



RE: County application for funds to remove Thad Woodin's barge from the Montezuma Slough

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To Usher, Anne@BCDC <anne.usher@bcdcc.ca.gov>

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Ms. Usher,

I have received an update from the State of California.

We are being told that NOAA anticipates issuing award announcements late September 2025. If our application is selected for funding and there are no unforeseen obstacles, it's likely that the state could have subawards issued within 4-6 months from receiving the award notice from NOAA.

Given this timeline, I don't expect to be able to begin any work, if funded, until May 2026. Then with competitive bid process, scheduling and other factors, I don't see removal happening until mid to late summer of 2026.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions,

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Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 6:00 PM

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Hi Michael,

Enormous thanks for letting me know - this is a big help and we will adjust the language in our CDO to reflect the expectation (even if just an estimate now) for when this work may take place, should it be funded.

We're hoping of course that it is! If you or Robert could please keep me posted as things develop, I'd really appreciate it.

Thanks again!

Best,
Anne

From: Urlaub, William M. <WMUrlaub@SolanoCounty.gov>
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Ms. Usher,

Thank you for reaching out. I do not have an update on when it will be announced if the grant funding will be awarded but I have reached out for an update on that timeline. The grant is from NOAA that is being passed through the State of California. I do not know how long it will take the contractor to do the work and due to the cost of the project, it likely will have to go to bid once funding is secured. Depending on who is selected to do the work could dictate how long it takes to complete the project. I believe, I recall that if funding is awarded in the fall that work can't begin until 2026. With a competitive bid process, scheduling and other factors, I don't see removal happening until late 1st quarter into the 2nd quarter of 2026.

I hope this helps,

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Hi Sgt. Bennett and Deputy Urlaub,

I emailed Eric Oberreuter about this but forgot that he had retired. He suggested that I reach out to both of you.

We're bringing our case against Thad Woodin to BCD's Enforcement Committee and Sgt. Brady Graham had mentioned to me a couple months ago that Solano County applied for an \$800,000 grant to remove his barge from the Montezuma Slough. He said the funding awards will be announced in the fall.

Do you happen to know when in the fall, what entity is giving the award, and how long the contractor, if awarded, estimates the work will take? I need to give a rough estimate of when it might be reasonable to expect the barge to be removed (if the funds come through). I've reached out to Robert Trujillo, a county compliance officer, and he in turn has asked his legal department but I haven't heard back yet.

Many thanks.

Regards,
Anne

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