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DFG Team Recognized for Oil Spill Information Project

The Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) was awarded the 2007 Project of the Year Award from the Project Management Institute – Sacramento Valley Chapter (PMI-SVC), at the group's annual meeting, June 14. OSPR is the department's pollution division and is responsible for preventing, preparing for, and responding to spills of oil and other deleterious materials, and restoring and enhancing affected resources.

The winning project is a statewide oil spill-tracking database system, which now provides OSPR staff and management access to detailed statistical and spatial mapping components about oil and other hazardous material spills reported throughout the state. This information will be used to evaluate and improve existing programs, anticipate future needs, inform and educate the public, and analyze OSPR's overall spill preparedness and response performance. The database will also help OSPR management identify needs related to budget planning, staff training, and legislative analysis.

In developing the database, this in-house team also saved the state \$836,000. The Department of Finance and industry audits for this project estimated it would take two years and cost \$1 million. The OSPR staff developed the project in one year, at a cost of \$164,000.

The PMI-SVC Project of the Year Award is given to honor superior performance and execution of exemplary project management. Projects were scored based on their performance in the following areas:

- ◆ meets or exceeds the agency's identified needs;
- ◆ meets or improves budget and schedule performance;
- ◆ demonstrates originality and uniqueness of applied project management techniques;
- ◆ exhibits technical aspects and advancement of the project management profession through effective application of nine Project Management Body of Knowledge® knowledge areas; and
- ◆ demonstrates complexity of the project and unusual conditions, issues, and barriers requiring special management team action and performance.

"I am very proud of our Information Technology personnel and the database project team," said OSPR Administrator Lisa Curtis. "This spill tracking database will allow us to access much needed information, and will enable us to improve our overall program effectiveness and efficiency."

The OSPR Incident Tracking Database Project team consisted of Bud Leland (Project Executive Sponsor), Damon Williams (Project Director), Carla Simmons (Project Manager), Spencer Ung (Lead Programmer), Cathy Conway (Spill Analyst), Mark Lampinen (GIS Analyst), Doug Novak (LAN Administrator), and Ron Nabity (Information Technology Program Manager).

The Project Management Institute is a nonprofit organization, with a global membership of more than 200,000 professionals in 125 countries. PMI professionals come from nearly every major industry including, aerospace, automotive, business management, construction, engineering, financial services, government, information technology, pharmaceuticals, health care, and telecommunications.

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