

To: Natural Resources Commission
From: Jennifer Swanson, NARD
Subject: Water Sustainability Fund 2024 Annual Report

Award Amount: \$240,000

Project Activities (August 2023- April 2024):

- Contract with Longitude 103 for Producer Connect App development (September 2023).
- Formation of a steering committee to guide the app's development.
- Three steering committee meetings held.
- Presentation on Producer Connect at the 2023 NARD Annual Conference and 2024 NARD Legislative Conference by Longitude 103.
- Progress on the alpha version of the app by Longitude 103.
- Development of an Outreach Strategy for app release.

Anticipated Activities (April 2024- April 2025):

- Tentative release of alpha version to NRDs for testing in April 2024.
- Feedback collection and updates based on alpha testing.
- Steering committee meeting to discuss future features and outreach strategies, and schedule NRD training sessions.
- Tentative completion of Producer Connect by June 2024.

Projected Project Expenses:

- Reimbursement 1: Submitted in January 2024 for \$100,000. \$60,000 reimbursed from WSF, \$40,000 matched by NARD.
- \$180,000 remaining for reimbursement requests over the next 2 years.