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**IMPORTANT NAVIGATION NOTICE
SAFETY ZONE ESTABLISHMENT**

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By the authority of Part 165 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations, vested in me as the Captain of the Port, I am establishing a temporary safety zone in support of an unstable, partially submerged barge within San Joaquin River near Blackslough Landing, CA. The barge and associated recovery operations create a hazard to any vessels transiting the safety zone area. The Coast Guard or a designated representative will enforce the safety zone which extends a distance of 90 yards from the center of the unstable, partially submerged barge in approximate position 37° 59' 41.88"N, 121° 25' 08.88"W (NAD 83). This safety zone is effective from promulgation on May 7, 2018 through May 31, 2018 and will be announced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners. The temporary safety zone will be to restrict navigation in San Joaquin River until salvage response operations are complete. Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Captain of the Port or a designated representative, no vessel may enter or remain in the restricted area.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER

Section 1232 of Title 33 U.S. Code (Ports & Waterways Safety Act) provides the penalties for violation of this order:

Any person who is found by the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, to have violated this chapter or a regulation issued hereunder shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty, not to exceed \$40,000 for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation. The amount of such civil penalty shall be assessed by the Secretary, or his designee, by written notice. In determining the amount of such penalty, the Secretary shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the prohibited acts committed and, with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay, and such other matters as justice may require.

Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this chapter or any regulation issued hereunder commits a class D felony.

Any vessel subject to the provisions of this chapter, which is used in violation of this chapter, or any regulations issued hereunder, shall be liable in rem for any civil penalty assessed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and may be proceeded against in the United States district court for any district in which such vessel may be found.

COAST GUARD POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS NOTICE

The Captain of the Port may be reached via the 24-hour Command Center on VHF channel 16 or (415) 399-3547.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. J. Ceraolo".

A. J. CERAOLO
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, San Francisco