

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT: Oakland Estuary Cleanup – Photographs and News**  
(For Commission Information Only)

## Background

On March 21, 2013, the Commission received a briefing on abandoned vessels and marine debris in San Francisco Bay. Todd Thalhamer, a project engineer for the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), is currently co-managing with Will Duncan of the US EPA, in cooperation with local, state and federal agencies, an approximately \$4.4 million dollar abandoned vessel and marine debris cleanup in the Oakland-Alameda Estuary. Mr. Thalhamer and Mr. Duncan will likely provide you with a briefing on this cleanup project during the meeting on February 20, 2014. In the meantime, we are providing you with the latest images and news about the project.

## Photographs and News

Attached are the following photographs and an article about the ongoing Oakland Estuary Cleanup:

1. Four photographs of wharf removal from Brock DeLappe, Alameda Marina Harbormaster, to agency representatives dated December 16, 2013;
2. Single photograph of the Respect rising from the Estuary from Brock DeLappe, Alameda Marina Harbormaster, to agency representatives dated December 19, 2013;
3. Two photographs of the Respect raised from the Estuary from Brock DeLappe, Alameda Marina Harbormaster, to agency representatives dated December 20, 2013; and
4. "150-foot sunken tugboat with environmental concerns lifted from Oakland Estuary," by Kristin J. Bender, Oakland Tribune, and published on December 21, 2013 in the Contra Costa Times (and the San Jose Mercury News).



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**Subject:** Wharf GONE - Another Before & After for Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project

**Organization:** Alameda Marina

**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2013 9:18 AM

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Yet another example of the work being accomplished by **CalRecycle & EPA on the Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project.**

For years this old wooden wharf west of the Union Point Marina was a rather "unattractive nuisance" that accumulated derelict vessels and refuse.

This has now been removed.

Bravo !



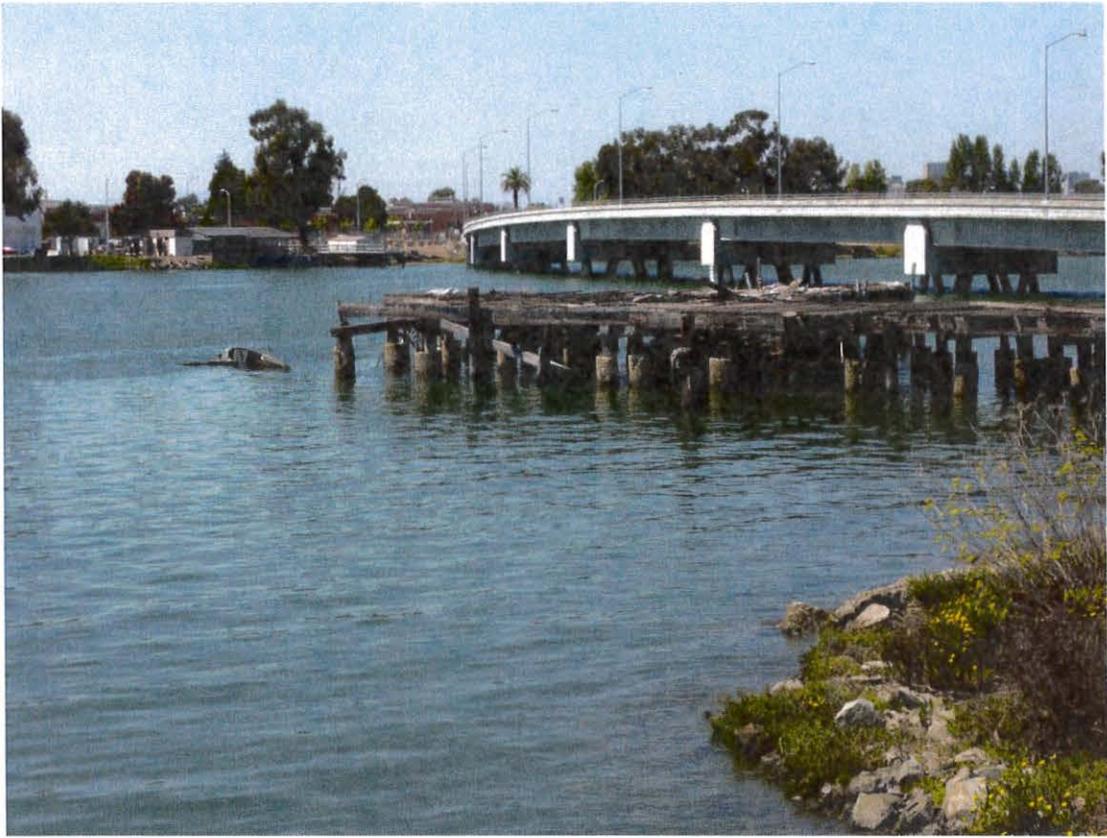
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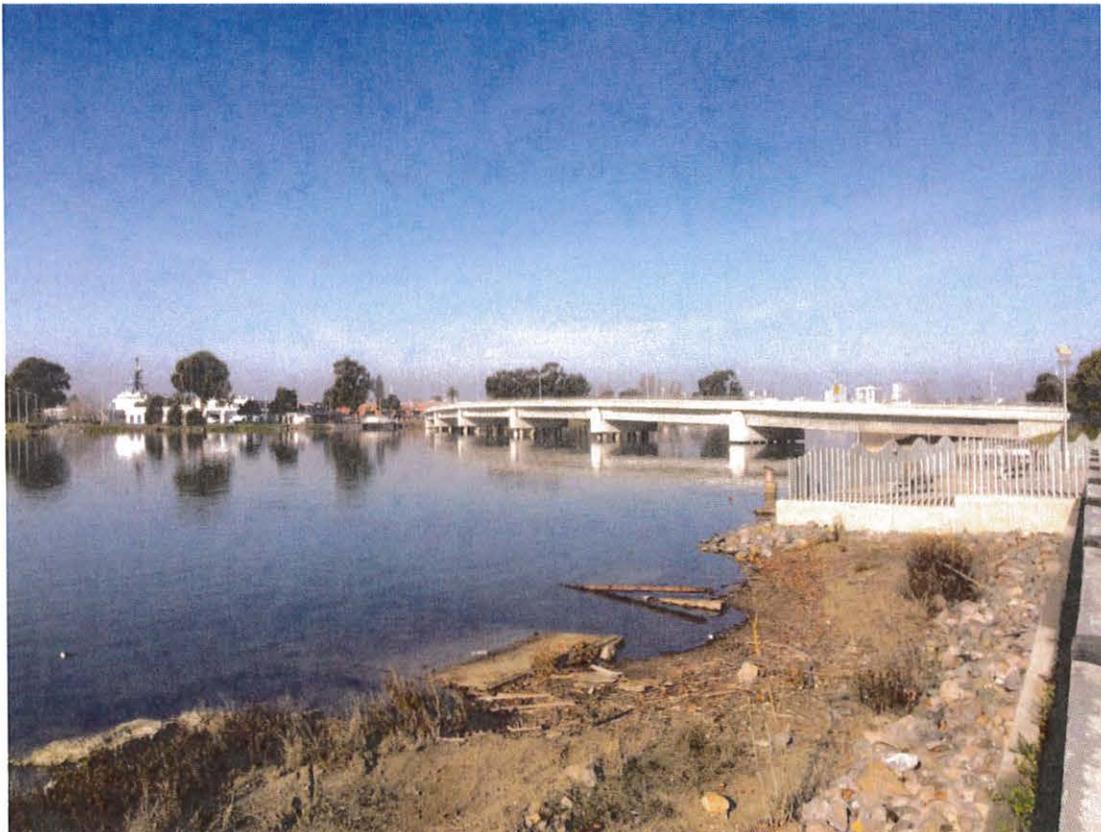


**Wooden Wharf West of Union Point Marina  
Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project**





**Wharf Now GONE**



**Subject:** As the sun goes down, the RESPECT rises from the Estuary

**Organization:** Alameda Marina

**Date:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 4:49 PM

**Subject:** As the sun goes down, the RESPECT rises from the Estuary

This operation is a slow process, a few inches at a time, followed by a pause to allow water to drain out to reduce the load.

They will be working under floodlights tonight.

More pictures tomorrow.



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**Subject:** The Respect has risen

**Date:**

**Organization:** Alameda Marina

**Date:** Friday, December 20, 2013 2:56 PM

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The sunken 150 foot tugboat **Respect** has been successfully raised by the **DB General** crane.

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/incidents/fvdeepsea/Fleet\\_Equip\\_DBGeneral\\_DataSheet.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/incidents/fvdeepsea/Fleet_Equip_DBGeneral_DataSheet.pdf)

Due to the lack of freeboard, a decision was made that the safest way to move it down the estuary to Bay Ship & Yacht was to move it while still attached to the crane.

In the last hour it passed by the office at the Alameda Marina.

**Another incredible job well done by all parties involved.**



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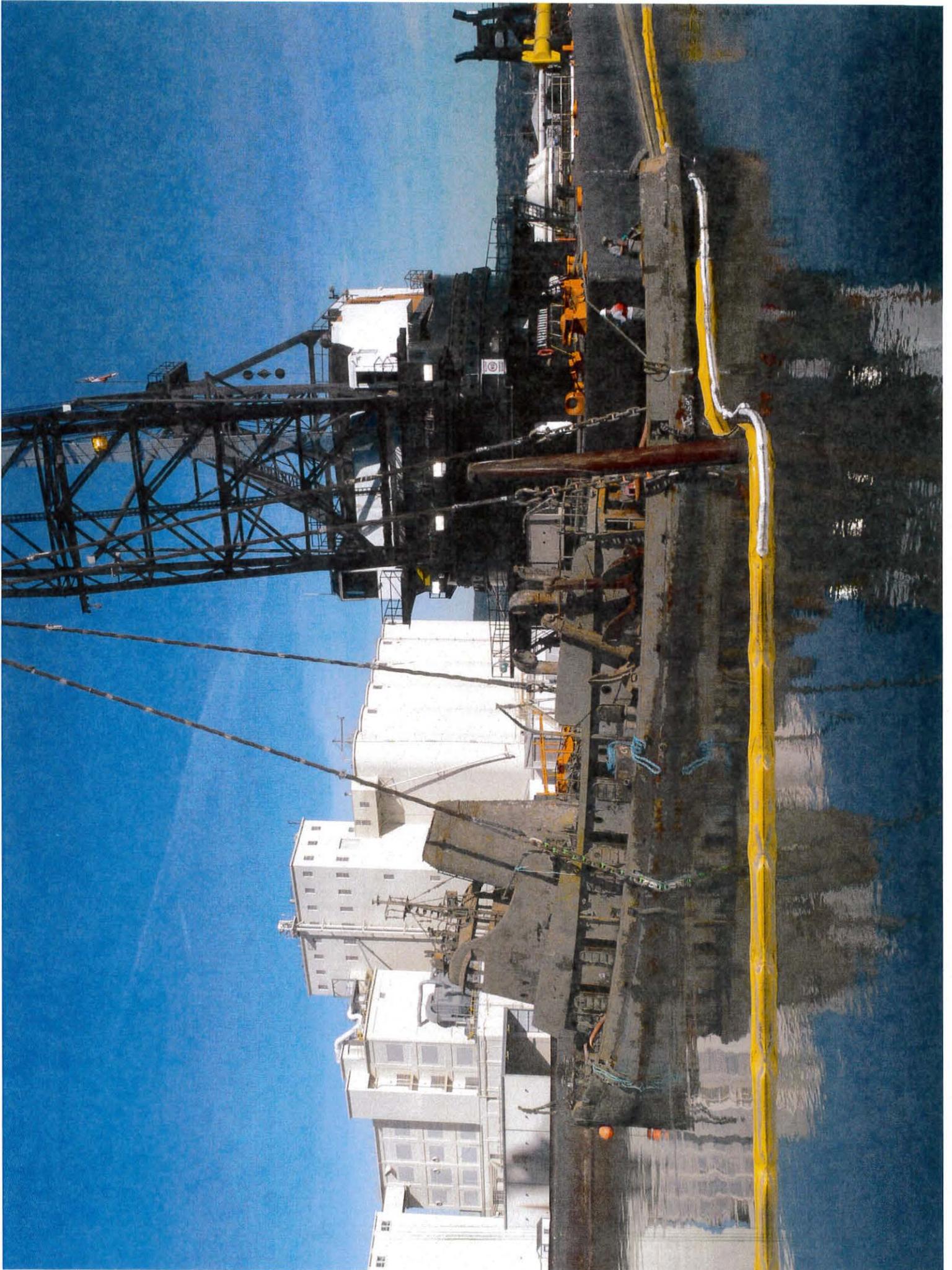
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# CONTRA COSTA TIMES

News

## 150-foot sunken tugboat with environmental concerns lifted from Oakland Estuary

By Kristin J. Bender Oakland Tribune  
Posted: 12/21/2013 02:51:20 PM PST  
Updated: 12/21/2013 03:06:57 PM PST



A diver exits the water after checking the tension on the chains used to haul the sunken tug Respect to the surface of the Oakland Estuary on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, in Oakland, Calif. The tug, which sank at its moorings in 2007, will be hoisted to the surface and transported to a nearby yard for scrapping. (Photo courtesy of Thomas McKenzie/U.S. Coast Guard)

ALAMEDA -- Six years after it sank, a 150-foot tugboat that was posing a substantial threat to human health and the environment was lifted from the Oakland Estuary earlier this week, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said Saturday.

In October, the Coast Guard was notified by the Environmental Protection Agency that the badly rusted tugboat, Respect, had traces of tar balls and heavy fuel oil in the vessel and needed to be removed.

Fuel was removed from the tug before it was lifted Thursday and a boom was set up in case any contaminants leaked out. Coast Guard spokesman Petty Officer 3rd Class Adam Stanton said no leakage was reported.



A diver exits the water after checking the tension on the chains used to haul the sunken tug Respect to the surface of the Oakland Estuary on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, in Oakland, Calif. The tug, which sank at its moorings in 2007, will be hoisted to the surface and transported to a nearby yard for scrapping. (Photo courtesy of Thomas McKenzie/U.S. Coast Guard)

The move to pull the tugboat out of the water was part of a larger multimillion dollar cleanup, which began in September, to remove more than 40 abandoned and sunken vessels in the Oakland-Alameda Estuary, leaking contaminants and posing a hazard to sailors, rowers and others who drift past.

The tug was transferred to Bay Ship and Yacht in Alameda. The Coast Guard, EPA and CalRecycle will work together to remove all oil and other hazardous materials before disposing of the vessel.

The Respect is a 700-ton tugboat that sank in April 2007 near an engineering yard on Clement Avenue. Built in 1945, the Respect served the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway before it was bought and docked in the estuary. One day before it sank, vandals boarded the tug and pillaged it for scrap metal.

In addition to the Coast Guard and EPA, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery helped with the lift.

"This is yet another example of what can be accomplished in the Bay Area when federal, state and local partners marshal resources and efforts," Capt. Gregory Stump, the Coast Guard's operational commander for Northern California, said in a statement. "No single entity could have achieved this mammoth undertaking given the fiscal realities at all levels of government, however, side-by-side we can and will tackle the most difficult challenges that lie ahead."