



April 15, 2022

Subject: 2022 SRCD *Phragmites* / Pest Weed Control Program

Dear Landowner:

Please read this letter carefully. It contains all the information needed to participate in this year's program. Application deadline is May 31, 2022.

The SRCD is in the process of setting up the 2022 Pest Weed Control Program. **This year there are big changes to the program, due to chemical shortages of Glyphosate worldwide. There will not be a hand application program this year and the aerial program will be limited to 275 acres. This is the amount of chemical we were able to purchase. There is no cost share for this program this year. Landowners will be billed for the actual helicopter time used to aerial spray their property and for a portion of the chemical used for the aerial spraying program.**

Note: For planning purposes the helicopter runs \$1650 per hour and the chemical will cost around \$50.00 per acre

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AERIAL SPRAY: The aerial spray program will be initiated in July/August depending on *Phragmites* growth stage and suitable weather conditions. SRCD will coordinate a helicopter spray program for areas that are too large to be effectively sprayed by hand. Roundup Custom will be applied by aerial spraying even though there will be **NO aerial spraying over water, the managed wetland must be dry.** SRCD will oversee the program by coordinating helicopter time and flight paths between participants. This coordination will assist in reducing the cost of aerial spraying.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS (aerial spray):

- *Phragmites* patch location: The longer the pilot must fly to find patches, the higher the cost. Patches must be accurately mapped. Please send an accurate, detailed map indicating *Phragmites* patch location and estimated total acreage of patches. Accurate estimates are critical for effective program implementation. We will only treat the acreage total you request even if there is additional acreage of *Phragmites* on the property.
- Landowner acreage estimates: The pilot will record flight time and the amount of herbicide used on each property for accurate billing.

- Landowner consent: Landowners wishing to participate in the aerial spray program shall authorize SRCD to conduct the spraying on their property. This form requests the landowner state the maximum amount he is willing to pay. SRCD will attempt to cap expenses when the maximum amount is reached, but SRCD cannot determine all program expenses until treatment is complete at multiple sites. If SRCD determines that we are approaching this financial limit spraying for that site will be terminated, even if the application is incomplete.
- SRCD recommends that you spray *Phragmites* when the plants are seeding out. Although SRCD cannot guarantee the results of spraying on each individual property, choosing the proper time to spray will increase the likelihood of success.

If you wish to participate in the program this year, please fill out and return the enclosed form to the **SRCD office by May 31, 2022**. A hard copy map must be sent in. If you do not respond by **May 31, 2022**, you will not be included as a participant in this year's program. Thank you for your continued interest in this program. If you have any questions, please contact SRCD at (707) 425-9302 or Tim Edmunds, Program Coordinator at (707) 426-2431 ext. 302.

Sincerely,



Steven Chappell
Executive Director
Suisun Resource Conservation District

Enclosures (1)

AERIAL SPRAY PROGRAM * Please sign below*

Club Name and Number

_____ **Total Acres to be Aerial Sprayed**

I hereby give permission to Suisun Resource Conservation District to coordinate aerial spraying of Phragmites on my property. I agree to pay the cost of chemical used and aerial spray time based upon pilot calculations obtained from on-board helicopter instruments. My targeted maximum financial commitment to this aerial spray program will be \$_____, I understand that actual treatment cost may exceed this amount and I agree to reimburse SRCD for all actual costs to treat my property

(Landowner will be charged their portion of the chemical cost for the program, plus aircraft application time and a portion of the ferry cost).

Name

Date

Address

Work Phone Number

Home Phone Number

E-mail address

Signature

*** Add detailed map and return to SRCD**