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Subject: The 2017 Preservation Agreement Implementation (PAI) Fund Cost Share Grant Programs

Dear Suisun Marsh Landowner,

The Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD) is pleased to announce the release of the 2017 Preservation Agreement Implementation (PAI) Fund Cost Share Grant Programs:

- Drainage Infrastructure Improvement 75/25 Cost Share
- Drainage Efficiency Improvement 50/50 Cost Share
- Joint-Use Facility Improvement 75/25 Cost Share

The enclosed PAI Cost Share Program Application packages include: Program eligibility, Program definitions, grant review procedures, regulatory permitting compliance requirements and contractual obligations consistent with the requirements of the 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement. Any eligible project must comply with all of these Program requirements for Suisun Marsh landowner participation.

The Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement (SMPA) is a contractual Agreement between SRCD, Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to ensure that USBR and DWR maintain a dependable water supply of adequate quantity and quality within the Suisun Marsh to mitigate the adverse effects on the Marsh from the Central Valley Project, State Water Project, and a portion of the adverse effects of other upstream diversions. The original SMPA was signed in 1987, established salinity standards, and built the Initial Facilities (such as the Montezuma Salinity Control Structure and the Roaring River Distribution System) under the 1984 Plan of Protection for the Suisun Marsh. In 2005, the SMPA was revised which allowed the establishment of the SRCD Water Manager and Portable Pump Programs for the benefit of Marsh landowners. In the winter of 2015, the 2015 SMPA was signed which provided the funding mechanism and environmental permitting authority to implement this PAI Cost Share Program.

The PAI Cost Share Programs provide funding for activities needed to improve managed wetland facilities, operational efficiency, and water management capabilities. Each Cost Share Program determines which type of improvements may apply and be eligible for participation.

- Drainage Infrastructure Improvement 75/25 Cost Share. This Cost Share Program provides funds for managed wetland infrastructure improvements that are necessary for the property to meet the 30-day flood and drain cycle objective for managed wetlands. Funds for this Program will not be used for maintenance of water control structures or for fish screens.

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- Drainage Efficiency Improvement 50/50 Cost Share. This Program provides funds for management and infrastructure improvements that are necessary to improve leaching and drainage efficiency of individual clubs. This year of the 50/50 cost share will be available to help offset the electrical and fuel cost to perform effective spring leach cycles. Landowner eligibility and Program participation requirements are outlined in the enclosed 50/50 cost share application package.
- Joint-Use Facility Improvement 75/25 Cost Share. Joint use facilities are water control improvements used between two or more properties. Funds from this Program will not be used for maintenance of structures or fish screens.

The SRCD Water Managers can assist landowners in application preparation and help determining if proposed projects are eligible to participate and in which Cost Share Program. You can contact your Water Manager at (707) 426-2431 or the SRCD main office at (707) 425-9302. The submittal of a proposal in no way assures project funding.

Please submit your completed application packages to the following address:

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Sincerely,



Steven Chappell,
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Enclosure: PAI 2017 Application Packages

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