



# SLOUGHHOUSE

## Resource Conservation District

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

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
Where: Rancho Murieta Community Service District  
Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Board Members: Barbara Washburn, Herb Garms, Gary Silva Jr.  
Associate Directors: Teresa Flewellyn  
Staff: Austin Miller, Brittany Friedman

#### OPENING

*Chairman Garms called the meeting to order at 12:40pm*

#### 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 – June 14, 2023
- b. Minutes – May 10, 2023
- c. Financial Report – June 2023

*Director Washburn moved to approve the consent calendar.*

*Director Silva Jr. seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with three in favor (Washburn, Garms and Silva Jr.) and two absent (Schneider and Liebig).*

#### REPORTS

- a. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Report  
Tony Tillman provided a report on Equip Batch 3 ranking deadline which is June 16 and the application for Equip Disaster Relief Funding with a deadline of June 16, as well. On June 15, there is a deadline to apply for the new organics transition program - to assist Ag Farmers transitioning to organic ag practices. They are continuing to work on existing contracts, as needed. Finally, there was a discussion on how best we can communicate to local constituents about these programs so they may take advantage of them.
- b. Sacramento County Ag. Commissioners Report  
Chris Flores provided a report/update on pest detection in local areas and the activities they are taking to treat/combat this. They are looking for pests such as Japanese Beetles, Mediterranean Fruit Flies, Peach Fruit Flies, Peruvian Fruit Flies and other invasive species that could be detrimental to local farmers/ranchers. They will be

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hosting a Northern California Dog Team to get tested and certified in detecting invasive pests in the post office. They do hold monthly meetings, open to the public, at the next meeting is Wednesday, June 21.

c. SRCD Board Member Reports

Director Garms shared a quote/offer provided from Wildeye for well monitoring in the area and suggested that the Board could work with Wildeye to start putting together an initial study of a well to see if it is something we would like to move forward with or not.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

1. Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Preliminary Budget

SRCD Staff presented the draft preliminary budget (Resolution 2023.06.14.01) and subsequent county documents for the fiscal year 2023 - 2024 to be adopted. Staff heard feedback from the Board on line items, expense amounts and general adjustments to the overall budget.

*Director Silva Jr. moved to approve the Resolution.*

*Director Washburn seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with three in favor (Washburn, Garms and Silva Jr.) and two absent (Schneider and Liebig).*

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

2. 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. The Board looked over staff recommendations, a well permit review application and a draft letter of consistency/non-consistency. Discussion item - no action taken.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3. Grant Application Status

Staff gave an update on pending grant applications such as the DOC MLRP grant and the CDFA WETA grant. Staff also provided an update on the CDFA CAPGP grant which we can begin work on as of June 15, 2023. Discussion item - no action taken.

4. Operating Policies and Procedures

Staff discussed policies and procedures regarding staff evaluations and reviews, meeting minutes and banking. The Board provided feedback on these items in terms of how we can best update and implement these policies. As of today, these are discussion items, however action may be taken in the future on these items.

5. SRCD Staff Report

Staff provided a written report on updates regarding upcoming CGA meetings, other Sacramento County RCD meetings, Ethics training for the Board, DM Austin Miller

meeting with the Interim General Manager of Rancho Murieta CSD, USDA additional assistance for distressed farmers facing financial risk and USDA disaster assistance to california farmers and livestock producers.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board approved the following future agenda items by consensus:

Planning and EMD presentations on land use/permitting

Discussion on the Flood Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Garms adjourned the meeting at 3:37pm.*