

COMMERCIAL ABANDONED VESSEL REMOVAL PROJECT
IN THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

SKARRY REMOVAL



The California State Lands Commission will remove abandoned commercial vessels and other debris from the delta, including:

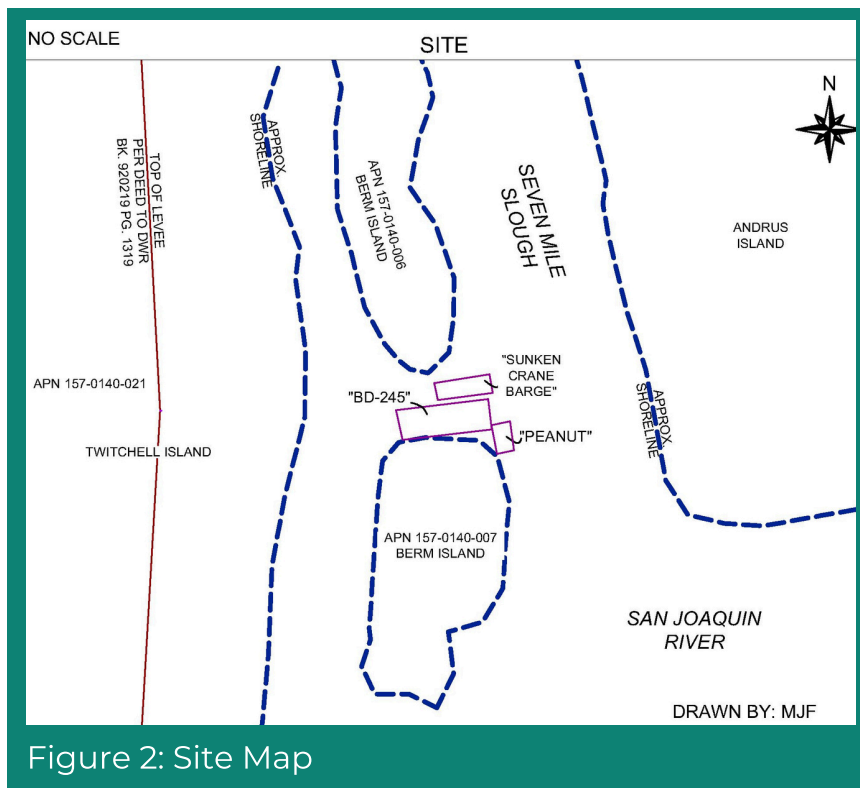
- a 120-foot crane barge
- a 40-foot crane barge
- a 60-80-foot work barge

Timeline:

The project started May 2nd and will take 30 to 40 days to complete.

Figure 1: a 60-80 foot work barge (left) and a 120-foot crane barge (right)

The Commission's contractor will remove booms, winches, and other superstructures from the crane barges on site. This equipment will be cut into pieces and placed on a materials barge for recycling. Floating booms will surround the worksite and contain any debris. Once lightened of equipment, a crane will remove the two smaller barges directly from the water. The largest barge will be refloated and towed by water to the Mare Island shipyard, where it will be removed from the water and demolished. Scrap metal will be recycled, and other debris will be hauled to a landfill for disposal.



Resources

- To read the staff report, visit: bit.ly/42CvnY9
- To watch the Sacramento County Delta Video, scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/42C0S4v



● Background

The vessels are in Sevenmile Slough, Sacramento County, near Rio Vista and Isleton. The owner, Mr. Skarry, died in 2019 without disposing of his vessels and machinery, leaving them in the Delta to languish.

This cluster of highly visible abandoned vessels attracts scavengers and vandals. The site is a dumping ground for other derelict vessels. The vessels have been abandoned in the water at this site for years, continue to deteriorate, and are a navigational hazard.

● Our Partners

This removal is the result of collaboration among the California State Lands Commission, the Sacramento County District Attorney, the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, the San Francisco Police Department, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response, State Parks, Department of Water Resources, and Reclamation District 1601.

