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Subject: 2024 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 2024 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement (SMPA) Preservation Agreement Implementation (PAI) Fund Cost Share Grant Programs.

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2024 PAI Program Updates (please read carefully!):

1. To apply, the **unified fillable form must be submitted** through your Water Manager (see attachment, the SRCD website, or email your Water Manager)
2. Applications will be accepted only twice a year: deadline for submittal is **March 31, 2024** or **June 30, 2024**. Project technical reviews will be completed in mid April or mid July 2024.
3. Landowners must schedule a post-project inspection prior to initiation of fall flood-up with their Water Managers to certify project completion.
4. Landowners must **submit a single itemized project cost summary along with all invoices or receipts marked paid by November 30, 2024.**
5. Completed reimbursement packages will be forwarded to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) once a month.
6. **Cost-share reimbursements will be sent to landowners as a check from Solano County only after SRCD has received funds from DWR. Landowners must be prepared to carry the balance of project costs until early in the new year.**

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 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 may be available to help offset the electrical and fuel costs to perform effective spring leach cycles.
- **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.
- **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.

The 2024 PAI Cost Share Program Guidelines and Unified Application Form includes: 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. This unified application can be downloaded at the SRCD website: <https://suisunrcd.org/programs/#preservationagreement>.

The SRCD Water Managers will assist landowners in application preparation of eligible proposed projects and help determine to which Cost Share Program may apply. Contact your Water Manager at (707) 426-2431 or the SRCD main office at (707) 425-9302.

The submittal of a project proposal does not assure project funding; each proposed project requires formal technical and agency review. Also, please note that reimbursement occurs after the project is completed, inspected, and approved. The landowner must submit an itemized project cost summary with all invoices, paid receipts, and project verification (including before, during, and after construction photos). Reimbursement checks will be distributed when SRCD is paid by DWR.

Please submit your completed application packages with the required signatures by email to jtakekawa@suisunrcd.org or mail to the office address (see sidebar).

Sincerely yours,



Steven Chappell,
Executive Director

enc: PAI 2024 Application Guidelines and Unified Application
cc: Board of Directors, DWR, Mr. Dean Messer, USBR, Mr. Armin Halston