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Improving the Quality of Water and Life in the Delta

Yolo County Celebrates Keep the Delta Clean Day on June 28th

(Woodland, CA) – 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.

Who: Boaters, anglers and families who enjoy the Delta

What: “Keep the Delta Clean Day”

When: Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Photo Opportunities:

- 1. Speakers from 10:00-10:30 a.m.** including Federal Glover (Chairman of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors), Mary Piepho (Contra Costa County Supervisor), Doug Powell (Contra Costa County Sheriff Marine Patrol), Chris Lauritzen (3rd generation Marina Operator at Lauritzen Yacht Harbor), Lucia Becerra (Deputy Director of the California Department of Boating and Waterways), Steve Kalvelage (Supervisor, Water Protection Division, Sacramento County Environmental Management Department), and Lenora Clark (Recreational Boaters of California & the Pacific Interclub Yacht Association).
- 2. One-hour boat tours on the Delta with a tour guide discussing the history and problems facing the Delta at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.**
- 3. Media tour of the Oil Recycling Center 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, three 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 in this program include Yolo, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Solano counties, the City of Stockton, the California Coastal Commission, and the California Department of Boating and Waterways. The Program is funded by a Proposition 40 grant from the California State Water Resources Control Board. For more information, contact Program outreach and communications specialist, Janet Smartt, (510) 524-8062, janetsmartt@gmail.com, or visit the program's Web site at www.KeepTheDeltaClean.com (scheduled to go live June 28, 2008).

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