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To Whom it May Concern,

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has a grant program available to growers seeking to implement on-farm projects that save water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This opportunity is called the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP), and **we think it's important for your growers to be aware of the SWEEP grant.**

SWEEP is a unique grant program that does not require growers to provide matching funds (though it is encouraged). Projects of up to \$200,000 can be covered by SWEEP funding to help farmers comply with SGMA, reduce costs, and continue farming in California.

Historically, applicants have been able to apply directly to CDFA for funding. This year, however, **CDFA has been awarded an unprecedented \$110 Million for SWEEP**, creating new administrative hurdles for them. To overcome these hurdles, CDFA has introduced a pilot block grant program. Block grant recipients will administer their own grant applications for growers in early spring. Then, the traditional solicitation through CDFA will likely commence during the summer of 2023.

If this sounds a bit confusing, that's because it is! **Tule, HotSpot AG, and Innovative Ag Services would like to work with your organization to explain SWEEP to your growers and share tips for application preparation.** With so much money available this year, growers have more opportunity than ever to receive funding for on-farm upgrades and they deserve to know about it!

Tule and HotSpot AG are irrigation technologies that are eligible for SWEEP funding. Innovative Ag Services offers professional grant writing services with a specialty in SWEEP. Collectively, we're available to speak to growers about what SWEEP is, the types of projects they can fund, and how they can set themselves up for success. We can take between 30-60 minutes and are available in person or via webinar.

We look forward to working with your team to spread the word about SWEEP to your growers to help them save water and money. Many of these applications may be more first-come-first-served than competitive in nature. **February would be the most opportune time for growers to get ahead of the curve on their applications.**

To schedule a meeting, please reach out to Kendall Barton at [kendall@tuletechnologies.com](mailto:kendall@tuletechnologies.com) or 559-202-3338. For more information, visit [www.tuletech.info/sweep-grants](http://www.tuletech.info/sweep-grants).

Sincerely,

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Tule

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HotSpot AG

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