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Improving the Quality of Water and Life in the Delta

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Proclaim June 28 as "Keep the Delta Clean Day"

One gallon of oil can ruin a million gallons of drinking water. This is just one of the issues negatively impacting the Delta. The Keep the Delta Clean Program is working to promote clean and safe boating to sustain the quality of recreation and environmental health in the Delta. The program offers environmental services such as oil recycling centers, oil absorbent exchange centers, fishing line recycling stations, cigarette butt disposal containers, pet waste stations and informational kiosks.

FOR WHOM: Boaters and families who visit and play in the Delta

WHAT: "Keep the Delta Clean Day"

WHEN: Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Photo Opportunities: There will be a boat tour alongside the Delta with a tour guide discussing the history and problems facing the Delta at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sugar Barge Marina & Paradise Bar and Grill
1440 Sugar Barge Rd., Bethel Island, CA

There are numerous problems in the Delta related to boating and marina operations including lack of accessible, marina-based environmental services and increasing pollutant and navigational threats from neglected vessels. This program is working to protect the Delta and mitigate its rapidly growing urban and boating populations by supplying new environmental services and providing information on clean and safe boating practices through public outreach activities. The newly installed environmental services are open and FREE to the boating community and can be found at a variety of marinas throughout the Delta. **To date, 3 of the program's Oil Recycling Centers have collected approximately 6,585 gallons of oil, 4,290 oil filters, 3,480 pounds of oil absorbents and over 1,000 used marine engine batteries from the boating community.**

Participants for this program include Sacramento, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo Counties, the City of Stockton, the California Costa Commission, and the California Department of Boating and Waterways. For more information, visit the program's website at www.KeepTheDeltaClean.com. (Live June 28, 2008).

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