



November 30, 2016

CRC Members and Friends,

The new California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation (CalRiceWaterbirds.org) recently opened its doors to anyone wishing to join this exciting effort to preserve the Pacific Flyway for future generations through tax-deductible sponsorships and donations. Even better, donations towards this effort will free-up additional matching federal funds to be spent on even more ricelands waterbird conservation projects in the coming years.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has already obligated \$3.5 million into contracts with growers as part of their 2015 Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant agreement with CRC to fund waterbird-friendly practices over the next several years. They are prepared to invest an additional \$2.2 million, provided rice can come up with necessary matching contributions. A donation to our new Foundation is the most certain way to demonstrate this much-needed local match for these federal funds to be spent on rice projects.

This is a valuable opportunity to expand the breadth of CRC's conservation programs in the region while, at the same time, demonstrate the continued long-term need for adequate surface water supplies in the Sacramento Valley to achieve multiple environmental benefits from a healthy and viable California rice industry.

Please consider filling out the enclosed contribution form and returning it to the California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation today. You may also visit the Foundation online at <http://calricewaterbirds.org> or contact Paul Buttner at (916) 387-2264 or pbuttner@calrice.org to learn more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Johnson".

Tim Johnson, President-CEO
California Rice Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Buttner".

Paul Buttner, Chairman
California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation

Enclosure

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CalRiceWaterbirds.org

California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation

A 501c3 Organization

Yes, we are interested in contributing towards the California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation's activities to fund quality waterbird habitat. Please accept this sponsorship contribution in the amount of:

(Please check one or specify other amount)

\$500 _____ / \$1,000 _____ / \$5,000 _____ / \$10,000 _____ / Other: _____

Check enclosed ___ / Credit card (info below) ___ / Please invoice (info below) ___

Contributor Information

Company/Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

Primary Contract: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

Name (exactly as appears on Credit Card): _____

Credit Card Billing Address (if different than above):

Contributions to the California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation (a 501c3 organization) are fully deductible for federal or state income tax purposes.

Please return this form, along with your contribution, to the California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation using the address below.

If you wish to be invoiced or provide payment using a credit card, you may send in this form by fax to (916) 387-2265 or by email to pbuttner@calrice.org.

Contributors of \$500 or more will have names listed on the Foundation website.
Contributors of \$1,000 or more may have logos posted on the Foundation website.

Thank you for your contribution!

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