



GENERAL STEAMSHIP AGENCIES

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

Greetings,

PORT OF WEST SACRAMENTO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Due to the significant amount of rain and snow that has fallen in Northern California the State's rivers and water ways are flowing at full capacity. In some cases water has already begun to breach river banks and California Delta levees. As such State engineers and the San Francisco Bar pilots have determined that navigating the rivers and sloughs to the Port of West Sacramento cannot be achieved without a significant risk of causing a breach and or damaging the Delta levee system. Therefore the San Francisco Bar Pilots have temporarily suspended all navigation to the Port of West Sacramento. This suspension will remain in effect until such time that the water levels have subsided to a safe level. Unfortunately there is no indication at this time as to how long these conditions will remain. We General Steamship along with the San Francisco Bar Pilots will continue to closely monitor the situation and update as new information becomes available.

In a related matter, the San Francisco Bar Pilots have issued a Daylight restriction for the Port of Stockton. All vessels calling the Port of Stockton must complete the transit, to and from the port during Daylight hours. This restriction is relative to the high water level in the San Joaquin River. Although there are no indications at this time of further restrictions or closure of the Port of Stockton.

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

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Due to the strong currents created by these heavy rains, and the advice we've received regarding risk to levees in the area, the San Francisco Bar Pilots, along with the Sacramento Commissioned Pilots have temporarily suspended piloting operations on the Sacramento River and the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel.

I expect to have further communications on the matter today. We are monitoring levels daily and will send our pilot boat up there again to re-assess if/when there is significant change. We understand the adverse impact of this issue to the Port and our customers and we are working as quickly as possible to resolve this issue. Will keep you informed as things develop.

Regards,

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