



**OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

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*Meeting of  
Wednesday, February 24, 2016  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

*Marine Spill Response Corporation  
702 National Court, Suite 1  
Richmond, CA 94804*

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<i>TAC members</i>	<i>Agency Representatives</i>	<i>OSPR Participants</i>	<i>Guests</i>
Steve Ricks	Richard Hernandez, CSLC	Thomas M. Cullen, Jr.	Scott Morris (MSRC)
John Berge	Jonathan Bishop, CCC <i>(by phone)</i>	Julie Yamamoto	
Matt Rezvani		Eric Milstein	
Deb Self <i>(by phone)</i>		Ryan Todd	
R. Mitchel Beauchamp <i>(by phone)</i>			

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

*Captain Thomas Cullen, Jr., OSPR Administrator*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

1/08/16 Minutes – J. Berge motioned to approve the Minutes as presented with no edits; M. Rezvani seconded; unanimously approved.

**3. VESSELS OF OPPORTUNITY (VOO) TASKFORCE –  
MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES AND SCOPE OF WORK**

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

Provisions of SB 414, specifically Government Code section 8670.55.1, direct the TAC to convene a taskforce to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of using VOO for oil spill response in marine waters. The TAC has identified and voted to include the following specific organizations, within the categories mandated by the statute, as members of the VOO Taskforce:

- State Governmental Representative
  - Office of Spill Prevention and Response
  - California Coastal Commission
- Federal Governmental Representative
  - U.S. Coast Guard
- Non-Governmental Organization
  - San Francisco Baykeeper
  - A Southern California representative not yet determined
- Oil Spill Response Organization
  - Marine Spill Response Corporation
  - Clean Seas
- Commercial Fishing Community and Other Potential Vessels of Opportunity
  - Institute for Fisheries Resources (both a Northern and Southern California representative)
  - Pacific Whale Watch Association
  - Ship Services
- Additional - Industry
  - Western States Petroleum Association

A scope of work for the VOO Taskforce along with topics, subjects and issues for consideration as well as timeframes have been established and will be submitted to the Taskforce.

The TAC must provide the Legislature and the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response with their final recommendations by January 1, 2017.

**4. OLD/NEW BUSINESS, NEXT MEETING**

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

The next TAC meeting to be scheduled for a date in May in Southern California; specifics undetermined at this time.

***ADJOURN***

Meeting adjourned 12:28 p.m.