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To: Suisun Marsh Landowners
From: Suisun Resource Conservation District

Subject: **2026 Application for Dredging Program for Suisun Marsh
Exterior Levee Maintenance**

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Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD) has been issued a new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), 5-year RGP 47 Dredging Permit for exterior levee and fishscreen basins' maintenance in the Suisun Marsh. This permit 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.

If you are interested in dredging this fall, please fill out the enclosed application form and return it to SRCD by **April 30, 2026**. This will provide ample time to submit the proposed project information and collect the appropriate documents in order for SRCD to submit the dredging package to the USACE, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and prepare the required Marsh Development Permit application with Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) for approval.

Highlight summary of the LOP (but subject to changes when the final permit is issued):

- The annual dredging work season window is August 1st through November 30th of each year.
- All dredging material must be placed on the crown or backslope of the exterior levee only.
- The RGP 47 requires a detailed application, strict compliance with work restrictions, Biological Opinions and Conditions and extensive post-construction reporting.
- Ridgeway Rail work season restrictions apply in designated areas (work cannot begin until after August 31st).
- The landowner will be required to sign a State Land Commission Sub-lessor's Agreement and provide a updated copy of the deed and membership rosters for any Incorporated or LLC Duck Club.
- A BCDC Consolidated Dredging-Dredged Material Reuse/Disposal Permit must be obtained before dredging can begin.

- SRCD requires a \$250.00 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 RGP 47 dredging permit provides a long term, cost-effective source of material for exterior levee maintenance. If you are interested in dredging this year, please contact your Water Manager and get your properties initial application submitted before April 30th to get on the list of clubs to be inspected for project eligibility and regional dredging volume allocations.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director