



# GENERAL STEAMSHIP AGENCIES

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TO: CHARTERERS OR VESSEL OPERATORS TRANSPORTING GOODS TO OR FROM THE PORT OF WEST SACRAMENTO

Greetings,

## PORT OF WEST SACRAMENTO HAS REOPENED

Following our earlier notice advising the closure of the Port of West Sacramento I am pleased to advise that the Port is once again receiving vessels. California State officials working in concert with the US Coast Guard and Army Core of Engineers have determined that water levels have sufficiently subsided and that the integrity of the levees are intact. Therefore the San Francisco Bar Pilots have resumed navigation service to the Port. All vessels calling the Port must complete the transit, to and from the port during Daylight hours. The Deep Draft limit remains at 28 feet Fresh Water with all other standard Air Draft and Tidal restrictions still in effect.

While conditions have improved the Port of Stockton is still limited to Daylight Only. Whereby all vessels calling the Port of Stockton must complete the transit, to and from the port during Daylight hours.

The San Francisco Bar Pilots along with noted State and Federal officials will continue to closely monitor the situation basis the expected remaining seasonal rains and pending snow melt run off. And may impose further restrictions etc. if and when needed. General Steamship will continue to follow this matter closely and update accordingly.

Please note the following received from the president of the San Francisco Bar Pilots explaining their decision for the Port of West Sacramento:

### QUOTE

Good morning all-

The following is an update to my March 6 message regarding restrictions on river traffic due to the recent high water, strong current and levee safety considerations.

State authorities noted no observed detrimental effects on the crest or land side of the levee by the transit of the M/V IRIS SKY earlier this week. They further noted that river stages in the Delta continued to recede from their recent high water levels, and that there have been no new levee threatening incidents reported to DWR's Flood Operation Center.

After conferring with state authorities, the USCG Captain of the Port authorized the resumption of normal ship operations to and from the Ports of Sacramento and Stockton until such time as state authorities contact the Coast Guard with renewed concerns should water levels on the river rise sufficiently to warrant a re-evaluation of the conditions of the levees and any effects from vessel traffic.

SFBP has resumed moving ships to and from the Ports of Sacramento and Stockton in accordance with the usual navigational considerations. **Presently, due to water levels that remain above normal and the resulting strong currents, SFBP is scheduling moves for daylight on both the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.** This applies only to the river portion of the transit and will be re-evaluated periodically as conditions on the rivers change.

SFBP, along with both state and federal agencies will continue to monitor the situation on the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. Further significant rainfall, upstream releases of water or spring run-off could result in a reoccurrence of high water/strong current conditions. If conditions on the rivers deteriorate substantially and/or levee engineers raise concerns, we could see restrictions again.

Please contact our operations office for further details regarding scheduling vessel transits and maximum drafts. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks.

Regards,

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