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Subject: The 2019 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 2019 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement (SMPA) Preservation Agreement Implementation (PAI) Fund Cost Share Grant Programs.

The Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement (SMPA) is a contractual Agreement between SRCD, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to ensure that DWR and USBR maintain a dependable water supply of adequate quantity and quality within the Suisun Marsh to mitigate the adverse effects on the Suisun Marsh from the Federal Central Valley Project, State Water Project, and a portion of the adverse effects of other upstream diversions. The SMPA was originally signed in 1987, which established Suisun Marsh salinity standards and built the initial facilities (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. With the completion of the 2013 Suisun Marsh Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration Plan EIR/EIS, the SMPA was amended in 2015 to provide funding and required environmental permitting authority to implement the PAI Fund Cost Share Programs.

The **three 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 to be eligible for participation.

- **Drainage Infrastructure Improvement 75/25 Cost Share.** This Cost Share Program provides funds for infrastructure improvements necessary for the property to meet the 30-day flood and drain cycle objective for managed wetlands. Funds for this Program may not be used for maintenance of water control structures or for fish screens.
- **Drainage Efficiency Improvement 50/50 Cost Share.** This Program provides funds for infrastructure improvements necessary to improve leaching and drainage efficiency of individual clubs. Also, the 50/50 cost share also will be available to help offset the electrical and fuel costs to perform effective spring leach cycles.
- **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 may not be used for maintenance of joint use facilities structures or fish screens.

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The 2019 PAI Cost Share Program Applications include: Program eligibility, Program definitions, grant review procedures, regulatory permitting compliance requirements and 2015 SMPA required contractual obligations. Any eligible project must comply with all Program requirements for Suisun Marsh landowner participation. These applications also can be downloaded at the SRCD website: <https://suisunrcd.org/programs/#preservationagreement>.

The SRCD Water Managers can assist landowners in application preparation of eligible proposed projects and help determine to which Cost Share Program they apply. Contact your Water Manager at (707) 426-2431 or the SRCD main office at (707) 425-9302. If you have submitted an approved 2018 PAI Project that was not completed, it will be moved to a 2019 grant agreement, must be included on the 2019 USACE work application and contain a 2019 revised budget for review. Any approved project that is two years old (2017) will be cancelled and will need to be re-submitted and reviewed.

The submittal of a project proposal does not assure project funding; each proposed project requires formal agency review. Also, please note that reimbursement occurs after project completion and approval with landowner submittal of all receipts, post-construction inspection, and verification (including before, during, and after construction photos). Reimbursement checks will be distributed when SRCD is paid by the granting agency, typically several weeks to a few months later.

Please submit your completed application packages with the required signatures by email electronically to jtakekawa@suisunrcd.org or deliver to the following address:

Attn: PAI Program
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Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure: PAI 2019 Application Packages

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