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RBOC Applauds Decision Placing 2 Delta Boating Barriers “on hold”

Sacramento [January 26] - Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] is pleased that a project to install two navigational barriers on Old River and Connection Slough in the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta has been placed on hold.

Stated RBOC President Anne Sacks: “As the scientific basis for this project is reviewed, RBOC will continue to lobby the federal and state governments, and state legislators, in an effort to prevent the tremendous impact that the Two-Gates Project would have on the current, unrestricted access by recreational boaters navigating these popular Delta waterways.”

The US Interior Department has placed the barriers, as well as the entire \$80 million Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project in the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta, on hold while the US Geological Survey studies whether the project would have the intended impact of keeping endangered delta smelt away from water pumps by lowering turbidity.

As proposed, the structure and function of the two gates would not have provided reliable recreational boating access. In addition, the operational scenario would have closed these waterways to boaters for significant periods.

RBOC has been pursuing a “call-to-arms” urging boaters to take action in opposition to the Two-Gates Project. Many individual boaters have expressed their opposition, and the US Bureau of Reclamation has acknowledged that boaters had a role in the decision to re-assess the project.

RBOC is the nonprofit governmental advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state’s recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 42nd year as a statewide organization, and since 1968 it has continued its commitment to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

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