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Subject: Hill Slough Tidal Restoration Project - BCDC Permit No.  
2017.003.00md

Dear Ms. Soumoy,

The purpose of this letter is to express the Suisun Resource Conservation District's (SRCD) support for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed Suisun Marsh Hill Slough Tidal Restoration Project.

SRCD has been an active participant in the Hill Slough Tidal Restoration Project development and design since 2007. The original proposed Hill Slough Tidal Restoration Project has evolved over time, with additional scientific analysis, addressing identified regulatory requirements, and the constraints of infrastructure, flood control, and existing land use. The SRCD believes the final Project design is consistent with the BCDC Suisun Marsh Protection Plan (SMPP), the SRCD Local Protection Program Policies, and will be a significant contribution to the Goals and Objectives of the 2013 Suisun Marsh Habitat Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan.

In conclusion, the SRCD supports the proposed Hill Slough Tidal Restoration Project. The SRCD also looks forward to working with the BCDC Commission and staff in the future to address important issues associated with tidal restoration projects, managed wetland maintenance, operations and enhancements, the protection of Suisun Marsh wetland and wildlife resources, and the private landowner interests.

Please contact me at (707) 425-9302 if you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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