

# SB 1065: Commercial Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program

## What is SB 1065?

SB 1065 will help keep our waterways clean, safe, and address the harm that commercial abandoned and derelict vessels (CADV) cause by creating a statewide program to fund the inventory, removal, and destruction of these vessels, as well as a Coordinating Council of federal, state and local agencies to provide program oversight and coordination of removal efforts.



## If passed, what will SB 1065 do?

California will be a national leader on removing CADV hazards. SB 1065 will reduce the pollution, navigation, and health threats of CADVs by funding their removal and destruction, and providing operational support and policy guidance to make real progress toward cleaning up California's waterways.



## Why is SB 1065 necessary?

Unlike recreational vessels, such as ski, fishing and houseboats, a statewide program does not exist to fund the removal and destruction of CADVs. State and local agencies have to rely on cooperation by vessel owners, lengthy legal approaches and limited federal actions.

The limitations and disjointed federal, state and local authorities and responsibilities coupled with no ongoing funding is a significant impediment to addressing this problem.

## What are CADVs?

Former WWII era and other military craft, derrick barges, tugboats and other commercial vessels strewn throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and other California waterways are broken down, rusted out, sinking, sunk or at risk of sinking, creating pollution and navigation hazards.

CADVs contain hazardous materials that leach into the water creating environmental and health dangers including:

- Petroleum products
- Solvents
- Asbestos-containing materials
- PCBs
- Copper and lead based paints
- Batteries

