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Receive a presentation from Chris Rose, Executive Director of the Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD) on current programs

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### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

Supervisor Vasquez respectfully invites the Board to hear a presentation from Chris Rose, Executive Director for the Solano Resource Conservation District.

### **SUMMARY:**

Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD) is a Special District to the State of California, dedicated to restoring, enhancing, protecting and educating residents and stakeholders about the natural resources of Solano County. They work with willing public and private landowners to develop and implement projects that improve agricultural lands' resilience to erosion and invasive species; support agriculture in meeting regulatory mandates for water quality; restore parklands to a healthy ecology that provides sustaining habitat for wildlife and high quality recreation opportunities for citizens; and support enhancement and restoration of municipal and trust lands for the immediate and future benefit of County residents.

The SRCD has developed a comprehensive education program that provides programming to children and adults. Their K-12 education program reaches more than 3,500 children each year. They work with students in third, sixth and tenth grades in their classrooms and outdoors at program sites in the County. Their student programming focuses on watershed education, tailored in three linked programs to State standards, the abilities of audiences, and the current environmental education needs of partners.

The SRCD engages with adults through a *Welcome to the Watershed Program* that offers hands-on workshops and printed information about a wide variety of conservation-based topics; through small and large-scale conservation volunteer efforts; and through person-to-person water quality outreach programs on waterways throughout Solano County.

Like all RCDs, they are governed by a board of volunteer, stakeholder Directors. This pattern runs through their work: volunteers are present in almost every aspect of their programming: through participation in projects, helping with site installation, and in the field portions of the education program. The RCD receives a tax base from the Ulati watershed, its original sphere of influence, but the majority of their work within and all work beyond those boundaries are funded by a mix of competitive grant funding, directed action monies, and local agency and business support.