



March 15th, 2018

Subject: The 2018 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 2018 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 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 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 management and infrastructure improvements that are necessary to improve leaching and drainage efficiency of individual clubs. This year, the 50/50 cost share will be available to help offset the electrical and fuel costs to perform effective spring leach cycles.

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- **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 structures or fish screens.

Enclosed is the 2018 PAI Cost Share Program Application packages including: 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. These applications can also be downloaded at the SRCD website: www.Suisunrcd.org.

The SRCD Water Managers can assist landowners in application preparation and help determining if proposed projects are eligible to participate and for which Cost Share Program they apply. You can contact your Water Manager at (707) 426-2431 or the SRCD main office at (707) 425-9302. The submittal of a proposal does not assure project funding; each proposed project is considered in a formal agency review. If you had a 2017 PAI Project that was determined to be eligible and approved but was not completed, please contact SRCD. Approved 2017 projects will be moved to the 2018 grant agreement year and must be re-permitted with revised budgets submitted for final review.

Please submit your completed application packages to the following address:

Attn: PAI Program
Suisun Resource Conservation District
2544 Grizzly Island Road
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Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure: PAI 2018 Application Packages

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