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Port of San Luis Harbor District Gets Oil Spill Response Equipment and Deployment Training

Today, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) delivered oil spill response equipment and provided hands-on training to the Port of San Luis Harbor District personnel.

"The Response Equipment Grant Program allows us to help local governments secure oil spill response equipment needed to respond to an oil spill incident. Responding quickly is key in mitigating economic and environmental damage," said OSPR Administrator Tom Cullen. "Spill response is a team effort, and we can be more effective as a team when we have the right tools where we need them."

Since 2007, OSPR has operated the Response Equipment Grant Program, providing hands-on deployment training to California cities, counties and federally registered Native American tribes. Recently, OSPR received its 35th Response Equipment Grant application and has successfully administered the program for six years awarding over \$950,000 to coastal communities.

The grant allows up to \$30,000 to provide local governments with up to 1,000 feet of containment boom, support equipment, a mobile trailer and training. The pre-positioned oil spill containment equipment allows for quick deployment in the event of an oil spill.

The Port of San Luis Harbor District concentrates on preserving and protecting its economic resources while maintaining a balance with tourism and recreational activities.

"The Port San Luis Harbor District, as a certified Clean Marina, continually strives for ways to improve its commitment to the environment through better policies, equipment, and education," said Loch Dreizler, Harbor Facilities Manager. "This additional oil spill response equipment, obtained with a generous grant from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, will allow the Port to respond to smaller, local spills more efficiently – helping protect our natural resources and preserving the California coastline."

For more information on equipment grants, please go to www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/Response/Response_Equipment_Grants.asp

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