



August 16, 2019

Subject: Conservation Program Opportunity — **CRC Workshop Notice**

The California Rice Commission (CRC) is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Conservation Programs Workshop on Thursday, September 5 (see page 2) to update growers on current conservation programs. This workshop will provide information of CRC's efforts to pursue more Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding for wildlife practices, the California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation's new program starting this Spring, as well as an update on California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Winter Flooding Program.

Please note the enclosed postage-paid postcard. If you have any level of interest in learning more, we strongly urge you to return the postcard by Thursday, August 29. This is not a commitment to participate. Your reply will enable us to contact you and offer more information about future opportunities to participate in CRC's programs.

Conservation Programs Workshop Details

The California Rice Commission has been putting significant effort into developing new conservation programs for the rice industry and is happy to announce this Conservation Programs Workshop. It is designed to update and inform interested growers on all of the available programs as well as our continued efforts to develop new programs and pursue continued funding for annual waterbird practices.

2019-2020 Conservation Programs

The conservation programs that will be highlighted in this workshop are as follows:

1. CDFW California Winter Rice Habitat Incentive Program
 - a. Update on changes to the current program and the upcoming solicitation.
2. California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation
 - a. Foundation's first directly implemented Waterbird Habitat Program this coming spring.
3. Update on current efforts to pursue more NRCS funding for wildlife practices.
 - a. Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)
 - b. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
 - c. Salmon Program

CRC Workshop

Key information about the programs offered will be presented at the following CRC-hosted workshop:

Conservation Programs Workshop Information	
Date:	Thursday, September 5, 2019
Time:	10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Location:	Colusa Casino 3770 Highway 45 Colusa, CA 95932

The CRC will continue to inform its members about opportunities to participate in conservation programs when they are available. Again, please return the enclosed postcard by Thursday, August 29. This will ensure you are updated about the all current conservation programs available to growers and help us to estimate attendance at the workshop. Please feel free to contact me at lmattthews@calrice.org or (916) 607-8988 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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