



Spill Management Team Industry Q&A Sessions

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Office of Spill Prevention and Response
Response Certification and Planning Unit

February 15 and 17, 2022

Q&A Session Agenda

- Welcome and OSPR Team 1:00-1:05
- MS Teams orientation 1:05-1:10
- Background and Implementation Overview 1:10-1:20
- SMT Certification Regulations Review 1:20-1:40
- Open Q&A Session 1:40-2:25
- Conclusion and Next Steps 2:25-2:30

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- Plan holders must identify an SMT certified to respond to the reasonable worst-case spill (RWCS) volume
- OSPR to adopt regulations establishing criteria for certification, including:
 - ✓ Number of personnel and on-scene timeframes
 - ✓ Training requirements
 - ✓ Criteria for SMT objectives at exercises
 - ✓ Geographic regions
 - ✓ Process for applying for certification



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SMT Rulemaking

- Four rounds of informal scoping meetings 2018-2020
- Formal Rulemaking commenced July 2020; four public comment periods
- Covid-related extensions
- OAL approval 12/28/21
- Effective 4/1/22



Implementation



Certification by Tier

- Tiers based on plan holders' Reasonable Worst-Case Spill Volumes (RWCSV)
- Tier determines level of personnel resources required for contingency planning standard

SMT Tier	Spill volume – Marine	Spill volume - Inland
I	>600 bbl	> 1000 bbl
II	250-599 bbl	500-999 bbl
III	< 249 bbl, mobile transfer units	< 499 bbl

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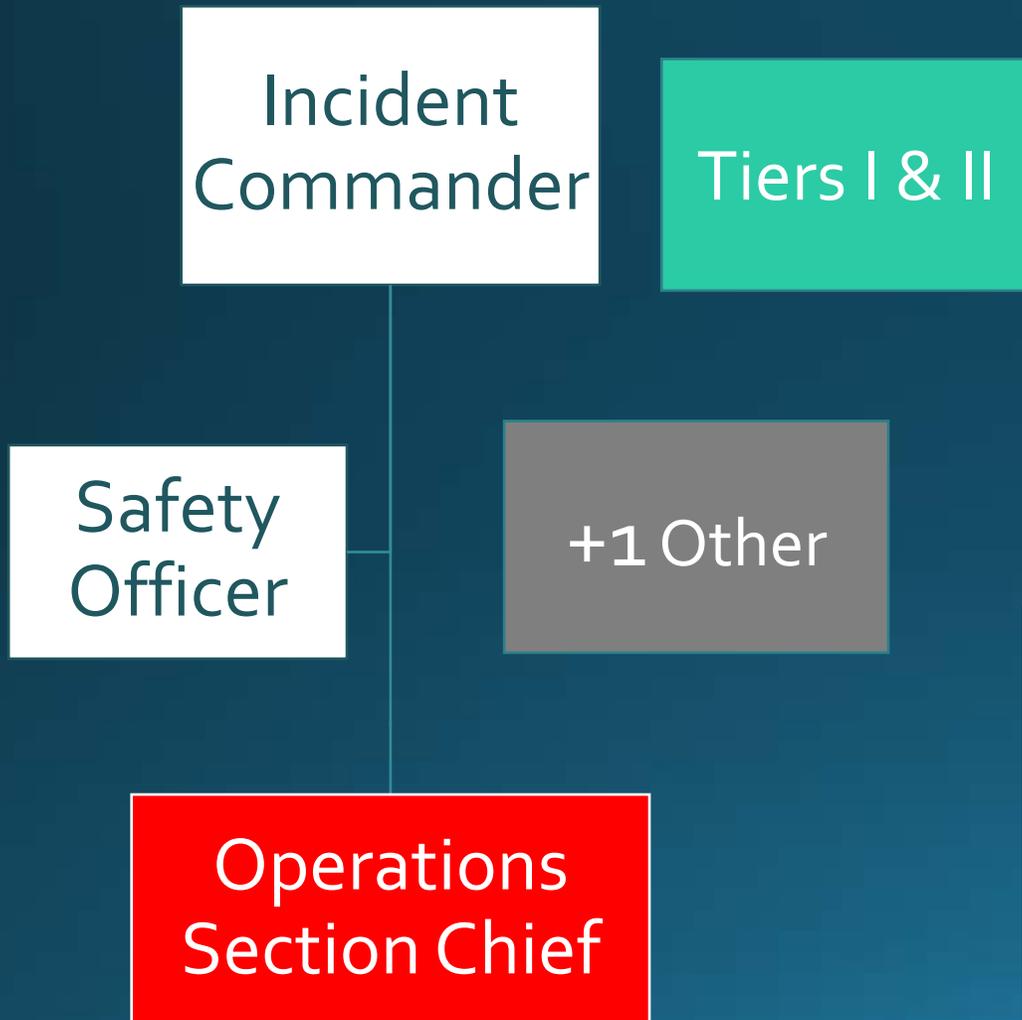


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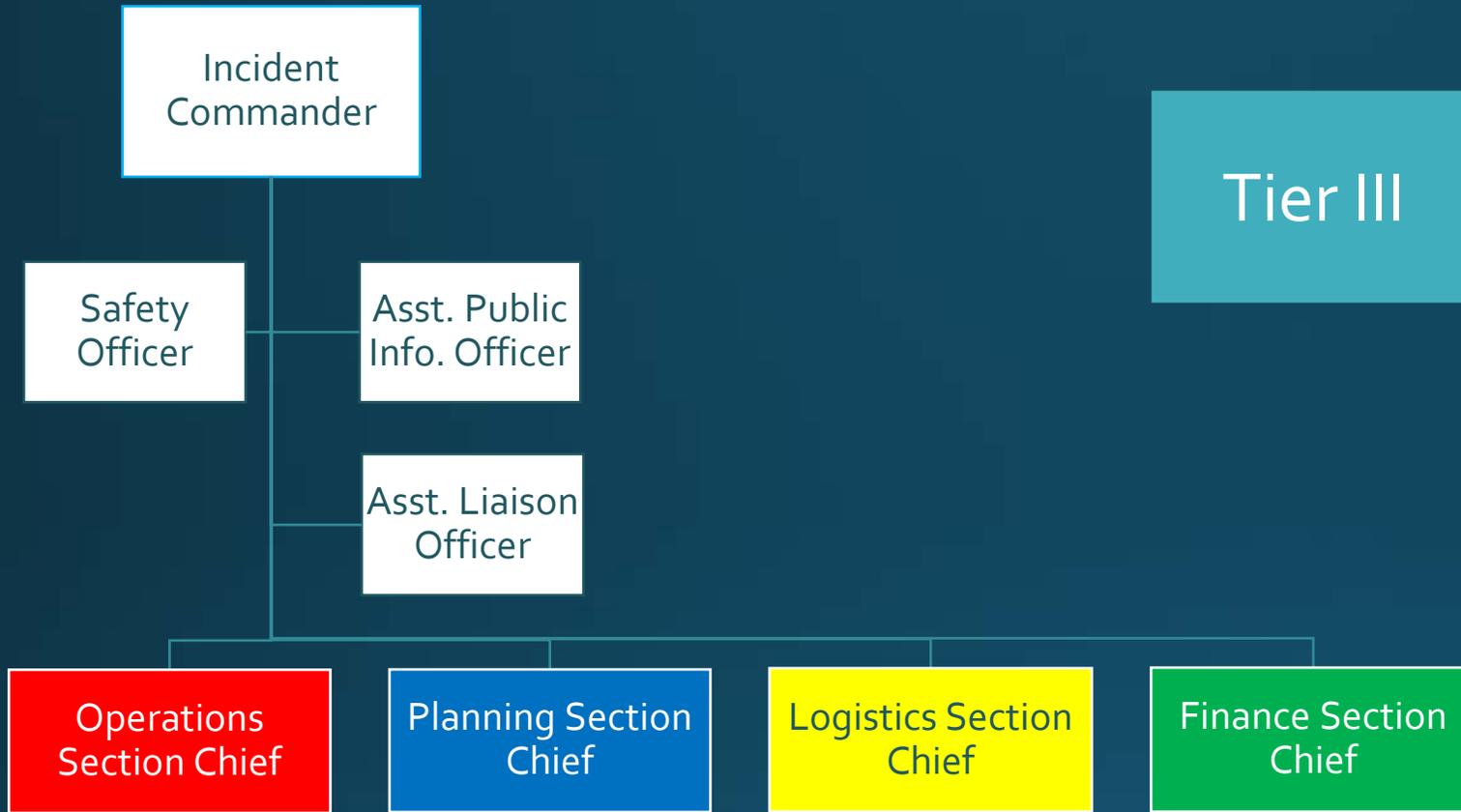
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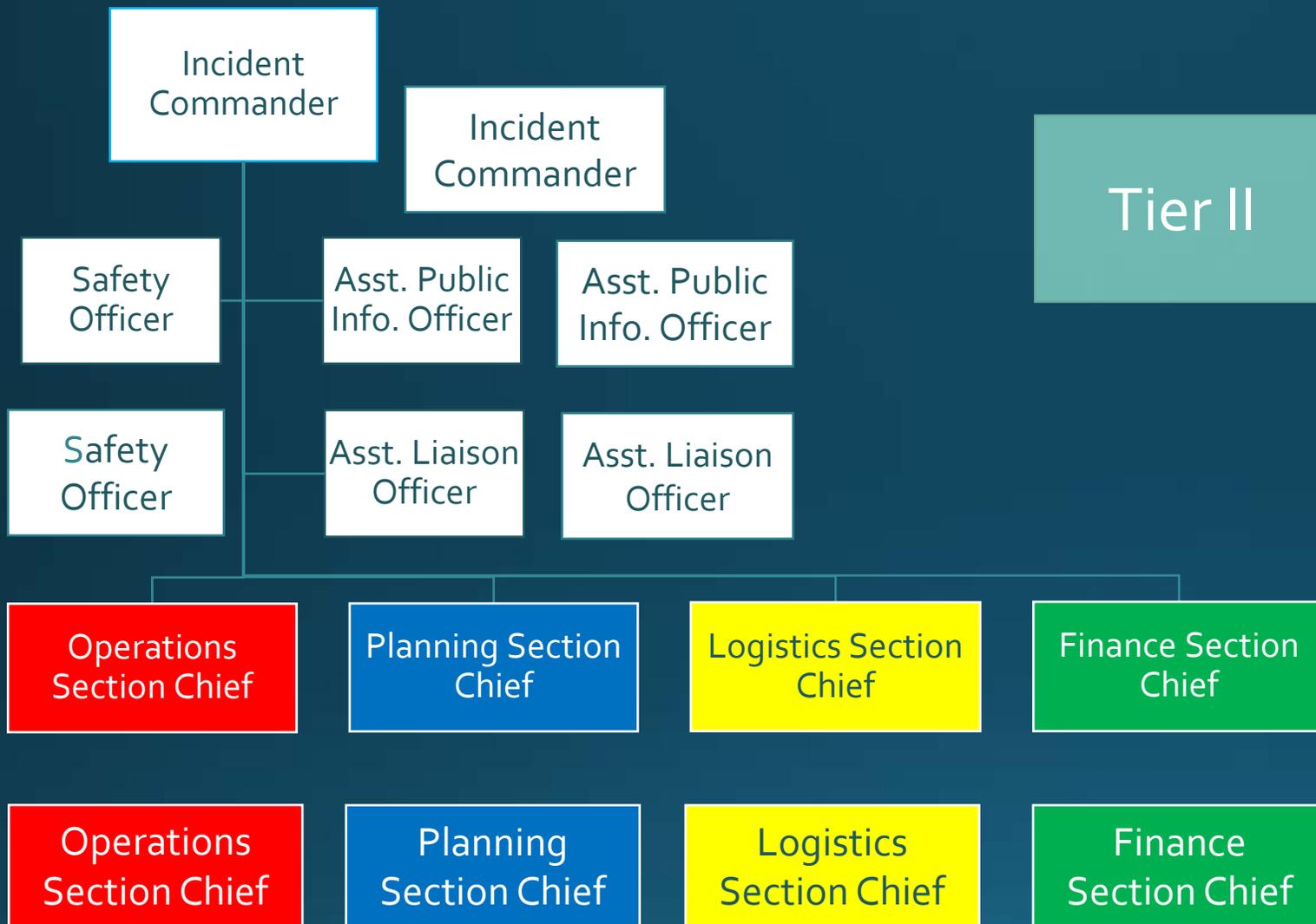
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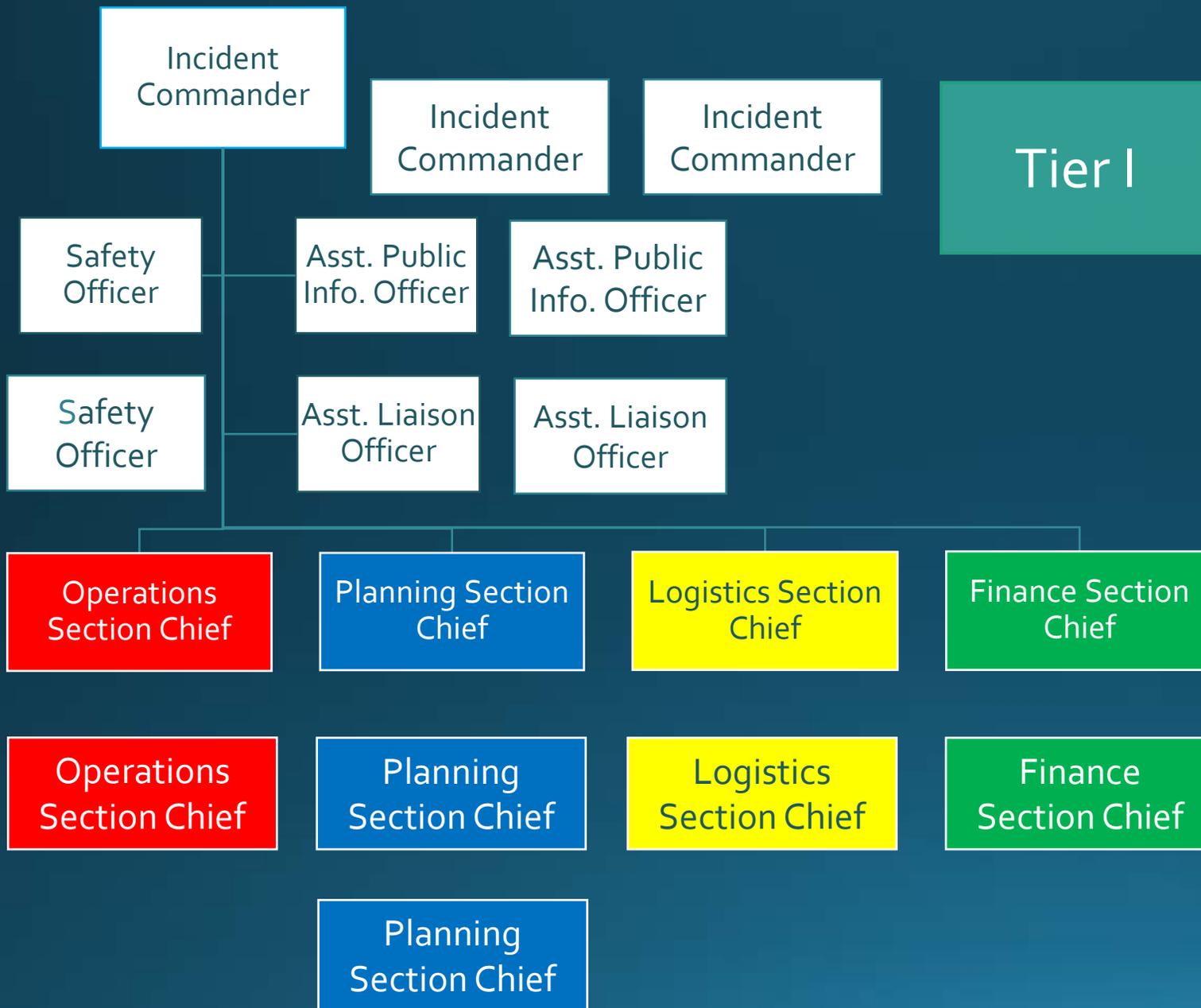
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Initial Response Personnel

Incident Commander

Safety Officer

Operations Section Chief

Other

External SMTs can offer any number or subset of the required personnel

Cascading Response Personnel

Incident Commander

Safety Officer

Asst. Liaison Officer

Asst. Public Info. Officer

Operations Section Chief

Planning Section Chief

Logistics Section Chief

Finance Section Chief

Training Standards

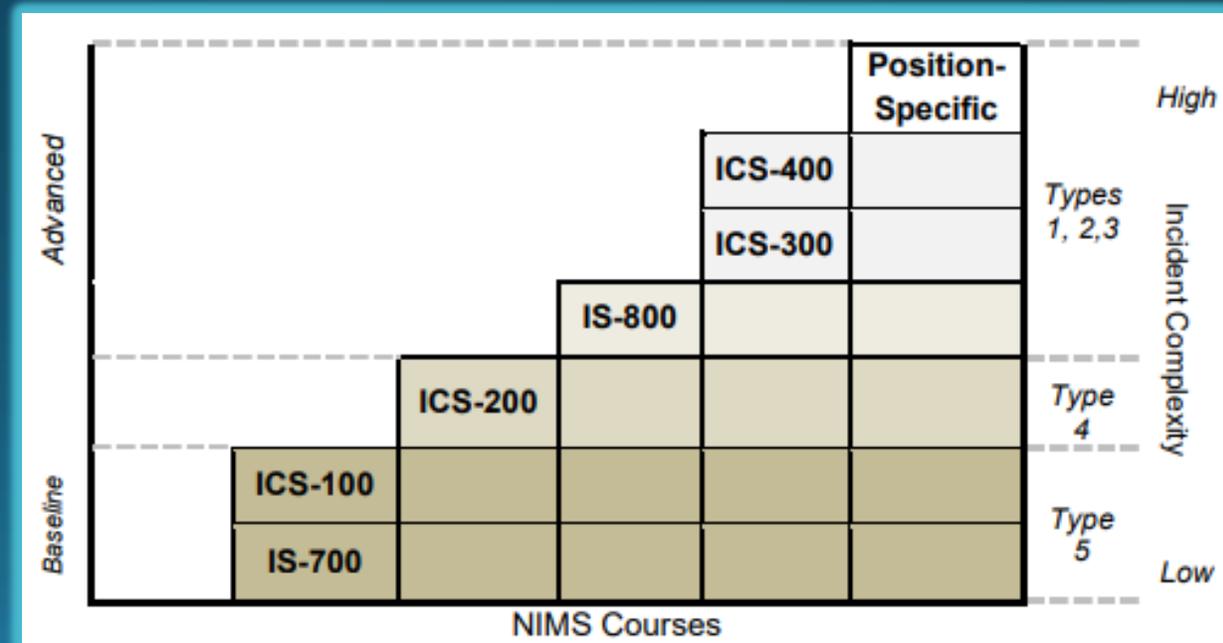
Initial Response Personnel

- Team-based training requirements → flexibility in constructing initial teams

SMT Tier	Training				
	IS 100	IS 200	ICS 300	IS 700	IS 800
Tier I	4	4	≥2	4	4
Tier II	4	4	≥1	4	4
Tier III	3	≥1	≥1	3	≥1

Cascading Response Personnel

- Position-based requirements
- All personnel trained to ICS-300



Training Standards



Training track:

- Formal ICS courses and exercise participation
- Equivalent training - learning objectives delivered over the same time frames as NIMS courses



Experience track:

- Lead or deputy/assistant position for specified time in typed responses
- Incidents need not be formally typed
- All-hazards experience can be cited



Certification Objectives

- OSPR must observe SMT performance in California before issuing a certification
- Short set of objectives to be accomplished at an exercise simulating response to RWCS volume
- Extended timeline accounts for 3-year exercise cycles – end of 2025
- SMTs can request credit for certification objectives achieved during an actual spill response in California

Application Process

- Plan holders and external SMTs submit applications – consultants may submit on behalf of plan holders
- Online submission system or fillable .pdf forms
- OSPR verifies application
 - Training plan
 - Mobilization plan and unannounced mobilization exercise
- Interim certification granted upon application verification, full certification upon completion of objectives and training
- Certification renewal every three years

Thank You!

Q&A

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Spill-Management-Teams>

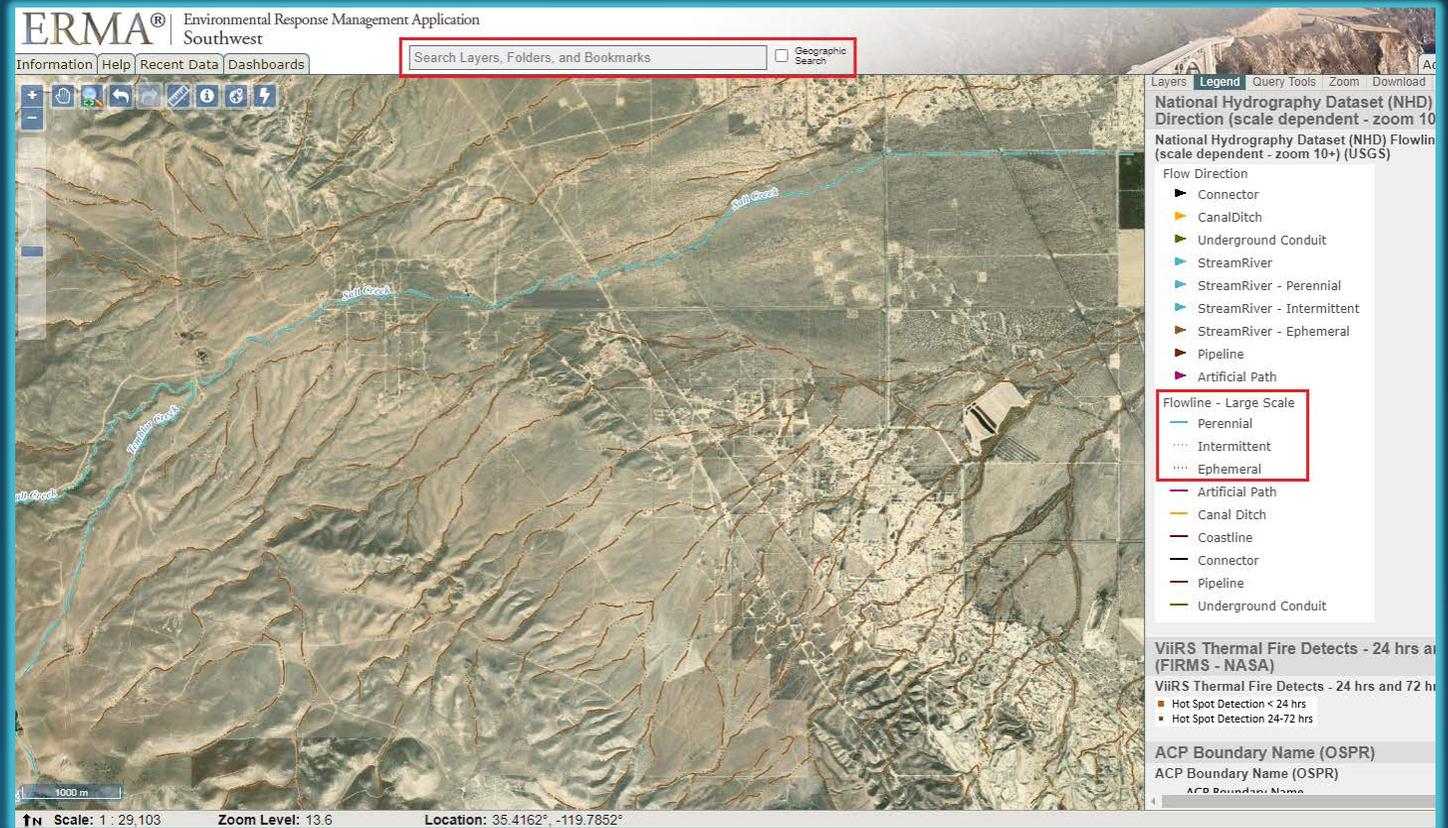
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Next Steps

- Follow up on unanswered questions
- Online submission system training:
 - Plan Holders: 3/15 1:00-2:30 PM
 - External: 3/17 9:00-10:30 AM
- Send additional questions to OSPRSMT@wildlife.ca.gov

Intermittent and Ephemeral Waters

- Environmental Response Management Application: <https://erma.noaa.gov/southwest>
- Turn on the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Flowlines and Direction layer (scale dependent)
- Enter your facility location using “Geographic Search”
- Turn on the Quarter Mile Buffer of Streams – Statewide
- Click on streams to see their type



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