CGA Administrator, Austin Miller: 916-526-5447

The March CGA Board of Directors meeting will be held:

- Monday, March 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
- Galt Police Community Meeting Room (455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632)
- via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83179067882>)

Attachments

- None

Staff Recommendation

1. None

Agenda Item #2

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

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022

Agenda Item #: #2
Agenda Item Subject: Consideration and Possible Action re: Support of CARCD Grant Application: DOC Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) is planning on applying for a Department of Conservation Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program block grant. If awarded, local RCDs would receive subawards to fund applicable projects.

Attachments

- None

Staff Recommendation

1. Direct Staff to prepare a letter of support for CARCD's grant application.



New DOC Funding Opportunity: Nuts, Bolts & Next Steps

HANNAH TIKALSKY, CARCD

Overview of the Opp.

- App due April 1
- ~ 6 pages incl. “essays” and budget summary
- Interview for finalists in April
- Awards decided May 2022, funded through May 2026
- CARCD offering to be applicant/Block Grant Awardee
- RCDs + your collaborators & partners are subawardees
- CARCD manage the invoicing, reporting, and all DOC responsibilities (meetings, etc.) to ensure we uphold our responsibilities and you and your folks get paid
- CARCD stands up a collaborative between us to share what we are up to, barriers, successes etc.



KEY DATES



LOGISTICS

Multibenefit Program Goals

Overall goal: Support regional efforts to sustain land-based economies and the communities that rely on them while achieving groundwater sustainability

Subgoals:

- Create or restore **wildlife habitat and wildlife connectivity**, including seasonal wetland habitat to replenish aquifers
- Improve groundwater supply, including through **groundwater recharge and improved baseflows in rivers and streams**
- Provide benefits to disadvantaged communities and **socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers**
- Foster **partnerships and collaboration among diverse entities at the regional scale** to effectively meet this program's goals
- Develop **scalable, transferable land models** to reduce groundwater reliance
- Support **farmer, rancher, and farm worker leadership** in multibenefit land repurposing strategies and project implementation
- Provide **flexible and efficient support to grantees** so that they can lead expeditious and adaptive programs to meet their needs.

3

Multibenefit Program Activities

Overall: Awardees will develop a Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan that **identifies and prioritizes projects to address groundwater sustainability within their region.**

Details:

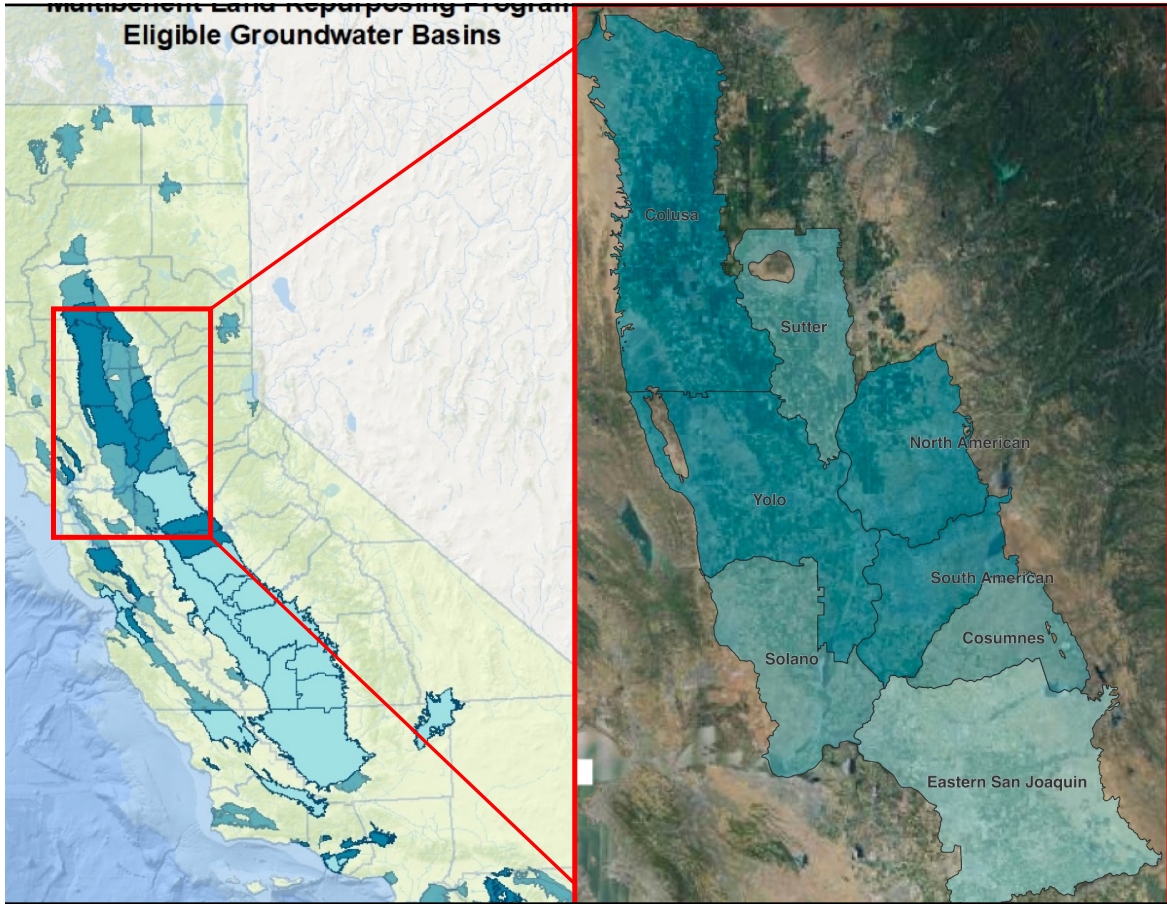
- Plans must be **consistent with GSPs** for the region
- Plans prioritize projects that provide **meaningful benefits to disadvantaged communities** and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.
- Block grant recipients should propose the most effective means to implement projects to meet their goals. This may **include subcontracting with conservation partner organizations, paying farmers and ranchers** to lead implementation, **working with academic institutions**, or other options as appropriate.

Activity classes:

1. Plan development
2. Project development and permitting
3. Project implementation
4. Outreach/education/training
5. Project monitoring and eval

4

**Management Land Repurposing Program
Eligible Groundwater Basins**



CARCD's Block Grant Proposal:

- 8 Subbasins
 - 1 Critically Over Drafted
 - 4 High Priority
 - 3 Medium Priority
- 9 Partner RCDs
- 2 NGO Partners
- "Recharge & rewilding" themes and presenting "what's possible"

Agenda Item #3

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022

Agenda Item #: #3
Agenda Item Subject: Consideration and Possible Action re: SRCD Committee Assignments

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

A Board committee is a subset of the full Board. These types of committees are formed to perform Board tasks and bring recommendations to the Board when Board actions are required. As detailed in the Sloughhouse RCD GSP Readiness Plan, it is in the Board's interest to periodically review committee makeups to allow for new skills and insights to be incorporated into the committee and/or to allow long-term members to assume new responsibilities.

Attachments

- Sloughhouse RCD Board of Directors Committee Assignments

Staff Recommendation

1. Affirm committee assignments.

Sloughouse RCD Board of Directors Committee Assignments

Presented: March 2022 Board Meeting

Committee	Members	Tasks	Notes	
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)	Current Members	Committee Tasks	Responsible Member	Notes
	Herb Garm (Chair)	Cosumnes Groundwater Authority	Lindsey Liebig	
	Barbara Washburn		Herb Garms	
	Jay Schneider	South American Subbasin	Austin Miller	
	Lindsey Liebig		Herb Garms	
	Gary Silva			
	Pedro Aratanha Austin Miller			
SRCD Outreach and Engagement	Current Members	Committee Tasks	Responsible Member	Notes
	Lindsey Liebig (Chair)	Outreach support as needed.		
	Barbara Washburn		All	
Finance	Current Memembrs	Committee Tasks	Responsible Member	Notes
	Gary Silva (Chair)	Annual Budget development, periodic financial statement review, and supports staff as needed.	All	
	Herb Garms			
Projects	Current Memembrs	Committee Tasks	Responsible Member	Notes
	Barbara Washburn (Chair)	Supports staff in project development as needed.		
	Lindsey Liebig		All	
	Pedro Aratanha			

Agenda Item #4

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022

Agenda Item #: #4
Agenda Item Subject: Update: SRCD Long Term Planning Process

To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

As the Board discussed in January and February, Government Code Section 9084 (The Division of Resource Conservation, Funds and Expenditures) requires that all Resource Conservation Districts receiving funds from the Department of Conservation must prepare an annual and long-range work plans pursuant to Government Code Section 9413 (Resource Conservation Districts, General Powers of District). Additionally, thoughtful annual and long-range plans will provide additional clarity of the Board's interests and priorities to guide staff work.

Director Washburn, District Manager Austin Miller, and community member Kathy Beasley have reviewed the state requirements, reviewed other RCDs' plans, and drafted the attached outline for a SRCD 5-year Plan. Once adopted, this Plan would then inform the development of annual work plans.

Attachments:

- Draft 5-year Plan Outline and Priority Area Descriptions

Staff Recommendation

- Approve the 5-year Plan Outline and direct staff to prepare a complete draft SRCD 5-year Plan for Board review.

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Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District 5-year Plan Plan Outline 3-4-22

Background Info:

- California's Resource Conservation District law (Public Resource Code Division 9) outlines a strategic planning process for districts that includes a 5-year plan, an annual plan, and an annual report.
- 5-year plans define focus areas, establish priorities for action, and provide a structure to hold districts accountable for progress over time.
- Goals for creating a SRCD 5-Year Plan
 - Create a document that combines both achievable and aspirational focus areas and priorities for action
 - Incorporate active involvement in the implementation of SGMA
 - Recognize SRCD's history of promoting resource conservation in the district
 - Embrace opportunities to broaden and enhance the range of district activities
 - Strive toward a customer-service orientation, providing resources and support for a broader range of stakeholders within the district
- Estimated total length: 15 pages

Outline of 5-Year Plan:

1. Introduction:

- a. Brief description, map and history of district; brief summary of past accomplishments; note intensive involvement over past 5 years in SGMA process; end with purpose of 5-year plan (provide a strategy for continuing existing services while embracing both achievable and aspirational opportunities to grow the district's capability to serve a broad range of stakeholders within the district).

2. Overview:

- a. Provide district's Mission, Vision and Goals as adopted previously during the GSP Readiness Plan process (late 2020);
 - i. **Mission:** Our mission is to serve the diverse stakeholders within the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District to become better stewards of our natural resources through education, outreach, and implementing conservation projects to advance the long-term sustainability of working landscapes, rural life, and our unique environment.
 - ii. **Vision:** Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District supports management of natural resources through collaboration with stakeholders and partners in the district to successfully balance the wide range of programs that protect groundwater for long-term sustainability, soil for agricultural productivity and environmental values, surface water for multiple uses including agriculture, fish, and wildlife, and natural areas for their habitat value.

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iii. Goals:

1. Have a diverse Board of Directors that represents the community Sloughhouse RCD serves to work together and build better partnerships with community members.
2. Collaborate with local, regional, and statewide agencies and develop partnerships on sustainability projects across all focus areas.
3. Educate stakeholders and the public about sustainable agricultural and natural resources management.
4. Achieve long-term natural resource sustainability goals to prepare for future changes and needs.

3. Identify Priority Focus Areas for SRCD:

- a. **Water Sustainability** (sustainability of groundwater and surface water for all users and stakeholders)
- b. **Watershed Health** (stewardship of wetlands, wildlife habitat, ecosystems, etc.)
- c. **Soil Health and Conservation** (support revitalization of damaged soils)
- d. **Hazard Planning and Support** (flooding, grassland fires, erosion)
- e. **Protection of Rural Lifestyle** (support sustainability of agriculture, ag res, equestrian, recreational land uses, etc. through advocacy and education about laws and regulations.)
- f. **Community Engagement** (outreach, education, resources, feedback)
- g. **District Operations** (capacity building, board development, RCD Vision and Standards)

4. Identify Potential Barriers and Opportunities:

a. Barriers:

- i. Limited capacity of district's human resources and budget
- ii. Intensive need to continue time-consuming work on SGMA

b. Opportunities:

- i. Availability of state and federal grants
- ii. Multiple low-cost ways to improve current level of service to broad range of district residents
- iii. Build a corps of volunteers to assist on specific projects

5. The 5-Year Plan:

- a. Priority Focus Area – Water Sustainability (Draft Attached)
 - i. Background
 - o Both surface water and groundwater sustainability are important to Sloughhouse RCD. Groundwater sustainability reflect the ability to

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maintain groundwater conditions that support all beneficial uses of groundwater within the Cosumnes and South American Subbasin, in line with our efforts as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Surface water sustainability refers to maintaining flows in the Cosumnes River and other waterways that supports farming and environmental uses. Furthermore, the two are interconnected. Surface water can recharge the aquifer and groundwater can contribute to baseflow in waterways. Sloughhouse RCD's attention to water sustainability will be central to all other areas of focus.

- ii. SRCD's Role
- iii. Proposed Actions
- iv. Potential resources to support actions
- b. Priority Focus Area – Watershed Health
 - i. Background
 - The Cosumnes River Watershed is an integral part of Sacramento County. The watershed supports a rich community of native flora and fauna and serves as a source of water for agricultural, municipal, and recreational purposes.
 - ii. SRCD's Role
 - iii. Proposed Actions
 - iv. Potential resources to support actions
- c. Priority Focus Area – Soil Health and Conservation
 - i. Background
 - Sloughhouse RCD's existence is tied to the man-made Dust Bowl of the 1930s, and the need to develop and implement conservation practices to reduce soil loss and promote healthy soil resources. Soil health projects could include addressing erosion issues, increasing water holding capacity and infiltration rates, sequestering atmospheric carbon in the soil, and more.
 - ii. SRCD's Role
 - iii. Proposed Actions
 - iv. Potential resources to support actions
- d. Priority Focus Area – Hazard Planning and Support
 - i. Background
 - From fires to floods, areas within Sloughhouse RCD have been greatly impacted from a number of natural disasters and continue to be at risk. In addition to worst case scenarios where human life is threatened, productive land can become unproductive, watershed health decline, and countless other negative impacts result from these disasters. Sloughhouse RCD is keenly positioned to work with partners (like Rancho Murieta Fire Safe Council, RD 800, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, and others) to minimize risk and support recovery from multiple types of disasters.

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- ii. SRCD's Role
- iii. Proposed Actions
- iv. Potential resources to support actions
- e. Priority Focus Area – Protection of Rural Lifestyle
 - i. Background
 - o Sloughhouse RCD covers rural Southeast Sacramento County. Open space and agricultural activity are characteristics of our region that many residents prioritize. Programs that support rural living (groundwater well support, small farms support, etc.) and promote resource conservation should be prioritized.
 - ii. SRCD's Role
 - iii. Proposed Actions
 - iv. Potential resources to support actions
- f. Priority Focus Area – Community Engagement
 - i. Background
 - o Making progress towards any of our goals will require strong relationships with our community. Sloughhouse RCD strives to be as transparent as possible. We will work with partners (ex: other special districts, community organizations, etc.) and existing outreach plans (ex: Cosumnes Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan) to elevate our efforts.
 - ii. SRCD's Role
 - iii. Proposed Actions
 - iv. Potential resources to support actions
- g. Priority Focus Area – District Operations
 - i. Background
 - o Sloughhouse RCD is a Resource Conservation District, a California Special District, and a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Each designation has a variety of minimum requirements that we must meet. Additionally, Sloughhouse RCD strives to be a trusted public agency that our constituents find great value in.
 - ii. SRCD's Role
 - iii. Proposed Actions
 - iv. Potential resources to support actions

Agenda Item #5

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

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022
Agenda Item #: #5
Agenda Item Subject: Update: SRCD Groundwater Sustainability Fee
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

As of March 1, 2022, we have generated (via the County of Sacramento's Department of Finance) \$91,998.80 from the Sloughhouse RCD Groundwater Sustainability Fee.

We have received only 3 appeals (totaling \$4,258.44) that Staff approved and processed.

We are anticipating generating an additional ~\$55,000 from the Sloughhouse RCD Groundwater Sustainability Fee in the coming months.

At this time, the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority has indicated that they will propose a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget that is similar to Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. This would mean that the Groundwater Sustainability Fee that the Sloughhouse RCD Board of Directors levied in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 would generate adequate funding for our cost share in the coming year.

Attachments

- None.

Staff Recommendation

1. Confirm that Staff should prepare documents for Board review to implement the groundwater sustainability fee for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.