

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION No. 2018-09-12-1 (AMENDED)**

**(Amended on August 12, 2020)**

**Resolution Defining The GSA Boundaries Of Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District As A  
Management Area For The Basin-Wide GSP**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs working in coordination, which must be identified by June 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2015-11-11, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (District or Sloughhouse) resolved to first form one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA(s)) and then work with Omoichumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) to create a coordinating agreement that includes the newly formed GSA ultimately joining a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) or other entity created by the coordinating agreements, so SRCD, OHWD, Clay, Galt Irrigation District, City of Galt, and Sacramento and Amador Counties to "work together to create a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that would then be individually adopted by each GSA, but cooperatively administered where practical and efficient; and,

WHEREAS, the District is currently an exclusive GSA over a portion of the Cosumnes subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA encourages local management of groundwater resources and authorizes a local public agency like the District to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the District is committed to sustainable management of local surface and groundwater resources as required by SGMA, and agrees with the tenants of SGMA that such efforts are best achieved at the local level by local agencies working in cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, the District is currently participating in a basin-wide coordination effort among the seven Cosumnes basin GSAs to prepare a SGMA compliant GSP for the basin using grant funding and matching funds from each GSA (Working Group); and,

WHEREAS, the District committed to sustainable management of local surface and groundwater resources as required by SGMA, and agrees with the tenants of SGMA that such efforts are best achieved at the local level by local agencies working in cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities and fulfill the functions of a GSA under SGMA to effect the District's policy of representing rural residential and agricultural constituents that, rely exclusively with few exceptions, on their overlying groundwater rights to satisfy their water needs, and to ensure that groundwater is managed and regulated according to SGMA and other provisions and principles of California water law; and,

WHEREAS, under Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, section 354.20, a GSA "may define one or more management areas within a basin if the Agency has determined that creation of management areas will facilitate implementation of the Plan [i.e., GSP]."

THEREFORE, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District hereby resolves:

1. That Sloughhouse has the right to define its current exclusive GSA boundaries within the Cosumnes subbasin as a management area to be identified in the GSP being prepared by the Working Group, but Sloughhouse is not exercising that right at this time.
2. The right to create a management area may be exercised by Sloughhouse in the future if creation of a management area will facilitate implementation of the GSP currently being prepared by the Working Group.
3. In the event this right is exercised, Sloughhouse will continue to coordinate with the Working Group and/or other GSA's as part of intra-basin coordination, in further determining which management actions will be undertaken by SRCD within the management area, and how they are coordinated; and may also identify minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects applicable to this management area, based on data collected, studies performed and /or other factors.
4. That Sloughhouse shall pay for any incremental additional cost for additional studies or work needed to make the determinations in number 3 above if the Working Group does not agree to fund such studies from the collective GSP funds available.

Votes were as follows:

AYES: Garms, Washburn, Silva  
NOES: Schneider  
ABSENT: Lopes  
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 August 13, 2020 that Resolution 2018-09-12-1 was rescinded and Resolution 2018-09-12-1 (AMENDED) 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.

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Austin Miller, SRCD Secretary

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