



SLOUGHHOUSE

Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting of the Board Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Agenda

When: Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Service District
15160 Jackson Hwy.
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

or

[Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81224426556](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81224426556)

Meeting ID: 812 2442 6556

Call in Number: +1-669-444-9171

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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OPENING / CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR (Non-Agenda Items)

CONSENT CALENDAR: (5 minutes)

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 – March 8, 2023
- b. Minutes – February 8, 2023
- c. Financial Report – March 2023

REPORTS: (20 minutes)

- a. Staff Report (Miller/Friedman)
- b. NRCS Report

- c. County Ag Commissioners Report
- d. Board Report

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation (15 minutes)
- 2. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Update (30 minutes)
 - a. Cosumnes Subbasin GSA Member Contribution Agreement
 - b. Fee Study Next Steps
 - c. Staff Services Contract Discussion

GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- 3. CA DOC Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Grant Application (20 minutes)
- 4. Sloughhouse RCD Budget (20 minutes)
 - a. Additional Staff Support

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5. Annual Form 700 Filing and Director Training Requirements
- 6. Grant and Funding Opportunities

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 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 12:48pm.

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 –February 8, 2023
- b) Minutes – January 11, 2022
- c) Financial Report – February 20223
- d) Resolution 2023.2.08.01 – AB 361 Compliance, Teleconference

Director Carter moved to approve the consent calendar items.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

REPORTS

a) Staff Report

Staff provided a report on the 6-month look ahead, Admin Coordinator Brittany moving to the district area and the announcement that we received the CDFA CAPGP Grant as of Feb 2023.

b) NRCS Report

Toney Tillman and Johnnie Silzinoff provided a report on the Equip Program (applications can be submitted through March 1 deadline) as well as describing the CIC Program (good stewards of the land) which just closed for this year but is accepting

Drafted:
2/8/23

applications for the next year. EWP (Emergency Watershed Program) was also discussed as a natural disaster service for local residents who needs repairs done on large-scale items or areas (imminent danger repair with cost/benefit analysis) as long as the landowner has a sponsor (legal subdivision of the state such as a RCD or other local or state entity who would be responsible for upkeep of repair, practice, etc.).

- c) County Ag Commissioners Report
Monthly Update forwarded to the Board to review at their own convenience.
- d) Board Report
None.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

1. South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation
The Board 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 CGA Budgets and how the funds should be spent to achieve the best results for all involved.
3. Sloughhouse RCD Budget
The Board examined and discussed Budget Planning for the rest of the 22/23 Fiscal Year.
4. Grant/Funding Opportunities
Postponed until next meeting.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board approved the follow future agenda items by consensus:
Refresher of what each CGA is paying.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Garms adjourned the meeting at 3:33pm.

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Balance Sheet

As of March 7, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts (Sac County + Five Star Bank)	\$654,898.01
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$654,898.01
TOTAL ASSETS	\$654,898.01
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$122,002.59
Total Current Liabilities	\$122,002.59
Total Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	\$122,002.59
Equity	\$532,895.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$654,898.01

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Expenses Needing Board Approval

All Dates

	AMOUNT	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	
Austin Miller			
	565.03	Office Supplies - March 2023	
Total for Austin Miller			\$565.03
CARCD			
	10,402.19	Staff Costs February 2023	
Total for CARCD			\$10,402.19
CGA			
	90,933.35	CGA FY 22-23 Payment 1 of 2	
Total for CGA			\$90,933.35
Kronick			
	4,267.62	General Legal through January 2023	
	3,997.50	Groundwater Legal through January 2023	
Total for Kronick			\$8,265.12
TOTAL			\$110,165.69

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Budget vs. Actuals: SRCD FY 22-23 Budget - FY23 P&L

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING	% REMAINING
Income				
4600 Services (Staff Support)	44,800.00	75,000.00	30,200.00	40.27 %
Investment income				
4900 Interest Income (94941000)	1,830.00	1,500.00	-330.00	-22.00 %
Total Investment income	1,830.00	1,500.00	-330.00	-22.00 %
Other Income				
4100 Tax Revenue (91-)	82,998.11	122,550.00	39,551.89	32.27 %
4200 Groundwater Sustainability Fee	90,933.35	150,615.00	59,681.65	39.63 %
4300 Intergovernmental Revenue (95-)	525.32	500.00	-25.32	-5.06 %
Total Other Income	174,456.78	273,665.00	99,208.22	36.25 %
Total Income	\$221,086.78	\$350,165.00	\$129,078.22	36.86 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$221,086.78	\$350,165.00	\$129,078.22	36.86 %
Expenses				
5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	2,394.76	5,000.00	2,605.24	52.10 %
Bank fees & service charges		1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00 %
Memberships & subscriptions	1,027.00	1,000.00	-27.00	-2.70 %
Shipping & postage		1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00 %
Total 5370 Office Supplies (Consumable) (20207600)	3,421.76	8,500.00	5,078.24	59.74 %
Contract & professional fees				
5330 Other Professional Services (20259100)	440.00	10,000.00	9,560.00	95.60 %
5380 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Contribution (20281204)	90,933.35	150,615.00	59,681.65	39.63 %
5390 South American Subbasin SGMA Contributions (20289900)		10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00 %
Accounting fees		3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00 %
Legal fees	18,600.12	30,000.00	11,399.88	38.00 %
Total Contract & professional fees	109,973.47	203,615.00	93,641.53	45.99 %
Insurance	2,349.00	2,500.00	151.00	6.04 %
Payroll expenses				
Salaries & wages				
5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)				
Staff Costs (Friedman)	15,532.51	35,000.00	19,467.49	55.62 %
Staff Costs (Miller)	64,817.40	107,000.00	42,182.60	39.42 %
Total 5000 Staff Expenses (20254100)	80,349.91	142,000.00	61,650.09	43.42 %
Total Salaries & wages	80,349.91	142,000.00	61,650.09	43.42 %
Total Payroll expenses	80,349.91	142,000.00	61,650.09	43.42 %
Uncategorized Expense				
5270 Education, Training, & Staff Development (20203600)	1,086.00	6,000.00	4,914.00	81.90 %
5320 Misc. Expenses (20227504)		3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00 %
Total Uncategorized Expense	1,086.00	9,000.00	7,914.00	87.93 %
Total Expenses	\$197,180.14	\$365,615.00	\$168,434.86	46.07 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$23,906.64	\$ -15,450.00	\$ -39,356.64	254.74 %

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Budget vs. Actuals: SRCD FY 22-23 Budget - FY23 P&L

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING	% REMAINING
NET INCOME	\$23,906.64	\$ -15,450.00	\$ -39,356.64	254.74 %

Agenda Item #1

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 8, 2023

Agenda Item #: #1

Agenda Item Subject: South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Implementation

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, District Manager

South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation

Links: [South American Subbasin Website](#)

The South American Subbasin Executive Committee met for the first time on February 21, 2023. The primary topics of conversation was the Water Year 2022 Annual Report and the Domestic Well Advisory Committee.

SCGA currently manages the South American Subbasin (SAsbGroundwater.org) through an ongoing agreement with consultants and have expressed concerns with flexibility around updating the website.

Staff Recommendations

- Direct Staff to development an agreement to manage the South American Subbasin website.

Agenda Item #2

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 8, 2023

Agenda Item #: #2

Agenda Item Subject: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Update

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Overview

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

Upcoming CGA Board Meetings

Next Regular Meeting

- Monday, March 20, 2023, 9:00-12:00pm
- Location: Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632
- Or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87210827748>

Background

- a. Cosumnes Subbasin GSA Member Contribution Agreement
 - In February 2023 the CGA Board of Directors approved a Member Contribution Agreement. This agreement authorizes payment of FY 22-23 Member Contributions.
 - Our FY 22-23 Member Contributions will be paid in two payments. The first invoice is provided here. The second invoice will come after the County collects the remaining groundwater sustainability fee payments.
- b. Fee Study Next Steps
 - An update on the Cosumnes Subbasin Funding Study Development will be provided by CGA reps and SRCD Staff.
- c. Staff Services Contract Discussion
 - The CGA Board has been discussing staff support needs. Additional support is likely needed.

Staff Recommendations

- Adopt the CGA Member Contribution Agreement and authorize the payment of the CGA invoice.

COSUMNES SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES
MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

This Member Contribution Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between 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")¹, Galt Irrigation District ("Galt ID"), Omochumne-Hartnell Water District ("OHWD"), and Sloughouse Resource Conservation District ("Sloughouse 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 Parties entered into and duly adopted a Framework Agreement in 2017 under which the Parties agreed to submit the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) no later than January 31, 2022, which is the deadline for submission under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Following GSP submission, the Parties will begin implementation of the GSP; provided, that the governing boards of each Party approve the GSP, and

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to form the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), on the last date a Party signed the JPA, and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into this Agreement to support the joint exercise of powers agreement ("Joint Powers Agreement") establishing the CGA as a JPA in order to achieve the goals as identified in JPA Recital E, for implementing the GSP in the Cosumnes Subbasin; and

¹The County of Sacramento and Sacramento County Water Agency combined constitute Sacramento County Groundwater Sustainability Agency and together will be treated as a single party to this agreement.

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WHEREAS, the Parties have or intend to individually or collectively assess fees on irrigated acres, or contribute an agreed upon amount related to the amount of groundwater pumped in their respective jurisdictional boundaries, to generate estimated revenue in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SEVEN-HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$425,730) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost per Party for CGA related work is included in Exhibit 1 (Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Estimated Expenses), which also itemizes other estimated costs for the next year of GSP implementation.

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

TERMS:

1. Subject to the direction and prior approval of the Parties through the CGA JPA, the Authority, or designated GSA, shall execute an agreement or agreements with one or more Consultants to conduct the activities as listed in, but not limited to, Exhibit 1, pursuant to the terms below.
2. The Parties shall each pay their proportionate share of the estimated First Year GSP Implementation Costs for their GSA, as delineated in Exhibit 2 hereto ("Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contributions"). The total amount described in Exhibit 2 shall be considered the JPA Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, per Section 5.1 of the JPA Agreement.
3. Should the fees generated by individual GSAs assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 fall short of the anticipated amount, then that GSA's Member Contribution (as reflected in Exhibit 2) and the total budget shall be reduced to match the revenue received, or otherwise identified by JPA.

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4. A Party, or other entity, may contribute funding to compensate for any budget shortages.

5. Should the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contribution funds collected by the JPA Treasurer from the GSA Members be less than anticipated then the overall budget will be reduced to match the revenue received.

6. In the event that any additional entity becomes a Party to the JPA or this Agreement, or contributes money for GSP implementation, JPA Section 4.2(l) shall govern the amount of the new Party's contribution and the proportionate decrease and refund of the other Parties' respective contributions, if any, or specify what JPA activities the new Party's contribution will fund in addition to what has been funded by the existing Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contributions.

7. The JPA's retention of consultants under this Agreement is contingent and expressly dependent on the condition precedent that the CGA JPA receives the full amount of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contributions from each GSA. If the CGA JPA does not receive the full amount of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contributions identified in Exhibit 2, the contributing Parties may seek a reduction in the overall budget identified in Exhibit 1.

8. Each Party shall make payment of its Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contribution to the CGA as identified in Exhibit 2 by either: (1) two installment payments totaling the amount of the total Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contribution for such GSA, with the first payment due within 30 days of receiving fees collected from the first distribution of the direct levy on Sacramento County tax rolls and the second payment due within 30 days of receiving fees collected from the second distribution of the direct levy on Sacramento County tax rolls or, (2) full payment of the

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Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contribution within 30 days of receiving fees collected from the first distribution of the direct levy on Sacramento County tax rolls and.

9. In-kind contributions are appropriate and recognized as satisfactory to meet the cost share requirements of a Party. Any in-kind contributions proposed to be substituted, in whole or in part, for monetary payment of a Party's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contribution must be part of the fiscal year 2022-2023 approved budget and approved in advance by the CGA Board of Directors.

10. GSP implementation expenses accrued by a Party before the adoption of this Agreement are appropriate and recognized as creditable towards that Party's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contribution requirement. Any previously accrued expenses, e.g. monitoring costs from 2021, proposed to be credited or substituted for all or part of a Party's 2022-2023 Member Contribution must be part of the fiscal year 2022-2023 approved budget and approved by the CGA Board of Directors.

11. In the event that the actual costs are less than the TOTAL estimated cost set forth in Exhibit 1, the remaining funds held by the JPA shall be refunded to each GSA based on their proportional share of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Member Contributions, or placed in reserve, as determined by the CGA Board of Directors.

12. Reserves, defined as any excess funds in fiscal year 22-23, or any funds from costs being less than JPA Member Contributions, may be used to fund an amendment, or successor agreement, to this Agreement, or refunded to GSAs, as determined by the CGA Board of Directors.

13. To the extent there is any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the JPA the JPA shall control.

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Exhibit 1: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Expenses
FY 2022-2023 Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Budget -
Adopted June 2022

Expenses - Regulatory and Operational Costs

Activity	FY 22-23 CGA Expenses (Adopted June 2022)	
Establish Organization	\$	-
Funding Exploration	\$	35,000
Monitoring	\$	30,000
Data Management System	\$	10,000
Public Outreach	\$	20,000
Legal	\$	30,000
Financial Audit	\$	15,000
Personnel	\$	150,000
Miscellaneous	\$	3,000
Data Gaps	\$	25,000
Annual Report	\$	48,000
Post-GSP Fee Establishment	\$	100,000
Other PMAs	\$	20,000
Contingency	\$	10,000
Totals	\$	496,000

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**Exhibit 2: Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Fiscal Year 2022-2023
GSA Estimated Revenue and Contributions**

Source	FY 22-23 Contributions (Adopted June 2022)	Adjustments Based on FY 21-22 Actuals
City of Galt	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Amador CGMA	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Galt Irrigation District	\$ 161,807	\$ 156,749
Clay Water District	\$ 21,889	\$ 21,737
OH Water District	\$ 24,893	\$ 23,241
Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 150,762	\$ 148,402
County of Sacramento	\$ 64,834	\$ 55,601
Total Member Contributions	\$ 444,185	\$ 425,730

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Amador County Groundwater Management Authority, a GSA organized under the laws of the State of California

By _____

Date: _____

Agenda Date: _____

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

Reviewed and approved by Counsel

By _____

Gregory Gillott, Counsel for GSA

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

City of Galt, a California Municipal Corporation
and GSA organized under the laws of the State
of California

By _____
Lorenzo Hines Jr., City Manager

Date: _____

Reviewed and approved as to form:

By: _____
Frank Splendorio, Interim City Attorney

Reviewed and approved as to content:

By: _____
Mike Selling, Public Works Director

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Clay Water District, a GSA organized under the laws of the State of California

By _____

Date:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Resolution Number: _____

Reviewed and approved by Counsel

By

Rebecca Smith, Counsel for GSA

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Galt Irrigation District, a GSA organized under
the laws of the State of California

By _____

Date:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Resolution Number: _____

Reviewed and approved by Counsel

By

Rebecca Smith, Counsel for GSA

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Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, a GSA
organized under the laws of the State of California

By _____

Kurt Kautz, Chairman

Date:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Resolution Number: _____

Reviewed and approved by Counsel

By

Rebecca Smith, Counsel for GSA

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**, a political
subdivision of the State of California

By: _____
Michael L. Peterson, Director
Department of Water Resources
Public Works & Infrastructure

Date: _____
Signed by the Director under the
authority delegated by
Resolution Number 99-0327.

Agreement approved by
Board of Supervisors:

Agenda Date:

Item Number: _____

Reviewed and Approved by County Counsel

By: _____
William C. Burke, County Counsel

Date: _____

INVOICE

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
8970 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

info@CosumnesGroundwater.org
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Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD)

Bill to

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

Ship to

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District

Invoice details

Invoice no.: 14
Invoice date: 3/1/23
Terms: Net 30
Due date: 3/31/23

Product or service	Amount
1. Member Contribution FY 22-23 Member Contribution	1 unit x \$90,933.35 \$90,933.35

Ways to pay

Total \$90,933.35

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Agenda Item #3

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 8, 2023

Agenda Item #: #3
Agenda Item Subject: DOC Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Grant Application

To: SRCD Board of Directors

From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

The California Department of Conservation (DOC) announced on February 1, 2023 the release of the Round (FY 22/23) Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Guidelines and Solicitation Notice. Applications for the grant program are being accepted through March 29, 2023.

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) has been leading an application development effort for over a year which has garnered wide support within the South American and Cosumnes Subbasins, and beyond. Due to a variety of unforeseen circumstances, a locally led application may be a more appropriate approach than before. With the support of CARCD Staff, Sloughhouse RCD Staff have begun developing a Sloughhouse RCD led application.

Attachments

- Resolution 2023.03.08.01: Resolution Authorizing the Submittal and Execution of an Application to the CA Dept. of Conservation's Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program
- Application Overview Presentation

Staff Recommendations

- Adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal and execution of an application to the California Dept. of Conservation's Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program.

Agenda Item #3

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 2023.03.08.01

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Authorizing the Submittal and Execution of an Application to the California Department of Conservation's Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program

WHEREAS, the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District ("District") is dedicated to supporting our constituents in becoming 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; and,

WHEREAS, the District manages natural resources through collaboration with stakeholders and partners in their 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; and,

WHEREAS, The District is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) over part of its jurisdiction in the Cosumnes and South American Subbasins under the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the Board of Directors (Board) of the District also concurrently functions as the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan identifies land repurposing as a strategy for addressing the Subbasin's historic and continued groundwater overdraft along with recharge and other multibeneficial projects and management actions; and,

WHEREAS, the South American Groundwater Sustainability Plan acknowledges that 5-10% water use conservation would greatly support groundwater conditions.

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

1. The Board authorizes the District Manager to submit a grant application for a 2022 California Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program grant.
2. The Board authorizes entrance into a grant agreement with the California Department of Conservation for the project and accept the template terms and conditions, if the project is awarded funding.
3. The Board authorizes the District Manager, as agent, accept the award of grant funding and to execute tasks, such as signing documents, related to the application, grant agreement, reimbursement requests, if the project is awarded funding.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

Agenda Item #3

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of March, 2023, by the following vote, to- wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Sloughhouse Resources Conservation District, and that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on March 8, 2023 that Resolution 2023.03.08.01 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

Sacramento County Multibenefit Land Repurposing

Application Overview for the
CA Dept of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program

Overview of DOC's Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program

Round 1 (early 2022)

- CARCD and Regional San unsuccessfully applied (only critically overdraft subbasins were awarded)
- \$90 million allocated

Round 2 (Deadline: 3-29-23)

- \$40 million allocated
- Max grant: \$8.89 million
- No match required

Updates Since Round 1:

- Regional San agreed to support CARCD application
- CARCD program manager taking a new position
- Other Subbasins no longer interested in applying

Applicant and Partners

Primary Applicant:

Sloughouse RCD

- Austin Miller
- Brittany Friedman

Collaborators

(committed coordination):

- Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (and Co Subbasin GSAs)
- SoAm Subbasin GSAs
- County of Sac, Office of Sustainability
- CA Association of RCDs
- Cosumnes Coalition

Other Project Partners:

- Florin and Lower Cosumnes RCDs
- Wilton Rancheria
- Jackson Rancheria
- Reclamation District 800

Partners

(committed in kind/matching support):

- Sloughouse RCD
- Southeast Sacramento County Ag Water Authority
- Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
- Amador RCD
- Sac-Amador Water Quality Alliance
- Regional San
- The Freshwater Trust
- Sacramento Valley Conservancy
- Zero Foodprint
- Sustainable Conservation
- AgInnovations

Subbasin Descriptions

South American (SoAm) Subbasin

- The SoAm Subbasin GSP, submitted in January 2022, concluded that the SoAm Subbasin can maintain sustainable groundwater conditions with the projects and management actions (namely recharge type projects) already in place/in development.

Cosumnes (Co) Subbasin

- The Co Subbasin GSP, also submitted in January 2022, concluded that the Cosumnes Subbasin will need intervention by GSAs and local partners to avoid undesirable results. Demand management (ex: multibenefit land repurposing) and supply augmentation (ex: recharge) will both be utilized.

Proposal Summary

We seek to employ agricultural lands in multibenefit solutions while keeping them *maximally productive in new, integrated ways* by exploring the following tools:

1. managed aquifer recharge (MAR)
2. habitat restoration (e.g. farm edge planting)
3. regenerative agriculture/soil health practices
4. solar installation on land to be fallowed, or within productive acreage (“agrivoltaics”)
5. projects that benefit regional flood control, water supply, and water quality

None of the proposed activities are focused on permanent fallowing of productive agricultural land. *Rather, we will seek to incorporate ag land as a part of the solution to groundwater and other related crises impacting fertility and viability of ag operations in the Sacramento County area.*

Approach

Slightly less than **\$3M** for “**capacity**”, e.g. **education, outreach, and Plan development**

- Material costs and staff time in developing, launching, and maintaining multibenefit demonstration sites; travel to existing or proposed multibenefit demonstration sites; educational materials for landowners, producers and community members; staff time (existing or new staff) and partner paid time for outreach; media, events and mailers/digital ads; and org staff time in reviewing, presenting about, and iterating on their local multibenefit land repurposing projects

\$6M for “**taking action**”, e.g. **project development, permitting, implementation, and monitoring:**

- Staff and Consultant time for technical assistance, project scoping, implementation, and monitoring; supplemental environmental review; permitting costs; consultant costs; and contractor costs.

Approach

- Land Repurposing Plan
 - Developed for both Subbasins, goal of adopted by implementation groups (CGA Board, SoAm Exec Committee) + GSAs + partners
 - Establishes criteria for eligible projects
- Project Development and Permitting
- Project Implementation
- Support for Partners' Capacity Needs
- Outreach, Education, and Training
- Monitoring Outcomes

Budget Summary

	Total cost
Development of Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan	\$750,000
Project Development and Permitting	\$1,750,000
Land Repurposing Project Implementation	\$2,500,000
Partner Capacity Needs	\$862,000
Outreach, Education, and Training	\$750,000
Monitoring	\$500,000
Administrative and Indirect Costs (max 20% of grant)	\$1,778,000
TOTAL	\$8,890,000

Partnerships

Partners

(committed in kind/matching support):

- Sloughouse RCD
- Southeast Sacramento County Ag Water Authority
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- The Freshwater Trust
- Sacramento Valley Conservancy
- Zero Foot Print
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Collaborators

(committed coordination):

- Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (and Co Subbasin GSAs)
- SoAm Subbasin GSAs
- County of Sac, Office of Sustainability
- CA Association of RCDs
- Cosumnes Coalition

Other Project Partners:

- Florin and Lower Cosumnes RCDs
- Wilton Rancheria
- Jackson Rancheria
- Reclamation District 800

- Community Engagement
- Disadvantage Community Benefits
- Policy and Project Expertise
- Project Maps
- Authorizing Resolution from Governing Body

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Agenda Item #4

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Date: March 8, 2023
Agenda Item #: #4
Agenda Item Subject: Sloughhouse RCD Budget
To: SRCD Board of Directors
From: Austin Miller, District Manager

Background

To address upcoming workloads, it is recommended to move the Administrative Coordinator role from approximately .5 FTE to 1 FTE for the remainder of the fiscal year. Upcoming activities anticipated to require additional staff support include:

- Contracting with CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for our successful Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program application.
- Finalizing FY 2021 and 2022 financial audits.
- Development of a 2023-2023 annual work plan and budget.
- Development and submission of CA Dept. of Conservation (DOC) Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program application and CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance grant application.
- Supporting outreach efforts such as social media, website improvements, and events such as Earth Day and other community events.
- Successfully apply for the California Special District Leadership Foundation's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.
- Ongoing support of long-term project/partnership coordination.

To sustain funding support for the Administrative Coordinator position, the following funding opportunities are being pursued:

- CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program
- CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program
- DOC Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program
- Partnership with Rancho Murieta Fire Safe Council
- Increased support for the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

Attachments:

- [Administrative Coordinator Job Description \(link\)](#)

Staff Recommendation

- Authorize an additional \$20,000, for Personnel Services (Administrative Coordinator) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.