

County: **San Joaquin**  
 USGS Quad: **Woodward Island**

Thomas Guide Location

SF Bay and Delt

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

Latitude N

38 58.2

Longitude W

121 28.5

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#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

This dead-end slough extends from its mouth at junction of Turner Cut and Empire Cut about 3 miles to its terminus. A fairly narrow, shallow water slough with margins mostly ripped but with pockets of emergent marsh vegetations. There are several marshy channel islands. Snags and shallows are common in this low energy slough.

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Marsh and riparian vegetation zones are of "A" concern year-round. Special Status Species: in Nov-Dec Delta smelt occur in modest numbers. Winter-run chinook are of modest concern Oct 15 - May 31.

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

The several channel islands are natural freshwater marshes. Aquatic community is typical for delta except that salmonids are not common.

Birds are riverine species: waterbirds and marsh birds.

Other fauna include riverine and semiaquatic species common to marshy island habitats or those species which use or pass though disturbed and patchy habitat. Habitat may be suitable for western pond turtle.

This area has modest numbers of Delta smelt (FT/SE) at some times. Wandering winter-run chinook (FE/SE) smolts are of moderate concern mid Oct-May. Juvenile and adult striped bass and warm water fish are typical.

Emergent vegetation patches occur throughout.

No sensitive plant species have been identified here.

#### 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
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#### ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

## 2-964 -A Site Strategy - Whiskey Slough

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### CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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The concern is two-fold: first, that oil will be transported through this site to other parts of the delta; and second, that marshy islands and margins will be come oiled. These marshy areas are sensitive and habitat to many sensitive species. There is always the concern of impacts from response and cleanup: trampling vegetation, disturbing wildlife, and tracking oil into marshes and mudflats.

### HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Aerial hazard of high wires. Slips, trips and falls on riprap and steep levees. Regarding boat handling, beware of shallows, snags and mud bars. Poison Oak.

### SITE STRATEGIES

#### Strategy 2-964.1 Objective: Exclude oil at mouth on Turner Cut

Set boom across slough mouth. Anchor one boom end near Roberts Island riprap levee. Anchor other boom end diagonally up-slough on Lower Jones Tract levee, leaving a trailing boom length to maintain seal during tidal vacillations. If collection is opportune, shore side skim at appropriate bank. Back with sorbent.

#### 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.)

Key access to site is from southerly side via I-5 to Hwy 4 to Roberts Island Road to Upper Jones Tract Road. Private levee roads also border north side. Water access is from Turner or Empire Cuts from Ship Channel. This dead-end slough extends from its mouth at junction of Turner Cut and Empire Cut about 3 miles to its terminus.

**LAND ACCESS:** levee roads good except wet

**WATER LOGISTICS:** Shallow and shallower, snags

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Marinas nearby have wide range of facilities including launch, rental boats, fuel: Whiskey Slough Resort, Tiki Lagun Resort, Turner Cut Resort.

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

Local marinas are possible area deployment sites and have most facilities including restaurants, water, toilets and some camping. If roads are passable, deploy from adjacent levees. Otherwise transport material by skiff.

#### COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

#### ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

