

County: Yolo

USGS Quad: Courtland, Clarksburg

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N

3 8 20

Longitude W

121 35

NOAA Chart: 18662 SACRAMENTO RIVER

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Site extends from its mouth on Sutter Slough to its terminus 11 miles to the north at the Sacramento River levee road. Though once a throughway it is now a dead-end slough with extensive mature riparian forest and growth along its banks. It is shallow and full of snags. It is premium wildlife and warmwater fish habitat. It provides snags and cavities, a habitat type which has become rare in the Delta. It is used extensively by riparian birds, waterbirds and wildlife.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Marshy/riparian areas such as this have "A" priority year-round.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Rich and extensive riparian habitat. Many snags providing suitable habitat for waterbirds and aquatic vertebrates

Very important area for riparian species, waterbirds and other migratory waterfowl.

This site is capable of supporting the full array of riparian wildlife including deer, fox, mustellids, beaver, muskrat, western pond turtle, etc.

Superb area for largemouth bass and panfish. It is also within the zone frequented by relatively high numbers of downstream migrant winter-run chinook.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison (916) 653-9125), and the Northwest Information Center, (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College (707) 332-1117) for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

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	Eric Larson	CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Bay/Delta	(707) 944-5528

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

2-834 -A Site Strategy - Elk Slough

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

The objective is to keep this habitat from becoming contaminated by excluding oil. If oil gets in this slough there are problems of infiltration of oil into thick riparian habitat or into levees via invertebrate, beaver and muskrat burrows.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Narrow road, narrow shoulders, thick vegetation, deep water and fast flow at mouth creates a hazardous situation. Traffic control should be implemented at this site. Aerial traffic should be alert to overhead power wires in the area and the TV towers nearby.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-834.1 Objective: Exclude oil from entering Elk Slough

Execute Sacramento River Sutter Slough mouth strategy. Then set exclusion boom across the mouth or outside the mouth at an angle to minimize oil movement into the slough. Anchor near shore leaving a trailing length to maintain a seal during tidal fluctuations. Back with sorbent boom.

Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no	tvoe and dear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Water access is from the Sacramento River via Sutter Slough a half mile west to the mouth of Elk Slough. Paved vehicle access is Waukeena Rd, the west levee road, intersecting Courtland Road near Jefferson Blvd. East levee roads are private (Merritt Isl.). Site extends from its mouth on Sutter Slough to its terminus 11 miles to the north at the Sacramento River levee road.

LAND ACCESS: WEST BANK: ALL TRAFFIC/ALL-WEATHER

WATER LOGISTICS: CURRENT AND SNAGS

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Courtland Docks and Morgan's Landing.
and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Same as Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: none known

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

