

2-905 -A Site Summary- Franks Tract Complex

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County: **Contra Costa**
USGS Quad: **Bouldin Island**

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N
3 8 02 Longitude W
121 36'

NOAA Chart: **18661 Sacramento & San Joaquin River**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Franks Tract is a submerged 3,507 acre island with only 300 acres remaining above water. It is located at the intersection of Piper Slough to west, False River to north, Old River to east, Sand Mound Slough to south. The flooded island is surrounded by broken levee remnants and berm islands of bordering waterways. Some of the tract can be seen from the levee road on Bethel Island and the Holland Tract. This is a Delta Master Recreational Plan (DMRP) designated scenic area.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

This site has "A" level sensitivity throughout the year.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

This is an open water environment with surrounding marshy islands, supporting a open water and freshwater marsh system.

Waterfowl, marsh birds.

Mammals associated with freshwater marsh areas, including otters and beavers.

Mason's Lileopsis (SR), delta tule pea, Suisun marsh aster

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)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
	John Henderson F/W Biologist	US Fish & Wildlife Service, Environmental Contam	(916) 414-6595
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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

No Strategy has been developed. This site has many resources, including marshy island around the perimeter, and is a part of the path for potential spread of oil.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Riprap poses slip, trip and fall hazards. Vessels beware of submerged objects and shallows at margins. Aircraft beware of power lines.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-905.1 Objective: NO STRATEGY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED.

Execute adjacent strategies to exclude flow into and out of the site.

Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	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.)

Highway 4 to Bethel Island area. Closest launch ramp is Delta Resort. Franks Tract is a submerged 3,507 acre island with only 300 acres remaining above water. It is located at the intersection of Piper Slough to west, False River to north, Old River to east, Sand Mound Slough to south.

LAND ACCESS: no limitations to Bethel Island, other Islands have only dirt tracks.

WATER LOGISTICS: There are a few shallows and obstructions.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Bethel Island marinas. Closest launch ramp is Delta Resort.
and Services Available:

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

Staging at fire station in Bethel Island.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: none known

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

