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Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6
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Re: Support for Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD) Study to Implement Resilient Circulation and Drainage Projects in Suisun Marsh Managed Wetlands for Improved Wildlife Habitat and Water Quality

To the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program:

The Solano County Board of Supervisors supports the request for funds from the Delta Conservancy for the Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD) study to Implement Resilient Circulation and Drainage Projects in Suisun Marsh Managed Wetlands for Improved Wildlife Habitat and Water Quality.

The proposed study will support a partnership between the SRCD, the California Waterfowl Association (CWA), the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) leading to the development and implementation of a circulation and drainage project for managed wetlands in Suisun Marsh.

The project intends to “maximize ecological benefits of managed wetland habitats and functions for a range of resident and migratory fish and wildlife species. The project will support several actions of the Smelt Resiliency Strategy and the Suisun Marsh Plan (SMP) goal of enhancing 40,000 to 50,000 acres of managed wetlands and improve water quality for beneficial uses in the Marsh, including estuarine, spawning, and migration habitat for fish species. This assessment will further the objectives of Proposition 1 by benefiting native species and their habitats in the Marsh. The ultimate aim of this project is to improve habitat conditions in Suisun Marsh for fish, wildlife, and plants and to improve water quality. The primary goal will be to improve circulation and drainage in selected managed wetlands”.

The Project is consistent with and will further priorities contained in Solano County’s Legislative Platform.

Sincerely,

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors