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To: Suisun Marsh Landowners  
From: Suisun Resource Conservation District  
Subject: 2017 Application for Dredging Program for Suisun Marsh Exterior Levee Maintenance

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This is the fourth year of the Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), of the 10 year Letter of Permission (LOP) which permits dredging activities for exterior levee maintenance in the Suisun Marsh. This LOP allows the annual dredging of up to 100,000 cubic yards of material from tidal sloughs, bays, and dredger cuts in the Suisun Marsh, but with strict Regional limitations and construction restrictions.

The application requirement and authorization procedure is complicated and requires several supplemental documents. Please read through the LOP carefully. If you are interested in dredging this fall, please fill out the enclosed application form and return it to SRCD by May 12, 2017 to provide ample time to submit the proposed projects and collect the appropriate documents in order for SRCD to submit the dredging package to the USACE and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for approval.

Highlight summary of the LOP:

- The annual dredging work season window is August 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- All dredging material must be placed on the crown or backslope of the exterior levee only.
- The LOP requires a detailed application, strict compliance with work restrictions, Biological Opinions and Conditions and extensive post-construction reporting.
- Ridgeway Rail work season restrictions apply.
- The landowner will be required to sign a State Land Commission Sub-lessee's Agreement and provide a copy of the deed for the participating property.
- RWQCB requires a \$0.15/CY fee for proposed materials dredged
- SRCD requires a \$500.00 permit administration fee for participating landowners.

- Dredging will not be allowed in channels separated from the levees by vegetated berms greater than 50 feet wide.
- All dredging *must avoid emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation* in the tidal area where the material is to be obtained.
- Annual permitted dredging volumes are limited by Suisun Marsh region and source habitat type.

This new LOP will provide a long term, cost-effective source of material for future exterior levee maintenance. If you are interested in dredging this year, please contact your Water Manager and get your properties initial application submitted before May 12<sup>th</sup> to get on the list of clubs to be inspected for eligibility and dredging allocations.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director