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Unified Command holds community open house in Goleta, Calif.



The Unified Command for the Refugio oil spill response held an open house in Goleta, California, Saturday.

Members of the community were provided the opportunity to learn about the ongoing response, pose questions to responders and voice their concerns.

Numerous booths with technical experts were set up and provided the public with information including environmental impacts, cleanup and monitoring, public health and safety, volunteer opportunities, and animal rescue and rehabilitation.

“This was a great opportunity for all of the responders to meet directly with the public,” said Ryan Rockabrand, the director of the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management. “This incident has been devastating to our community, but it’s also heartening to see the great response that we’ve had from local residents, businesses, elected officials, and all of our response partners.”

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