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MEDIA ADVISORY - For Immediate Release

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## **CalRecycle and Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Partner to Tackle Abandoned Commercial Vessels in the Delta**

Vessel abandonment in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta causes significant boating safety and environmental concerns.

On Thursday, March 18, members of the media are invited to view a California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff joint cleanup effort to remove abandoned commercial vessels and other man-made debris from county waterways. The work will take place at Fishermans Cut on Bradford Island. Media representatives will be shuttled via patrol boats to the work site.

The cleanup project is made possible through funding from the State Water Resources Control Board's Cleanup and Abatement Account and CalRecycle's Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Program. This is the first time CalRecycle has partnered with law enforcement for cleanup efforts in the Delta. The Office of the Sheriff has made removal of abandoned recreational vessels a priority in recent years, and has removed some 300 from county waterways since 1997.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, March 18, 2010  
(The event will last approximately 1.5 hours).

**WHERE:** Sheriff's Office Marine Services Unit  
70 Lauritzen Lane, Oakley

**WHO:** Representatives from CalRecycle and the Marine Patrol Unit will be available for interview.

\* Marine Patrol vessels will take attendees to the work site where the removal of commercial vessels can be filmed and photographed. The boats will leave **promptly at 10:30 a.m.** Participants will be shuttled back to the Marine Services Unit following the event.

**Please confirm your participation by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2010. Please contact Mark Oldfield, Office of Public Affairs, CalRecycle, (916) 319-9942 or (916) 396-6267 (cell).**