



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

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*Meeting of  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*San Francisco Estuary Institute  
4911 Central Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94804*

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<i>TAC members</i>	<i>Agency Representatives</i>	<i>OSPR Participants</i>	<i>Guests</i>
Steve Ricks	Debra French, Office of the State Fire Marshall (by phone)	Thomas M. Cullen, Jr.	Captain Lynn Korwatch
John Berge	Jonathan Bishop, CCC	Julie Yamamoto	
R. Mitchel Beauchamp (by phone)	Linda Scourtis, S.F. BCDC	Steve Hampton	
Michael Ziccardi	Timothy Holmes, U.S.C.G.	Janet Dias	
Sejal Choksi-Chugh	Chris Beckwith, Calif. State Lands Commission	Eric Milstein	
Matt Rezvani			

*Eric Milstein – TAC members present have a quorum.*

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

*Captain Thomas Cullen, Jr., OSPR Administrator*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

5/26/2017 Minutes – A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. OSPR UPDATE**

*Captain Thomas Cullen, Jr., OSPR Administrator*

*(report provided)*

Administrator Thomas Cullen, Jr. offered a brief update of each branch of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response, touching on a few highlights. Further updates can be found in the report provided.

- Attended the annual meeting of the Pacific States/British Columbia Task Force. The Task Force has agreed that non-floating oil and abandoned and derelict vessels were issues that required discussion on a national level.
- Last week was San Francisco’s Fleet Week. Participated in the Senior Leadership Seminars and the topic of conversation centered on the use of unmanned vehicles – drones; how drones could be used by response agencies, how the public is using them, airspace, privacy and safety concerns were discussed.
- OSPR will be participating at the Oilapalooza in Monterey next week – a training session for volunteers.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> is the Biennial Harbor Safety Summit being held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA.
- November 15<sup>th</sup>, OSPR is hosting a workshop for TAC members to discuss non-floating oils.
- The Governor signed AB 1197 giving OSPR the authority to directly regulate the spill management teams. A meeting will be scheduled in Sacramento to discuss concerns relating to AB 1197.
- OSPR is preparing a press release and media event for the upcoming ten year anniversary of the Cosco Busan Oil Spill in the San Francisco Bay. There is a special VIP trip to Aramburu Island to view the restoration work that was done.

#### 4. AGENCY BRIEFINGS

**California Coastal Commission**  
(report provided)

**Mr. Jonathan Bishop**

- The **Coastal Commission Interagency Oil Spill Advisory Grant** with OSPR has been renewed for another three year term.
- **Becker Well Abandonment:** The Coastal Commission approved the Coastal development Permit for the abandonment and sealing of the Becker Well. One of the key conditions of the permit approval is for the submittal of a project specific oil spill response plan (OSRP) prior to commencement of construction activities. The spill response plan will include all necessary oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response provisions to ensure that any oil spills are handled appropriately should they occur during construction.
- **Dynegy Oil Spill and Emergency Permit:** Dynegy plans to remove the Morro Bay Power Plant's retired marine terminal and associated infrastructure/pipelines. The Coastal Commission has been in discussions with Dynegy on their overall plan to decommission the power plant but we were unaware that some of the offshore work had begun and a spill was reported on Morro Rock Beach. Dynegy's work was started without the benefit of a coastal development permit. An enforcement letter has been sent to Dynegy and a case has been opened. An emergency coastal development permit application has been received and will be approved so that they can commence with their work at decommissioning the plant. Dynegy notified OSPR, USCG and the Morro Bay Harbor and conducted cleanup activities on the beach. The emergency coastal development permit contains a contingency plan and an oil spill response plan.

**BCDC**  
(report provided)

**Ms. Linda Scourtis**

- The Navigation Work Group believes permitted depths for subsea cable and pipeline burial are not adequate. The group decided that the HSC would draft a letter of concern to relevant agencies, including CA Fire Marshall, State Lands and others, and invite representatives to a meeting to discuss possible solutions.
- BCDC has renewed its Interagency Agreement with OSPR for another three-year term.
- The Area Committee's Sensitive Site Workgroup is looking at the restoration area at the former Hamilton Army Airfield in Marin County in order to start designing some potential protective measures for that site.

**U.S. Coast Guard**  
(report provided)

**Mr. Timothy Holmes**

- The upcoming RRT meeting in Las Vegas meeting has been cancelled.
- The January RRT meeting, the 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, will be at the Port of Los Angeles, and the event will be a tabletop exercise to acquaint members with the updated and reorganized coastal zone content of the RCP.
- The Coast Guard and the EPA are still waiting to hear from NMFS on the Biological Assessment on the CA Dispersant Use Plan.
- The two regional annexes, PAC and GULF, are in final review at SEMAR. The USCG will work with the Mexican Navy to select a signing date for the two annexes.
- MEXUSPAC meeting scheduled for January 30, 2018 in San Diego.

Response Activities

- The SEC SF completed wreck removal of Barge Vengeance from the vicinity of the BART Transbay Tunnel.
- LCDR Driscoll deployed in support of Hurricane Maria on September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- SEC SD reported a 128ft F/V NORTON SOUND was on fire at the G Street Pier. SD Harbor Control and FD were able to control the fire and let it burn itself out.

Readiness:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017: All D11 Sectors completed 4 GIUEs this year
- August 2017 DRAT attended Preparedness Assessment Visit at Sector San Diego
- September 2017 DRAT attended joint BSEE/CG equipment verification for plan holder DCOR platforms Edith/Eva/Esther to verify Clean Seas/MSRC equipment

Training:

- June 2017: DRAT w/ MSD SB provided boom training for Morro Bay CG Station and Harbor Dept staff.
- August 2017: DRAT w/MSD HumBay and CA F&W Warden provided boom training for CG Station Noyo River, Harbor Dept staff and Redwood Coast Fuels.
- Late Nov 2017: DRAT to provide annual CGC Aspen Spilled Oil Recovery System training south of Bay Bridge

**Office of the State Fire Marshall**

**Ms. Debra French**

*(report NOT provided)*

The State Fire Marshall's office is beginning to get back the pipeline safety data forms that were part of the SB 295 regulations. Every operator is required to submit a detailed list of all of their pipelines as well as the status of those pipelines. The Fire Marshall uses that data to determine risk analysis

State Fire Marshall also met with senior management of Plains All American Pipeline. They have submitted applications for replacing lines 901 and 903. This is an enormous project and the permitting phase alone may take up to two years.

**5. FUND CONDITION AND BUDGET UPDATE**

**Dr. Steve Hampton**

*(report provided)*

**OSPR Assistant Deputy Administrator**

Ms. Janet Dias presented an overview for Fund Conditions 207, 320, 321, and 322. Fund conditions capture three prior fiscal years of actual revenues and expenditures (FY 13/14- FY 15/16) and three fiscal years of projected revenues and expenditures (FY 17/18- FY 19/20). For current fiscal year 16/17, revenues and expenditures were presented reflecting fiscal month 13 (June) actuals and projections through the end of June.

**6. REGULATIONS & LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

**Dr. Steve Hampton**

*(report provided)*

**OSPR Assistant Deputy Administrator**

**Inland Regulations**

- These emergency regulations were readopted again in August 2017, extending the expiration until August of 2018. OSPR is in the regular rulemaking process now to make the provision of SB 861 permanent. OSPR anticipated commencing 45-day comment period this month and holding two public hearings in December or January.
- Oil Spill prevention and Administration Fund fee is complete, having been approved on August 22, 2017.

**Legislation**

**AB 1197** – Certification of Spill Management Teams (Limon)

This bill would establish a process for 'certification' of spill management team (SMT) capabilities to be implemented by OSPR. The certification would be modeled on the OSRO rating system.

**SB 709** – Non-Floating Oil Bill

This bill seeks to establish further preparedness measures for the cleanup of sunken oil and would, among other measures, require that oil spill contingency plan holders who handle non-floating oil contract for response to that type of oil.

**7. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS**

*(report provided)*

*Dr. Steve Hampton  
OSPR Assistant Deputy Administrator*

OSPR conducted both aerial and water surveys over the summer in order to get an idea of the number of ADVs in the Delta. The survey team discovered 186 recreational vessels, 50 commercial vessels and one military vessel, and this is an under count. There are probably another 100 vessels in marinas or parked somewhere that simply were not visible from the air. The ADV issue is one that our warden's respond to daily. Discussions are under way with other agencies to determine who will take the lead on this issue. The state of Washington has done a remarkable job in dealing with ADVs so most of our ideas are being modeled from their existing plan.

**8. TAC 2018 -2019 PRIORITY ISSUES**

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

The following will be the TAC's priority issues:

1. Continue to monitor petroleum product transportation by rail and enact additional legislation if necessary to address any outstanding issues.
2. Implementation of statewide oil spill program, including the expansion of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network.
3. Regulation development and implementation.
4. Shoreline Protection Tables.
5. Contingency plan regulation amendments regarding spill management teams
6. Monitoring of oil spill related legislation.
7. Petroleum product transportation by rail and pipeline.
8. TAC roles and responsibilities.
9. Funding challenges for non-petroleum spills.
10. Audit and other high priority issues.
11. Non floating petroleum products.

**9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019 (Vote Anticipated)**

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

For a two year term commencing in 2018, M. Beauchamp nominates the current chairperson, S. Ricks, and Vice Chairperson, J. Berge. The motion is seconded and unanimously approved.

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

*(report provided)*

*Mr. Stephen Ricks, TAC Chairman*

Next TAC meeting will be the Non-Floating Oil Workshop on November 15, 2017, at the Office of Training and Development in Sacramento, CA.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.