

## OSPR Statewide Response Planning Areas (RPAs)

For over two decades, the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) has participated in multi-agency and stakeholder committees for coastal oil spill response planning. Three primary Area Contingency Planning Committees have worked together to produce spill response planning documents in order to provide best achievable protection for coastal resources.

Starting in 2014, in order to begin coordinating planning efforts for the best achievable protection of inland state waters from oil spills, OSPR adopted statewide *Response Planning Areas* (RPA) in alignment with the California Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) regions (Figure 1). These also coincide with the Office of Emergency Services *Mutual Aid Regions*. These RPA's are intended to promote coordinated response planning with local agencies and other stakeholders, including the development of Geographic Response Plans.

The RPA boundaries are also specifically for use in the development of facility and vessel oil spill plans (as required by OSPR), for the rating of Oil Spill Response Organizations (OSROs) [see guidance document for OSRO Rating Program].



Figure 1. Office of Spill Prevention and Response Statewide Response Planning Areas