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The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position from 7 a.m. on March 5, 2012 through 7 p.m. on March 9, 2012 and from 7 a.m. on March 12, 2012 through 7 p.m. on March 16, 2012 to allow Caltrans to replace the lifting cables on the drawspan. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. There are no scheduled river boat cruises or anticipated levee maintenance during this deviation period. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were raised. Vessels that can transit the bridge, while in the closed-to-navigation position, may continue to do so at any time.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


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The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position from 7:30 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. on March 11, 2012. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were raised. Vessels that can transit the bridge, while in the closed-to-navigation position, may continue to do so at any time. In the event of an emergency the drawspan can be opened with 15 minutes advance notice.

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