## 2-376-A Site Summary - Alviso Slough

County: Santa Clara ACP Division/Segment: SC - W - S003

*NOAA Chart:* 18654 San Francisco *Map Book:* Bay Southern Part

## Site Description:

Site extends from the mouth on Coyote Creek inland for approx six miles to the railroad tracks at Alviso Marina. This is a waterway with marshes and mudflats near its mouth and along its banks. Alviso Slough is a water channel on the southwest shore of south San Francisco Bay, five miles southeast of the Dumbarton Bridge (Hwy 84) and the terminal end of Guadalupe River. It is a tributary to Coyote Creek encased by salt-marsh fringe habitat. The northeasterly first two miles of west margins are part of San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS).

### **Resources at Risk:**

ESI and Habitat: 9B Vegetated low banks

8C Sheltered riprap

10A Salt - and brackish-water marshes

#### List of Resources at Risk:

|         | Resource Name              | Status | Presence   | Sensitivity |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Birds   | California Ridgeway's rail | FE, SE | Year-round | Feb-Aug     |
| Birds   | California black rail      | FP, ST | Year-round | Mar-Aug     |
| Birds   | California least tern      | FE, SE | Apr-Sep    | Apr-Jun     |
| Birds   | Alameda song sparrow       | SSC    | Year-round | Mar         |
| Fish    | longfin smelt              | ST     | Year-round | Nov-May     |
| Mammals | salt-marsh harvest mouse   | FE, SE | Year-round |             |
| Plants  | Delta tule pea             | SSSP   | Year-round | May-Jul     |
| Plants  | salt marsh bird's beak     | FE, SE | Year-round | May-Oct     |

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

#### List of Key Contacts:

| Туре | Name/Title                    | Organization                        | Phone          |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| С    | /Coordinator                  | Native American Heritage Commission | (916) 373-3710 |
| С    | /Coordinator                  | Northwest Information Center        | (707) 588-8455 |
| Е    | /Agency Representative, 24-hr | Cargill Salt                        | (510) 790-8182 |
| 0    | /Office                       | Point Blue Conservation Science     | (707) 781-2555 |
| Т    | /Spill Response Coordinator   | USFWS, SF Bay-Delta Office          | (916) 799-0588 |

C - Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E - Entry/Owner/Access; O - Other; S - Safety; T - Trustee; X - Exclusion or Security

### Additional Site Summary Comments:

A wide variety of bir species reside in the are.

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### **Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

The concern is oil and response impacts to marsh, wildlife, and rare and endangered birds, animals and plants which are present year-round. Primary objective is to minimize exposure by excluding oil from entering Alviso Slough. Secondary objective is to minimize exposure and impacts to bay frontage marshes by protective booming. Always of concern is the impacts resulting from response and cleanup: avoid trampling marsh and sensitive plants and animals, avoid disturbing soft mudflats, and avoid trampling oil into marsh sediments.

### Hazard and Restrictions:

Be aware of overhead powerlines, shallow water and submerged hazards. Head of slough at marina almost completely silted in.

### Site Strategies:

### Site Validation Level: III

### Strategy: 2-376.1 Objective: Collection booming to prevent oil from entering Alviso Slough.

*Strategy:* Deploy 9x9 Harbor boom from both levees to skimmer in mid-channel. Create a collection pocket at the check gate. Vacc truck to remove accumulated product from levee. Use swamp boom across marsh and mudflat. Close the check gate to adjacent wildlife refuge area to prevent cross contamination.

#### Table of Response Resources

| Equipment | Sub-Type        | Size Unit | QTY Unit  | Last Page Update            |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Boom      | Harbor          | 9x9 inch  | 1000 feet | Strategy Updated: 10/5/2017 |
| Boom      | Swamp           | 6x6 inch  | 2000 feet | <i>Last Test:</i> 10/5/2017 |
| Boom      | Sorbent         |           | 2000 feet |                             |
| Anchor    | Danforth        | 22 lb     | 10        |                             |
| Vessel    | Boom Boat       |           | 2         |                             |
| Vessel    | Skiff or Punt   |           | 1         |                             |
| skimmer   | self propelled  |           | 1         |                             |
| Staff     | Staff to Deploy |           | 10        | _                           |

*Strategy:* **2-376.2** *Objective:* Deflect oil past slough and keep oil in Coyote Creek for skimming.

*Strategy:* a. Deflection boom, using 100' segments, along south shore of Coyote Creek to keep oil away from Alviso Slough and in deep water.

b. Deploy boom and skimmers near power line towers for collection.

### Table of Response Resources

| Equipment | Sub-Type        | Size Unit | QTY Unit | Last Page Update |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| Boom      | Harbor          | 9x9 inch  | 400 feet |                  |
| Anchor    | Danforth        | 22 lb     | 4        |                  |
| Vessel    | Skiff or Punt   |           | 1        |                  |
| skimmer   | self propelled  |           | 1        |                  |
| Staff     | Staff to Deploy |           | 4        |                  |

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*Strategy:* **2-376.3** *Objective:* Protective booming of marsh front near mouth.

*Strategy:* Line marsh front near mouth with both swamp and sorbent boom.

Table of Response Resources

| Equipment | Sub-Type        | Size Unit | QTY Unit  | Last Page Update |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Boom      | Swamp Boom      | 6x6       | 2000 feet |                  |
| anchors   | Danforth        | 22        | 5         |                  |
| Boom      | Sorbent         |           | 2000 feet |                  |
| Anchor    | Stakes          |           | 20        |                  |
| Vessel    | Skiff or Punt   |           | 1         |                  |
| Staff     | Staff to Deploy |           | 1         | _                |

### Logistics:

*Directions:* Take Hwy 880 south to Hwy 237 west and exit at Zanker Road. Turn right on Zanker Road to Esteros Road. Follow Esteros Road to Access Road which leads to the Alviso Slough. Roadway access is secured by a locked gate. Contact San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control to gain entry. 700 Esteros Road, San Jose, CA (408) 945-5300 (24 hours). Access to levee from SFBNWR and Cargill Salt Co.

Land Access: 4WD year round.

*On-Water Limitations:* Shallow draft vessels<6'. Small boats at high tide at Alviso Marina. Redwood City launch ramp for all

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Alviso Marina Boat Launch Ramp (Public Access) located at 1195 Hope St, Alviso, CA 95002

Communications Problems: Good cell reception.



Imagery: NAIP 2016, 60 cm resolution