

**Office of Spill Prevention and Response
Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Agenda**

Thursday, October 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

California Poppy Conference Room, 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605
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TAC Members: Matt Rezvani, Chair, Janell Myhre, Vice Chair, John Berge, Sejal Choksi-Chugh, Joseph Cobb, James Farner, Rue Furch, Edward Harmon, Lynn Korwatch, Kathleen Rogers, Peter Santillan, Michael Young

1. Introduction (Heather Geldart, 5 Min.)
2. OSPR Update (OSPR Program Managers, 25 Min.)
3. Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Requirements (Carlos Mejia, Assistant Chief Counsel)
4. Minutes from 11/14/2024 and 4/10/2025; allow time for public comments prior to approval (Matt Rezvani, Chair, 15 Min.)
5. Agency Briefings (90 Min.)
 - A. San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Cody Aichele
 - B. California Coastal Commission – Jonathan Bishop
 - C. California State Lands Commission – Grace Kato
 - D. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Doug Allen
 - E. California Geologic Energy Management Division – Doug Ito
 - F. California State Water Resources Control Board – Mark Bare
 - G. California Energy Commission – Max Solanki
 - H. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – John Tarpley
 - I. US Coast Guard – Ben Perry-Thistle
 - J. US Environmental Protection Agency – Katherine Lawrence, Lynn Keller

LUNCH (60 Min.)

6. OSPR Budget Update (Amir Sharifi, 15 Min.)
7. Regulatory and Legislative Update (Christine Kluge, 15 Min.)
8. OSPR Enforcement Presentation (Lt. Paul Ton, OSPR LED TAC Liaison, 20 Min.)
9. Next Meeting (Matt Rezvani, Chair, 5 Min.)

Adjourn Meeting

Financial and Administrative Services Branch

Finance:

In accordance with Government Code section 8670.42, the California Department of Finance (DOF), Office of State Audits and Evaluations, completed their audit of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) financial basis and programmatic effectiveness of the Oil Spill Prevention, Response, and Preparedness Program (Program). Their findings were published on December 31, 2024, and CDFW provided a status update to our Corrective Action Plan (CAP) on August 26, 2025. The audit period covered the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024, time period.

Following Government Code Section 8670.40 (B) (i), on July 1, 2025, the fee specified in subdivision (a) was adjusted by an amount equal the increase or decrease in the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI) issued by the Department of Industrial Relations. The resulting fee was rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) and increased from \$0.094 to \$0.096.

Cost Recovery:

The spring and summer months were busy for OSPR, with on-going spill incidents and billings. Spill incidents include Channel 3 Response (3/12/2025), Alameda & Sepulveda Incident (3/14/2025), Midway Section 7 Transfer Line Release (3/15/2025), Sand Mound Slough (4/9/2025), Keisai Incident (5/25/2025), and South Lake Tahoe Weather Incident (6/21/2025). The Cost Recovery Unit (CRU) continues to assist with billing for the following responses: Pipeline P00547 NRDA (10/1/2021) and Dunsmuir Historical Oil (10/23/2018).

The CRU opened 40 statewide spill cases from March 2025 through August 2025. Since March 2025, OSPR has recovered \$1,521,280.46 in response costs from 43 incidents (which includes Pipeline P00547 NRDA, American Challenger, and Channel 3 Response); \$26,400 in fines and penalties from five incidents (which includes River Bar Road Hydraulic Oil Spill and Little Creek Properties).

Procurement/Contracts:

OSPR Procurement has been busy ensuring OSPR purchasing needs are met. We had a successful 24/25 FY end and are off to a great start for the beginning of the new 25/26 FY. Between the months of March and August, one hundred and twenty-six purchase orders (POs) for non-IT goods and sixteen POs IT goods were processed. The bulk of OSPR needs continue to be for field and safety supplies for OSPR's Field Responses Teams and goods/supplies for day-to-day operations.

The Contracts team continues to successfully meet all CDFW Business Management Branch deadlines and ensure OSPR receives necessary services. Since our last report, we have executed ten short form contracts, two standard

agreements, nineteen payable grants, one reimbursement agreement, and nine contract amendments.

Facilities:

OSPR Facilities continues to assist with the building and grounds needs of all OSPR offices. Recently, our West Sacramento warehouse exterior was painted and our headquarters parking lot received new paving and stripes. The evidence room at our Bakersfield Field Office underwent renovations including the installation of new shelving, lockers and additional power to the wall. Southern Law Enforcement has a new warehouse located in Los Alamitos and all assets from Berth 57 have been moved over. This new location also comes with office space, which OSPR Southern Law Enforcement will eventually be relocated to. Reconfiguration of the office space is currently in the planning phase.

Fleet:

OSPR Fleet continues to set up regular maintenance services of all pool vehicles as well as provide guidance for maintenance/repairs for Field Response Team fleet assets. As our vehicles are aging, maintenance/repair needs are significantly increasing. Unexpected vehicle repairs are proving to be more frequent and costly. Parts for our older vehicles are getting harder to source, often taking several weeks for repairs to be completed. Similarly, vessel maintenance/repairs are increasing in cost.

Telematics installations are continuing on newly acquired fleet. Solar charging devices are being replaced with battery powered units on trailers, as they are often stored indoors or areas with low solar charging abilities.

Between the months of March and August, OSPR Fleet surveyed one Law Enforcement truck and had a new truck transferred to us. We are also preparing to survey two additional fleet assets.

Personnel Updates:

Staff changes throughout OSPR branches include:

Incoming:

Anthony Julien, Fish & Wildlife Scientific Aid, Laboratory Program – (4/2025); Lea Fehringer, Fish & Wildlife Scientific Aid, Laboratory Program – (4/2025); Krish Prasad, Fish & Wildlife Scientific Aid, Laboratory Program – (4/2025)

Outgoing:

Julie Yamamoto, C.E.A., Executive – (3/2025); Mike Anderson, Environmental Program Manager I, NRD Branch – (6/2025); Kris Wiese, Sr. Environmental Scientist

(Specialist), Environmental Response Branch – (6/2025); Samantha Hamilton, Environmental Scientist (LT), MWVCRC – (7/2025); Charlie Huang, Staff Toxicologist, NRD Branch – (7/2025); Delany Broome, Sr. Environmental Scientist (Specialist, LT), Preparedness Branch – (8/2025); Marita Espiritu, Management Services Technician, Environmental Response Branch – (8/2025)

Internal transfer/promotions:

Cerasela Gadberry (Promotion), Sr Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Laboratory Program – (3/2025); Jenna Driscoll (Promotion), Sr. Environmental Scientist (Supervisor), Preparedness Branch – (4/2025); Zachary Floerke (Promotion), Research Data Specialist I, GIS – (6/2025); Sao Uch (Promotion), Sr. Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Laboratory Program – (6/2025)

Preparedness Branch

Report to the Technical Advisory Committee October 2, 2025

Website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Preparedness>

The Preparedness Branch is composed of the following units:

- Outreach and Training Unit
- Drills and Exercise Unit
- Response Certifications and Planning Unit
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility Unit

Outreach And Training Unit

The Outreach and Training Unit is a new unit under the Preparedness Branch that unites the Liaison, Training, and Statewide Contingency Planning programs. This unit coordinates grants, outreach events, response training, Geographic Response Plans (GRPs), Area Contingency Plans (ACPs), and other statewide-regionwide contingency plans, and also leads the Liaison Officer, Tribal Coordinator, and Volunteer Unit response positions.

Liaison

OSPR's Liaison program is tasked with serving as the incident Liaison Officer, Tribal Coordinator, and Volunteer Unit Leader during spill responses, training OSPR's Liaison and Volunteer Unit Corps, managing response equipment and preparedness grants, and maintaining relationships with OSPR's response partners, agencies, elected officials, California Native American Tribes, and NGOs.

From March 2025 to September 2025, the Liaison Corps was activated for 3 incident responses and participated in 32 exercises, while the Volunteer Unit Corps attended 26 exercises. The Unit also facilitated the below outreach events, grants for California Native American Preparedness grants, and local government grants.

Outreach Events

In addition to attending ACP and RRT meetings, OSPR's Liaison Unit and relevant subject matter experts travel statewide to meet with local, state, and federal agencies as well as California Native American Tribes and NGOs to share information on California's oil spill response structure, spill notification requirements, outreach during spill response, oil spill prevention, and available grants. The Unit also attends Sensitive Site Strategy Evaluation Program deployments hosted by OSPR's Environmental Response Branch staff to engage with various interested parties.

Events from March 2025 to September 2025 included:

Grant-Related Outreach/Training

- County of Trinity Oil Spill Response Equipment Grant Trailer Delivery Training
- City of Newport Marina Refresher Boom Training
- Lake County Watershed Protection District Refresher Boom Training
- East Bay Regional Park District Refresher Boom Training
- San Rafael Fire Department Boom Deployment Training
- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria 8-hour Annual HAZWOPER Training

- Tolowa Dee-ni Nation 24-hour HAZWOPER Training
- Alameda County Fire Response Equipment Grant Site Visit

Grant-Related Outreach/Training

- Marinas and Yacht Club Workshops (2 virtual, 1 hybrid)
- Statewide Area Committee Coordination and Regional Response Team IX Meeting
- CDFW-OSPR and USCG Tribal Engagement During Oil Spill Workshop hosted by the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Suppression & Planning Actions for Restoring Communities & Species and CDFW Oil Spill Response Collaboration Meeting
- CDFW Tribal Liaison Monthly Coordination Meetings (6) with OSPR/Regions
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Spring Tribal Coordination Meeting
- CDFW-OSPR (booth) at Robinson Rancheria Community Day, 2nd Annual Shigom Nature Day
- OSPR Overview with CDFW Habitat Conservation Program

CA Native American Tribes Response Equipment and Preparedness Grants

OSPR provides funding to California Native American Tribes to purchase oil spill response equipment as well as host HAZWOPER Training, participate in exercises and ACP/GRP meetings, and other spill response planning efforts.

In FY 24/25 OSPR awarded \$50,000 in grants to the following California Native American Tribes:

- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Northern Chumash Tribal Council – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria – Preparedness Grant \$10,000

Thus far in FY 25/26, OSPR has initiated \$160,000 in grants for the following California Native American Tribes:

- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
 - Preparedness Grant \$10,000
 - Response Equipment Grant \$45,000
- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
 - Preparedness Grant \$10,000
 - Response Equipment Replenish Grant \$10,000
- Dry Creek Rancheria Band Pomo Indians – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Yurok Tribe – Preparedness Grant \$10,000
- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe – Response Equipment Grant \$45,000

Local Government Response Equipment and Area Contingency Planning Grants

OSPR provides funding to cities, counties, and special districts for the acquisition of oil spill response equipment. Additionally, the Local Government Grant program provides grants to counties to complete, update, or revise a county-wide oil spill contingency plan. The grant also includes funding for ACP meetings, OSPR Overviews, and oil spill response related training.

In FY 24/25, OSPR awarded \$87,500 in local government grants to the following recipients:

- County of Trinity Office of Emergency Services – Equipment Grant \$45,000
- Marin County Fire Department Office of Emergency Management - Local Government Grant \$10,000
- Alameda County Fire Department - Local Government Grant \$12,500
- City & County of San Francisco Emergency Management Local Government Grant \$10,000
- Sonoma County Permit & Resource Management Dept – Local Government Grant \$10,000

Thus far in FY 25/26, OSPR has initiated \$125,000 in local government grants for the following recipients:

- Morro Bay Harbor District – Equipment Grant \$5,000
- City of Lake Port – Equipment Grant \$10,000
- Alameda County Fire Department – Equipment Grant \$45,000
- Santa Cruz Harbor Port District – Equipment Grant \$5,000
- City of Eureka – Equipment Grant \$5,000
- Port of San Luis Obispo – Equipment Grant \$5,000
- Huntington Beach Fire Department – Equipment Grant \$5,000
- Marin County Fire OEM – Local Government Grant \$10,000
- Humboldt County Environmental Services – Local Government Grant \$25,000
- Sonoma County Permit & Resource Management Department \$10,000

Response Training

The Response Training Program is responsible for funding, coordinating, and tracking all response training that supports OSPR staff in performing their oil spill response roles. Key programs under the Response Training Program include formal classroom trainings and general program management led by the Training Coordinator, internal exercises led by the Internal Preparedness Coordinator, and the Position Specific Response Training Program led by Retired Annuitant (RA) Yvonne Addassi (with support from the Training and Preparedness Coordinators). Please see the key highlights for each program below between March and September of 2025.

General Program Management/Formal Classroom Trainings

- Total OSPR staff training hours: 6,467
- Executed response trainings:
 - 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher (one in each FRT region)
 - 8-Hour HAZWOPER Supervisor
 - 24-Hour HAZWOPER
 - 40-Hour HAZWOPER

- Adult First Aid/AED/CPR
- ATV Safety Training
- ICS 342: Documentation Unit Leader Training
- ICS 320: Intermediate Incident Management Team Training
- Four-wheel Drive Training
- Emergency Response to Oil Spills (EROS) 2025
- ICS 400: Advanced Incident Command System
- Response Training Committee
 - The Response Training Committee, led by the Training Coordinator and in FY 25/26. The Response Training Team is now implementing the plan.
- OSPR-All Response Training Survey
 - 92 OSPR staff participated in the biannual OSPR Response Training Program Survey, which helps the team adjust the program to meet staff needs and gauge organizational change and progress.

Position Specific Response Training Program

The goal of this effort was to initiate and implement a self-sufficient Position Specific Response Training Program by June 2025, that was fully functioning and run by the position specific Subject Matter Expert (SME) Leads. The program improves internal SME Lead coordination and staff training for response roles with a greater emphasis on collaboration across positions.

Over the first year of the program, key successes include:

- Established and implemented a consistent SME Lead Program template for training staff
- Four Quarterly SME Lead Meetings and Training Sessions
- One SME Lead Internal Exercise
- Developed individual training programs focused on the needs of specific ICS position(s)

Moving forward, SME Leads will take on the role of facilitating the meetings and will continue to advance and improve their individual position specific training programs as mentors for their teams.

Internal Preparedness Program

The goal of the Internal Preparedness Coordinator (IPC) is to coordinate opportunities for OSPR staff to train and gain proficiency in the response roles they would fill during a spill response through the facilitation of internal exercises. The IPC also coordinates with the OSPR Drills and Exercises Unit to identify additional training opportunities within industry exercises for OSPR staff that fall outside of the mandatory industry objectives outlined in regulation.

From March-September 2025, the IPC successfully coordinated with the Drills and Exercises Unit to identify additional billets for OSPR staff to fill and participate in 4 industry tabletop exercises. Positions filled during these industry exercises included:

- Wildlife Branch Director
- Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor
- Documentation Unit Leader
- Public Health Assessment Unit Coordinator

The IPC also planned and executed two internal exercises and assisted with two specific training exercises led by OSPR Subject Matter Experts (SME) between March-September 2025. The first exercise was held on April 22, 2025, and focused on SCAT positions, primarily SCAT Coordinator, with a supplemental training opportunity for GIS Technical Specialist staff. The second exercise was held on June 2, 2025, and focused on the Wildlife Branch Director and Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor, with supplemental training opportunities for staff in: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Technical Specialist, GIS Technical Specialist, Safety Officer, and Resources at Risk Coordinator. Additionally, this exercise had participation from partners at the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The IPC assisted with two SME-led training exercises for Volunteer Unit Coordinator and Environmental Unit Support Specialist (EUSS). The Volunteer Unit internal exercise took place on March 25, 2025, and was followed by a field "mock deployment" day on April 29, 2025. The IPC supported the Volunteer Unit with set up and facilitation for both of those events. The EUSS unit held their internal exercise on May 28, 2025. The IPC worked with the EUSS SME to design an activity-based exercise that would help to complete taskbook subtasks that the EUSS team needed to complete. There was also a field component to the EUSS specific training exercise that the IPC supported logistically.

Relevant Metrics

- Number of participants in OSPR internal exercises:
 - SCAT Coordinator Internal Exercise: 7 OSPR Staff
 - Wildlife Branch Internal Exercise: 20 OSPR Staff, 5 OWCN Staff, 1 USFWS Staff
- Number of additional participants in industry exercises: 10
- Number of internal exercises planned for Fiscal Year 25/26: 7

Statewide Contingency Planning

Website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Contingency>

Area Contingency Plans

The USCG serves as OSPR's partner for developing Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) along the coast and has experienced significant turnover in their ACP Coordinator positions throughout the state. Additionally, OSPR's ACP Coordinator position is currently vacant. However, OSPR's Outreach and Training Unit Supervisor, in coordination with Environmental Response Branch staff, continues to track progress on the various ACP revisions and attend meetings. ACPs are available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Contingency> and information on ACP meetings is posted to <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Public-Meetings>.

- San Francisco (ACPs 1, 2, and 3): This plan is being updated to reflect the new USCG ACP architecture guidelines. OSPR submitted comments on the base plan and updated Fish and Wildlife Annex C. USCG is finalizing their updates and revisions are due by early 2026. A major revision is scheduled for 2027.
- Los Angeles/Long Beach (ACPs 4 and 5): Revisions to incorporate USCG's new ACP architecture were completed in 2024. Annual minor revisions are ongoing, and the next major revision is scheduled for 2029.
- San Diego (ACP 6): This plan is being updated to reflect the new USCG ACP architecture guidelines. OSPR updated Fish and Wildlife Annex C but is waiting for

USCG to update the base plan before providing additional comments. Revisions to reflect the new architecture are due by early 2026. A major revision is scheduled for 2028.

Geographic Response Plans (GRPs)

The GRP Coordinator hosted a Statewide Steering Committee Meeting on September 3, with participants from USEPA, US Forest Service, US Department of Interior, CalOES, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, oil spill response organizations, and industry partners. The GRP Coordinator is overseeing new plans and revisions as outlined below. Completed GRPs are available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Contingency>.

New Plans:

- Lower American River (Sacramento County) – Complete.
- Klamath River (Siskiyou, Humboldt, Del Norte Counties) – Complete.
- Salinas River (Monterey County) - GIS Maps in review stage. Field work and document sections complete. Preparation of first draft for GRP Subcommittee review expected in October.
- San Diego River (San Diego County) - Planning Cycle 3: Beginning stages of reconnaissance and determining the GRP boundary.
- Middle Santa Ana River (Riverside County) – Planning Cycle 3: Beginning stages of field work.
- Ventura River or Santa Clara River (Ventura County): Planning Cycle 3, making determination on which plan to develop first.

Revisions:

- Ballona Creek 5-Year Update (Los Angeles County) – Complete.
- Cajon Pass 5-Year Update (San Bernardino County) - Field work is complete. Finalizing document sections prior to sending to GRP Subcommittee for Review.
- Kern River 5-Year Update (Kern County) - Field work complete. Early stages of document development.
- Walker River Update (Mono County) – Field teams have completed data collection. Working with the State of Nevada as this is an interstate plan.
- Truckee River Update (Placer, Nevada, and Sierra Counties) - OSPR FRT staff conducted field reconnaissance for the existing Truckee River GRP response strategy sites along with State of Nevada partners and an OSRO in the summer of 2023. OSPR staff and GIS participated in a field reconnaissance day with the State of Nevada (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection) in 2024 to review strategy sites along the Truckee River in Nevada. Additional field visits will be scheduled for the Nevada sections of the Truckee River.
- Lake Tahoe Contact Sheet (El Dorado and Placer Counties) - In progress.
- North Fork American River, Upper Sacramento River, Russian River - 5-Year Updates in early stages.

Statewide Oil Spill Contingency Plan

OSPR revises the State Oil Spill Contingency Plan every three years. The 2026 revision was submitted to the Governor's Office for approval, with expected release in early January 2026.

Key updates include:

- ADA compliance implemented across the document
- Updated legislative and regulatory references
- Overall restructuring and content edits to improve clarity, remove duplication, and employ direct language
- ICS chart updated to reflect California-specific positions
- Dispersant authorization zone map added
- New section on Renewable Fuels to reflect the expanded statutory definition of oil
- Agency descriptions added and updated based on reviewer feedback
- Updated sections for California Native American tribes and volunteer coordination in alignment with new OSPR positions and Department priorities

Significant outreach and review occurred during the revision process, including:

- Input solicited from OSPR subject matter experts across programs
- All 58 California counties engaged through respective Offices of Emergency Services
- 23 state agencies consulted, including regulatory, emergency management, and natural resource agencies
- 20 federal entities engaged in oil spill response and oversight
- 9 non-governmental organizations provided feedback

Once approved, the 2026 plan will be available at

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Contingency>.

Regional Contingency Plan

OSPR is collaborating with the USCG and USEPA to update the Regional Contingency Plan (RCP). The RCP outlines emergency coordination to hazardous materials releases within California, Nevada, and Arizona. The RCP Update Workgroup is aligning the structure of the document to recently approved RCPs from other regions, as well as streamlining content to create a more functional document. The Workgroup will coordinate with subject matter experts for review before submitting to the Executive Steering Committee, with plans to present the updated draft for more expansive review at the Regional Response Team meeting in February 2026.

Drills and Exercises Unit (D&E)

Website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Drills-Exercises>

General Information: The Drills and Exercises Unit (D&E) is continuing to work with plan holders to ensure exercises are designed to test their mandatory objectives, especially with this being the first year more than Notifications and Staff Mobilization are mandatory for compliance with 14 CCR § 820.1.

D&E kicked off its OSPR Initiated Event (OSPRIE) program by planning and conducting an unannounced exercise in June in OSPR's southern region. The plan holder exceeded D&E's expectations, demonstrating their preparedness by earning credit for more than the mandatory objectives during this successful exercise.

Documentation supporting Additional Notifications, as required by § 820.1(b)(3), was also requested and audited in July to kick off the routine auditing of this type of documentation. One plan holder from each of OSPR's regions representing each tier described in § 820.1 was

selected to be audited. All plan holders conducted notifications and submitted the requested documentation timely.

March 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025

Total Drills and Exercises Statewide

- Total Drills and Exercises: 85
- Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 21
- Total Tabletop Exercises: 63

Total CalTriVEX: 1

Total Drills and Exercises in Northern California

- Total Drills and Exercises: 25
- Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 8
- Total Tabletop Exercises: 17

Total CalTriVEX: 0

Total Drills and Exercises in Central California

- Total Drills and Exercises: 16
- Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 1
- Total Tabletop Exercises: 15

Total CalTriVEX: 0

Total Drills and Exercises in Southern California

- Total Drills and Exercises: 43
- Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 12
- Total Tabletop Exercises: 31

Total CalTriVEX: 1

Response Certification and Planning Unit (RCPU) Oil Spill Response Organizations (OSRO) Program Website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/RCPU>

General Information: The OSRO website includes lists of Marine, Terrestrial, and Inland On-water rated OSROs as well as their contact information.

Current OSROs by rating type:

- Marine: 9
- Inland On-water: 8
- Terrestrial: 21

OSRO Drills conducted March 2025 – August 2025

- Marine – Passed: 1
- Marine – Failed: 0
- Marine – Modified: 0

- Inland On-water – Passed: 5
- Inland On-water – Failed: 0
- Inland On-water – Modified: 0

- Terrestrial – Passed: 4
- Terrestrial – Failed: 0
- Terrestrial – Modified: 0

Industry Oil Spill Contingency Plans:

Website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/RCPU/Vessel-Contingency-Plan-Program>

Current Approved Vessel Contingency Plans: 1316

Vessel Contingency Plans Processed March 2025 – August 2025

- Approved New Plans: 100
- Approved Resubmitted Plans: 63
- Vessel Revisions: 2304
- Withdrawn Vessel Plans: 58

Current Facility Contingency Plans:

- Approved: 123
- Under Review: 18

Facility Plans Processed March 2025 - August 2025

- Marine Plan Approvals: 8
- Marine Revisions: 9
- Inland Approvals: 3
- Inland Revisions: 3
- Inland Exemptions: 0
- Withdrawn: 7

Spill Management Team (SMT) Program

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

The SMT program established a two-phase certification process to allow SMTs to obtain rigorous training and complete a certification exercise. SMTs are issued an interim certification after filing a complete application and training plan, and full certification is issued after the successful completion of the training and certification exercise requirements.

Most interim certifications were issued in 2022 and expire at the end of 2025, so certification exercises will ramp up until the end of 2025. SMTs must apply for certification renewal three years after receiving a full certification.

- SMT Certification Exercises Conducted March – August 2025: 6
- SMT Certification Exercises Scheduled September – December 2025: 9

SMT Certification Status:

- Plan Holder SMTs:
 - Interim Certification: 30
 - Full Certification: 6

- External SMTs:
 - Interim Certification: 10
 - Full Certification: 8

Certificates of Financial Responsibility (COFR) Unit

Website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Financial-Responsibility>

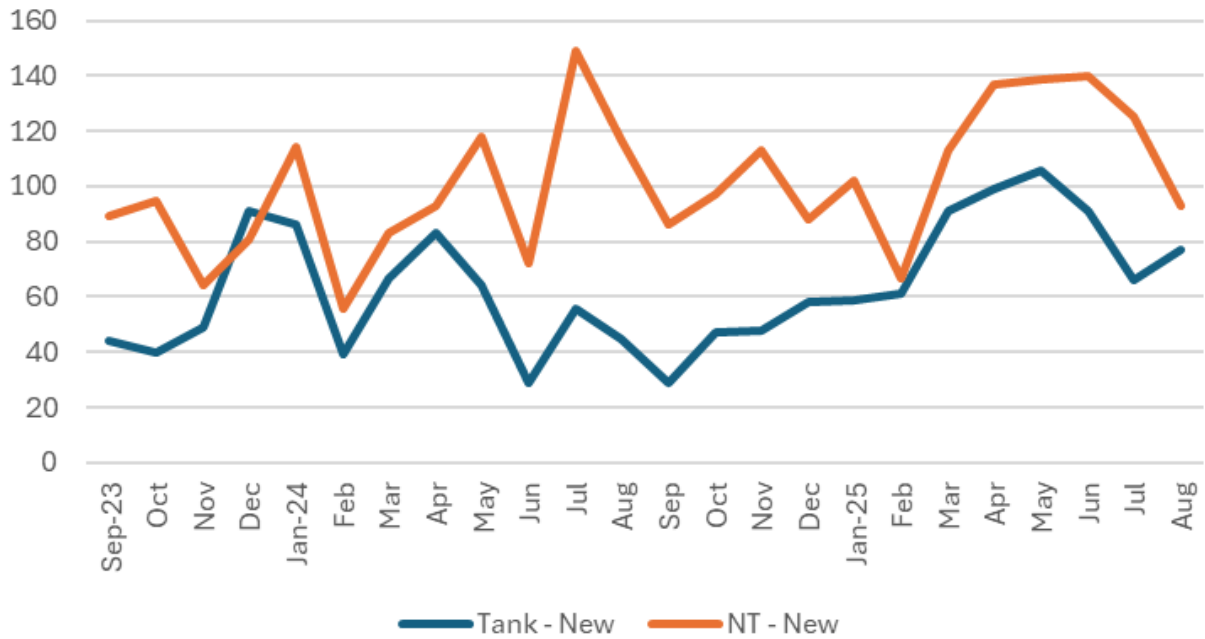
General Information: Though vessel and facility applications surged from February through June, they have slowed considerably through July and August (see following charts).

Vessel and Facility COFR Certificates Issued March 1, 2025 through September 1, 2025:

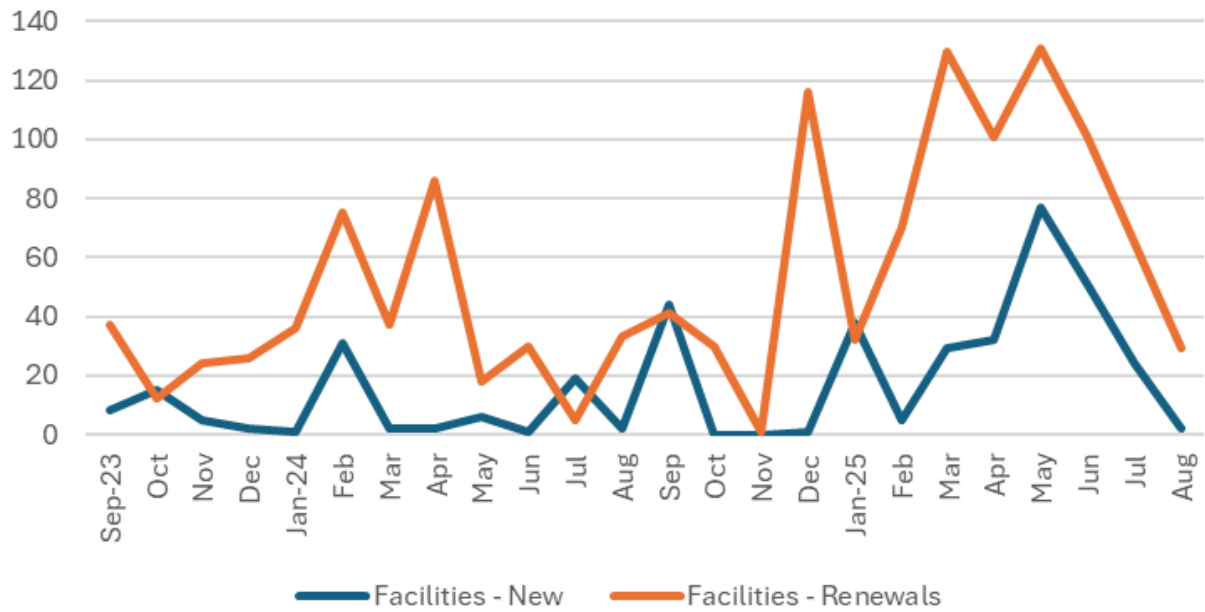
Total COFRs issued: 3,131

- Tank Vessels:
 - New: 534
 - Renewal: 693
- Non-Tank Vessels:
 - New: 863
 - Renewal: 580
- Facilities:
 - New: 69
 - Renewal: 392

New Applications - Vessels



All Applications - Facilities



Laboratory Response Unit Activities as of September 5, 2025

Sample Analysis (since last report)

Performed petroleum fingerprinting analysis to support seven spill investigations and responses.

Research

As part of an ongoing effort to assess fingerprint variation in oil reservoirs of the Huntington Beach oil field, eight well samples (4 onshore wells and 4 offshore wells) from California Resources Corporation's (CRC) Huntington Beach operations were collected and analyzed for petroleum fingerprint and biomarker ratios. To summarize the results, none of the eight well samples were an exact match to each other. Two of four offshore wells had similar fingerprint profiles, and three of four onshore wells had similar fingerprint profiles. The oil samples from the shallowest reservoirs, from both onshore and offshore, were highly degraded. A presentation of the results was provided to Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), California Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division (Cal-GEM), and CRC on May 15, 2025. Another presentation of the fingerprinting results was given to the Cal-GEM southern district field engineers on July 30, 2025. An additional set of well samples (16) are scheduled to be sampled at the end of September. These samples will be from the same reservoirs as collected previously in the Huntington Beach oil field, but they will be collected from different locations in the same reservoirs allowing an assessment of fingerprint variation in space and time. We are starting discussions to work with Cal-Gem and CRC to obtain additional samples from the Wilmington oil field, the Belmont oil field, and the Seal Beach oil field. The goal is to work our way up the coast and sample reservoirs that have a coastal or offshore nexus. This effort will enhance the Petroleum Chemistry Laboratory (PCL) library.

The PCL continues to quantify hydrocarbon concentrations in water samples collected from OSPR funded aquatic toxicity tests. These toxicity studies are laboratory exposures of aquatic organisms (freshwater and marine vertebrates and invertebrates) to high energy water accommodated fractions of renewable diesel and petroleum diesel, respectively. Water concentrations from renewable diesel exposures are being analyzed for total hydrocarbon concentrations and water concentrations from petroleum diesel exposures are being analyzed for total hydrocarbons and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). These studies will fill data gaps on aquatic effects of renewable diesel.

PREVENTION BRANCH

Personnel update: The Southern California Supervisor, Dennis Chastain has retired, his position is currently being held by the Prevention Branch Chief. This position will be filled as soon as possible. All other positions currently are filled.

Looking forward, we have been working to continue updating the Prevention branch website to provide a more interactive and informative page for our program. The prevention branch has also been working on the process for vessel arrival and compliance vetting. By taking advantage of technology, we have adjusted the information that is available to us and set up an API feed that allows the program to automatically report ship compliance thereby shortening the time it takes to vet all ship traffic that calls on California.

Statistics:

April 2025 thru September 2025

Vessel Arrivals: 3930

Category 1 – 4 Risk Boardings: 0

Oil/Fuel Transfer Notifications: 2687

Oil/Fuel Transfer Monitors: 77

Percent of Transfers Monitored: 2.86%

Facility Contingency Plan Verifications: 4

Facility Contingency Plan Exemptions: 3

Marine Outreach: 116

Inland Outreach: 53

Marine Oil Spill Incidents: 206

Inland Oil Spill Incidents: 168

Vessel Compliance Checks 217

Drills attended: 42

OSRO/GIUE Drills attended: 6

Number of grant trailer refresher trainings: 4

Environmental Response Branch (ERB)

Report to the Technical Advisory Committee - October 2025

Recently Filled and Vacant Positions

ERB HQ – Vacant MST Position in Fairfield to be reclassified as SSM I Supervisor for OSPR Spill Desk Support.

NERB – Vacant MST Position Moved to West Sacramento.

CERB – No vacancies.

SERB – Ontario Office Senior Environmental Scientist Kris Wiese retired in June of 2025. The vacant position was moved from Ontario to the San Diego Office. Interviews will be held in mid-September.

OSPR Spill Desk

OSPR Spill Desk staff remain heavily engaged in coordination with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) and their IT contractor in transferring spill reporting data from their new Cal-Watch System to the OSPR Incident Tracking Database (ITDB), as well as developing workarounds for Lotus Notes functions including Spill Notes to document notifications. OSPR Spill Desk continues working with OSPR IT on the new system replacing outdated Lotus Notes software.

Preparedness:

Geographic Response Plans (GRPs)

OSPR Statewide Internal GRP Workgroup Meeting was held on 09/03/2025.

Internal Workgroup meetings were held on 06/25/2025 and 09/17/2025.

Current GRPs in progress (North to South):

NERB:

The Klamath River Geographic Response Plan has been finalized and uploaded to the OSPR website. The Lower American River GRP was sent to the OSPR Executive team for final review and approval. OSPR has conducted field visits along with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to update the Lake Tahoe/Truckee River Interstate GRP. Five-year updates for the Truckee River and Russian River GRP are being planned.

CERB:

Salinas River GRP (Monterey County) - Draft GRP near completion and will be distributed to GRP Subcommittee for review and comment by the end of September. Scheduling in person meeting with Subcommittee members for the end of October.

Kern River GRP 5 Yr. Update. Staff have visited all access points, refreshed site photos, updated resources at risk, and are in the process of updating maps.

SERB:

Edits were completed for the Cajon Pass 5-year update.

Fieldwork continues for the Middle Santa Ana River GRP.

Fieldwork started on the San Diego River GRP.

Area Contingency Plans (ACPs)

ERB Staff virtually attended the RRT9 Meeting held on 07/23-24/2025. ERB virtually attended OSPR internal ACP Workgroup Meeting on 06/17/2025.

Sector San Francisco (ACPs 1, 2, 3)

North Coast (ACP 1) Area Subcommittee Meeting held on 07/17/2025 and scheduled for 09/18/2025.

San Francisco Bay & Delta (ACP 2) Area Committee Meeting held on 05/13/2025, 08/12/2025 and scheduled for 11/18/2025. Central Coast (ACP 3) Area Subcommittee Meeting were held on 04/10/2025 and 07/10/2025.

Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach (ACPs 4, 5)

Area Committee Meeting was held on 05/13/2025.

Sector San Diego (ACP 6)

Area Committee Meeting was held on 05/13/2025.

Sensitive Site Strategy Evaluation Program (SSSEP)

SSSEP Workgroup Meeting was held on 07/21/2025.

NERB

ACP2 – Stockton Channel, 2-010 was successfully tested on 09/09/2025.

CERB

ACP 4 – Arroyo Paredon Creek and Sandyland (4-680) was successfully deployed by SoCal Ship Services on 04/18/2025.

SERB

There were no SSSEP deployments in this reporting period. There will be four deployments in ACP 5 and two in ACP 6 in October and November 2025:

ACP 5 - Ballona Creek (5-140) will be deployed by So Cal Ship Services.

ACP 5 - Cabrillo Wetlands (5-210) will be deployed by West Coast Environmental Services.

ACP 5 - Santa Ana River (5-350) will be deployed by Patriot Environmental Services on 10/08/2025.

ACP 5 - San Gabriel River (5-270) will be deployed by National Response Corporation Environmental Services.

ACP 6 - Buena Vista Lagoon (6-253) will be deployed by Patriot Environmental Services.

ACP 6 - South Bay National Wildlife Refuge (6-455.2 & 3) will be deployed by Marine Spill Response Corporation and National Response Corporation Environmental Services on 11/05/2025.

Drills And Exercises (Virtual And In-Person)

NFRT

05/08/2025 - Safety Kleen, Richmond
07/16/2025 - Valero, Benicia
07/24/2025 - Richmond Pacific Railroad, Richmond
08/07/2025 - Ramos Oil, Sacramento
08/11/2025 - Golden Gate Ferry, Sausalito
08/20/2025 - Patriot Environmental, Sacramento
08/21/2025 - Action Cleaning, Concord
08/26/2025 - Bay Ship and Yacht, Alameda

CFRT

04/09/2025 - Carbon California, Santa Paula
04/15/2025 - BNSF Railway, Atwater
05/22/2025 - Aera Energy, McKittrick
05/29/2025 - E&B Natural Resources, New Cuyama
06/05/2025 - Aera Energy, Ventura
06/11/2025 - TJC, Carpinteria
06/19/2025 - Sentinel Peak Resources, Bakersfield
06/24/2025 - Crimson Pipeline, Ventura
07/10/2025 - Dion and Sons, Carpinteria
07/17/2025 - Sable Offshore Resources, Goleta
07/22/2025 - CalNRG Marine, Ventura
07/23/2025 - Carbon California, Santa Paula
08/06/2025 - Plains Pipeline L.P., Bakersfield
08/22/2025 - Pacific Coast Energy, Orcutt
09/04/2025 - Chevron, San Ardo
09/17/2025 - Genesee and Wyoming Western Region, Bakersfield
09/18/2025 - Sable Offshore, Goleta
09/25/2025 - Aera Energy, San Ardo
09/26/2025 - OC Vacuum

SFRT

04/10/2025 - World Oil Terminals, Downey
04/24/2025 - CRC/Thums and Tidelands, Long Beach
05/07/2025 - Valero, Wilmington
05/09/2025 - Redwood Coast Fuels, Pomona
05/14/2025 - Hudson Marine, Long Beach
06/10/2025 - Nustar Energy, Wilmington
06/18/2025 - Chevron Pipeline, Long Beach
06/27/2025 - BAE Systems, San Diego
07/02/2025 - South Bay Industrial Services, Long Beach

07/10/2025 - Equilon Enterprises, Wilmington
07/15/2025 - E&B Natural Resources, Fountain Valley
07/17/2025 - Olympus Terminals, Long Beach
07/23-24/2025 - Tesoro Refining, Carson
07/25/2025 - Warren E&P, Wilmington
07/30/2025 - Phillips 66 Pipeline, Los Angeles
08/01/2025 - Primetime Coatings, National City
08/05/2025 - Vopak Terminals, Long Beach
08/06/2025 - Phillips 66 Refinery, Wilmington
08/13/2025 - Signal Hill Petroleum, Bryant Lease, Signal Hill
08/14/2025 - PTL Marine, Rancho Dominguez
09/09/2025 - NASSCO, San Diego
09/17/2025 - Matrix Oil, La Habra Heights
09/19/2025 - Shadow Wolf Energy, Newhall
09/23-24/2025 - Andeavor, Carson
09/25/2025 - Zenith Energy West Coast Terminals Dominguez Facility, Long Beach

Shoreline/Site Protection Tables Workgroup

SPT Workgroup met on 05/05/2025 for further discussion before 15-day comment period. SPT Workgroup met on 06/25/2025 to review public comments.

Training

NERB

- NERB provided SCAT training for OSPR LOFR, Richmond on 05/06/2025.
- NERB staff instructed and participated in EROS, Newport Beach on 05/19-23/2025.
- Corvington completed SCAT Coordinator Training with CERB staff on 06/13/2025.

CERB

- CERB participated in an 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher on 05/14/2025.
- CERB staff participated in USCG UAS training in Santa Barbara on 07/8-11/2025.
- CERB completed quarterly SCAT exercise in May and August 2025.

SERB

- SERB participated in HAZWOPR Supervisor Training on 09/11/2025.
- SERB Staff participated in Sampling Training on 12/04/2024.
- SERB Staff participated in an 8 Hr. HAZWOPR Refresher on 3/13/2025.
- SERB participated in a SCAT Exercise in Marina Del Rey on 11/13-14/2024.

ERB

- Several ERB staff instructed or participated at the Environmental Response to Oil Spills (EROS) Training held in the City of Newport Beach on 05/20-22/2025.

- ERB Staff continue UAV (drone piloting) practice to maintain pilot currency.
- ERB staff continue monthly field SCATatalogue training as schedules permit.
- EROS Training Workgroup will reconvene in October.
- The Response Training Committee met on 07/17/2025 and 1/16/2025 and ERB Staff participated.
- The Subject Matter Expert (SME) Program met on 3/12/2025.
- Selected ERB staff participated in a Subject Matter Expert led SCAT exercise in San Luis Obispo on 04/23-24/2025.

UAS

ERB Pilots continue to conduct three practice flights every three months to maintain department recurrency status and participate in UAS Workgroup Meetings.

Response (Selected)

NFRT

7/1/25 NRC/US Ecology/Republic Services closed offices in Eureka and Chico

25-2670 – Valley Pacific Petroleum Tank Release - Dayton and Rehse responded to a report of 3,600 gallons of biodiesel (B99) that flowed into a containment basin due to operator error in Eureka. All product was recovered. No wildlife impacts reported.

25-3105 – South Lake Tahoe Vessel Incident: NFRT responded to a weather event at South Lake Tahoe where up to six vessels sank and one sinking resulted in multiple maritime casualties. No oil was recovered and no wildlife impacts reported. A follow-up meeting with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and partner agencies was conducted to prioritize updating the Geographic Response Plan key contacts for this region.

CFRT

25-2409 Miss Deception Vessel Grounding: On May 15, 2025, a 42 foot commercial fishing vessel ran aground in Marina, CA. Potential release was 710 gallons of red dye diesel. Fuel was removed before salvage. CERB staff coordinated with USFWS and CA State Parks to monitor western snowy plovers and keep response activities from impacting wildlife.

25-2700 CRC KND 12P Production Line Release: On May 31, 2025, 1 bbl of crude oil and 46 bbls of produced water released in Avenal, CA. CERB staff responded and continued to return to site to monitor excavation and soil removal until clean-up endpoints were finally met on 09/03/2025.

25-4106 Elaine Vessel Release: On August 18, 2025, a 32-foot commercial fishing vessel sank in Monterey Harbor. CERB staff monitored the raising of the vessel and the removal

of approximately 55 gallons of red dye diesel and other petroleum products on board. No wildlife injuries observed, and no fishery closure was implemented.

SFRT

25-1252 – Pico Ave. Incident: On 03/12/2025, a transmission pipeline leaked crude oil onto the roadway, through storm drains, and to the water at Berth 55 of Channel 3 in Long Beach Inner Harbor. Booms were deployed to contain oil in an area covering approximately 4 acres. Olympus Terminals was identified as the Responsible Party. The oil impacted the seawall, a cobble and riprap shoreline, boat docks and several small commercial vessels. The contracted Oil Spill Response Organization, National Response Corporation Environmental Services, conducted storm drain, vessel, and shoreline clean. Environmental cleanup methods included pressure washing on harbor structures and deployment of snare for passive recovery. Wildlife were observed in the area of operations along with sightings of a potentially oiled brown pelican and a double crested cormorant that led to activation of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, who applied hazing and deterrence techniques. After that, there were no observations of oiled wildlife throughout the response. There was an evaluation of cultural and historic resources and a potential fisheries closure in the area of response, however implementation was not mandated. Oil spill quantification determined that an estimated amount of 118.14 gallons (2.81 bbls) of Tidelands Thums crude oil was released. On 05/09/2025 the Unified Command determined that the response met cleanup endpoints and was concluded.

25-4491 – Vessel Victoria Incident: On 09/06/2025, The SFRT responded to a sunken vessel at Los Angeles Harbor Berth 268 and observed a partially submerged 50-foot fishing vessel (trawler) that was releasing hydraulic oil and weathered red-dye diesel midship. USCG stated the vessel had a maximum spill potential of 400 gallons in the fuel tank. So Cal Ship services was contracted as the OSRO and deployed containment boom and sorbent boom around the vessel on 9/6 at 2400. So Cal Ship services contracted diving company, Phamarine on 9/7 to dive and plug the source of the release. The release source was controlled. Phamarine conducted salvage activities on the vessel on 9/11. No wildlife impacts have been reported or observed.

Miscellaneous

NERB – LEPC R2: 5/29/25, 8/21/25

NERB – LEPC R3: 4/2/25

CERB – LEPC R4: 5/7/25

CERB – LEPC R5: 5/6/25

SERB – LEPC R1: 05/14/2025 and 08/13/2025.

SERB – LEPC R6: 05/08/2025 and 08/14/2025.

All ERB Field Staff Virtual Meetings – 05/12/2025, 07/29/2025, 09/22/2025.

CERB and SERB staff continue to conduct monthly shoreline surveys from Santa Barbara to San Diego for the Beachcomber effort.

SERB and CERB continue to conduct tarball surveys and populate the tarball Tracking Spreadsheets to consolidate shoreline background information.

CERB staff coordinating with LED, OSPSs, and OSPR legal on several ongoing cases in Kern County.

ERB staff participated in the OSPR 11th Biennial Response Technology Workshop in Carson, CA on 05/27-30/25.

ERB staff participated in the Natural Seep Working Group. Meetings were held on 06/19/2025 and 2/26/2025.

ERB staff participated in the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Subcommittee for Area Committees. Meetings were held on 06/30/2025 and 08/13/2025.

SERB staff participated in NRDA spill site visit on 04/22/2025 to assess recovery from fuel oil spill more than a decade ago.

SERB staff participated in sampling at the Redondo Beach offshore oil seep on 05/08/2025.

Spill Response Technology & Support Branch

TAC Update (as of September 2025)

Units:

- **Safety**
- **Oiled Wildlife Response**
- **Best Achievable Technology (BAT)**
- **Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care & Research Center (MWVCRC)**
- **Applied Response Technology (ART)**
- **Fisheries Closure Coordination**
- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**

News and Administration

- **Sea Otter Awareness Week:** OSPR is engaged in activities associated with Sea Otter Awareness Week including an article in the Insider on the MWVCRC.
- **Staffing:** One open position at MWVCRC, two open positions in GIS (one has been frozen, the other is at the interview stage).
- **Disability Awareness Committee** OSPR has a standing representative on the DAC promoting full representation and an outstanding workplace for all in the Department.

Safety

- Support for field responses statewide.
- Significant training activities including HAZWOPER refreshers, 24-hour training, and 40-hour training for OSPR as well as external partners including Native American tribes and bands, OWCN member organizations, and local agency partners. PPE procurement and distribution.
- Equipment calibration.

Oiled Wildlife & Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care & Research Facility

- Field Responses – Several responses with wildlife impacts supported by Wildlife Response Coordinator (Amanda Coleman).
- WRC – Developing multiple job aids and decision tools for spill response.
- WRC – Initiating state-wide study of remote sensing tools for wildlife response with focus on nocturnal wildlife. Also, may include hazing effectiveness assessment.
- Wildlife Response Plan – Update in final editing for January 2026 release.
- Team Coordination – Regular (bi-monthly) meetings with OWCN.
- MWVCRC hosting four visiting pinnipeds while tank maintenance is conducted at partner organization. All care being provided by partner organization (UCSC Long Marine Lab), but excellent training and stress test opportunities for facility and OSPR staff.

Applied Response Technology and Best Achievable Technology

- **License applications** – ITS GTS-OR surface washing agent licensed by CA OSPR. Matter of Trust hair/fur sorbent under review.
- **Training** – ART Coordinator participated in large scale dispersant use training at OHMSETT facility with industry and agency representatives.

- Surface Washing Agent Study – Publication in Marine Pollution Bulletin (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0025326X25004710>) “Consolidating the state of knowledge of surface washing agents for spill response decision making.”
- Regional Contingency Plan Update – Dispersant Use Plan for California being updated to comply with new Subpart J requirements.
- RTE/ART/BAT Working Group – Expanded working group to include full time representation by OSPR, USCG, NOAA, USEPA, and OSRO. Presented at State-wide Area Committee meeting.
- ART Gallery – Developing fourth edition.

Fisheries Closure

- Spill Response – Provided spill response support with OEHHA for multiple incidents with potential fisheries closures.
- Regulatory – SB 839 awaiting Governor’s signature. Includes optimization of regulatory language regarding timing of closures and enforceability of closures for commercial and recreational fishing during response.
- Supporting Dunsmuir Response assessing fish exclusion strategies for in-river containment area for 2025 operations.
- Preparedness – Developing support tool to identify key species and associated fishery data to increase efficiency of spill response statewide. Coordinating with OEHHA. Supporting PHAU development. Coordinating with interested party groups (commercial and recreational fishing organizations).

Geographic Information Systems

- Staffing – Currently operating with four staff instead of six. One position frozen, another being backfilled.
- Spill and Drill Response – Spatial analysis and mapping during response statewide addressing Common Operating Picture, Situation Unit support, SCAT, spatial analysis, and mapping.
- SCATatalogue – Update completed. Developing new ESRI platform version (SCATatalogue123) for better interoperability with other digital data collection and presentation tools. Currently field testing.
- Reconnaissance App Development – Field testing completed.
- ERMA Updates – Continual data additions to ERMA for Common Operating Picture during response.
- UAV Program – Licensed pilots for UAV mapping missions.

Resource Restoration Branch

October 2025 TAC Update

The Resource Restoration Branch (RRB) includes the Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) Program, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Unit, and the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) Unit. These functions are a critical component of OSPR's mission " ... to provide best achievable protection of California's natural resources by preventing, preparing for, and responding to spills of oil and restoring affected resources." To date, OSPR, together with our other federal and state natural resource trustees, have raised more than \$220 million dollars for restoration following large spills of oil and other hazardous substances and \$11 million dollars for smaller spills assessed by OSPR alone.

Personnel Update. A request to refill an open Senior Environmental Scientist position within the RRB NRDA Unit is pending until further notice. The branch currently consists of a vacant Environmental Program Manager I (Supervisor), a Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor), four Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialists) [one vacant], an Environmental Scientist, a Resource Economist, and a Staff Toxicologist.

Environmental Enhancement Fund.

Fund Balance: \$1,000,000 (approximate). To date, over \$11.8 million has been awarded to various grant recipients in California. In November 2024, EEF awarded \$7.5 million in grants to eight different restoration projects located throughout California. These projects were executed in Spring 2025.

Currently Funded Restoration Projects:

1. Restoring Critical Habitat and Increasing Climate Resiliency in a Northern California Dune System, Humboldt County
2. Watershed Restoration and Protection Marsh Creek 7 Water Flows to the Delta, Contra Costa County
3. Restoring High Elevation Freshwater Ecosystems of Yosemite National Park, Tuolumne County
4. Elk Creek/Eden Valley Sediment Source Assessment – Eel River Watershed, Mendocino County
5. Enhancing Dune Habitat and Ecosystem Function at Northern Monterey County State Parks, Monterey County
6. Riparian Restoration at the TNC Prairie Pacific Property, Santa Paula, Ventura County

7. Pismo State Beach Foredune Restoration and Improvement Project, San Luis Obispo County
8. Shaahnnaa' Lhook' Land Back for Acquisition of Fee Interest, Mendocino County (Execution not yet complete)
9. Upper Tryon Creek Habitat Restoration – Phase 1, Del Norte County
10. Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Tidal Wetland Restoration Project, Alameda County
11. Restoration of Sausal Creek Headwaters, Alameda County
12. Restoration Ecosystem Health and Resilience at Anacapa Island, Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County

Small Spills Habitat Restoration Fund.

Fund Balance: \$3,173,716 (as of September 16, 2025).

Currently Funded Restoration Projects:

1. Hope Valley Restoration and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project, El Dorado County
2. Black Lake Habitat Restoration for Recovery of Federally Listed Species, San Luis Obispo County
3. Fisher Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration Project – Phase II, Santa Clara County
4. GRRCD PIT Antenna Operations and Maintenance, Sonoma County
5. Riparian Habitat Restoration at Santa Clara River, Santa Barbara County
6. Bluff Lake Reserve Wet Meadow Restoration, Revegetation and Monitoring Project, San Bernardino County
7. Rare Species Habitat Restoration Project, Los Angeles County
8. Basso/La Grange Reach Floodplain Restoration Project Phase 1 – Implementation, Stanislaus County
9. Basso/La Grange Reach Floodplain Restoration Project Phase 2 – Implementation
10. Cottonwood Meadow Restoration Project, Phase 2
11. Protection and Enhancement of Habitat for Rare Species at the Sand Ridge and Caliente Preserves
12. Invasive Arundo Restoration on the Santa Clara River

No small spill restoration projects have been completed since the last TAC update in April 2025.

NRDA Case Report. Since April 2025, one case has been settled and one remains in progress:

Settled Case:

Clover Flat Landfill (Napa County)- an assist to our CDFW Regional 3 Office, North Central Region, not funded by OSPAF, and completed with the Napa County DA and the Regional Water Board.

- 4.24 acres of on-site restoration of habitat in and around the landfill in Napa County
- \$2.654 million in restoration funding for other Napa County environmental restoration projects

Case in Progress:

Tanzanite Park Pond (Sacramento County)

Large Spill NRDA Assessments.

Pipeline P00547 NRDA. Immediately following the October 2, 2021 report of a spill from Pipeline P00547, members of the OSPR Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Unit began pulling together a multi-trustee agency team and deploying staff in the field to pre-assess natural resource injuries arising from the spill. The natural resource trustees (Trustee Team) for the spill include the following state trustees: OSPR, State Lands, and Parks and Recreation; and the following federal trustees: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service (representing the DOI), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Last year, the Trustee Team published a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register ([Notice of Intent Link](#)) that the Trustees intend to proceed with Restoration Planning for the spill (i.e., proceed to pursue natural resource damages caused by the spill). The Trustee Team also presented to the public on the status of the assessment and solicited the public's input on potential restoration projects that compensate for resource injuries caused by the spill. Copies of those presentations can be found [on the OSPR web page](#). Beginning and since July 2023, the Trustee Team has held eight meetings with the Responsible Party (Amplify Energy Corp.) to settle resource damages caused by the spill. Updates on NRDA activities and findings will continue to be posted on OSPR's [Restoration/NRDA webpage](#).

Large Spill Trustee Councils or State-Lead Restoration. OSPR is a state-trustee lead member on eleven (11) ongoing large spill Trustee Councils overseeing restoration dollars that benefit birds, mammals, fish and their habitats injured by spills. Please see: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/NRDA/Large-Cases-Restoration> for further details.

Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 11:06 a.m.
Microsoft TEAMS Meeting
California Poppy Room, 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605
Public comments were accepted via the chat function.

The following were in attendance:

TAC Members:

Matt Rezvani (Chair), Janell Myhre (Vice Chair), John Berge, Edward Harmon, Kathleen Rogers, Peter Santillan

Recording Secretary:

Brenda Brantley

OSPR Participants:

Heather Geldart – Administrator, Julie Yamamoto – Deputy Administrator, Amir Sharifi – Assistant Deputy Administrator, Eric Milstein – Assistant Chief Counsel

This was a TAC Workgroup meeting for members to review and work on the 2023-2024 Biennial Report to the Legislature.

I. 2023-2024 Biennial Report

Discussed two documents, one submitted by the Accomplishment subcommittee and one submitted by the Priorities subcommittee, and suggestions by Agency. More revisions to be made to the document(s) by the subcommittee(s), so further discussions were tabled until the next Biennial TAC meeting in January 2025.

II. Next Meeting

Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair

The next Biennial TAC meeting is to be set up for January 2025, the exact date to be determined by the results from a Doodle Poll.

Adjourn Meeting

Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR)
Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Garibaldi Conference Room, 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Public comments were accepted via the chat function.

The following were in attendance:

TAC Members:

In Person: Matt Rezvani, Chair, Edward Harmon

Virtual: Janell Myhre, Vice Chair, John Berge, Sejal Choksi-Chugh, James Farner, Rue Furch, Kathleen Rogers, Michael Young

Recording Secretary:

Brenda Brantley

OSPR Participants:

Heather Geldart – Administrator, Amir Sharifi – Assistant Deputy Administrator, Nicole Gleason – Acting Assistant Chief Counsel, Christine Kluge – Regulations Analyst, Joshua Nicholas, Enforcement Branch Chief, Lieutenant Brian Patrick, OSPR Law Enforcement Division

I. Introductions

Heather Geldart – TAC Members/Agency Representatives/OSPR Staff present in person and virtually

II. OSPR Update

Heather Geldart – Unanimously approved as the Administrator for OSPR at her confirmation hearing, now moving to the Senate Floor for final approval.

Written OSPR programmatic updates are located in the [TAC Binder](#).

III. Minutes from last meeting three meetings

Time was allowed for public comments prior to the vote. The minutes from September 25, 2024, and January 31, 2025, were approved unanimously. However, the minutes from November 14, 2024, will be carried over to the next meeting.

IV. Agency Briefings (90 Min.)

- A. San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Cody Aichele
- B. California Coastal Commission – Unavailable, see TAC Binder
- C. California State Lands Commission – Grace Kato
- D. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Unavailable, see TAC Binder

- E. California Geologic Energy Management Division – Unavailable
- F. State Water Resources Control Board – Unavailable
- G. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Jordan Stout
- H. US Coast Guard – Ben Perry-Thistle
- I. US Environmental Protection Agency – Katherine Lawrence

LUNCH (60 Min.)

V. OSPR Budget Update

Amir Sharifi – OSPR

VI. Regulatory and Legislative Update

Christine Kluge - OSPR

VII. OSPR Enforcement Presentation

Lieutenant Brian Patrick – OSPR

Assistant Chief Joshua Nicholas – OSPR

VIII. Biennial Update

Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair

The final version of the 2023-2024 Biennial Report went to the Legislature on Friday, February 28, 2025, and was attached in the April 2025 TAC Binder. Additionally, it is posted on the following TAC web page: [OSPR Technical Advisory Committee](#).

IX. Next Meeting

Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair

The next TAC meeting will be scheduled in the first or second week of October 2025, following a Doodle Poll to determine the availability of the TAC Members.

Adjourn Meeting

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)

Cody Aichele-Rothman

Since our last Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting BCDC staff has participated in a number of oil spill related and interagency coordination meetings and events across the region:

SF Harbor Safety Committee. BCDC participated in the May, June, and September San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) meetings, all in person (the April meeting was the same time as the last TAC meeting, and August was on hiatus). In the spring BCDC worked on the annual update to the San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Plan, updating several appendices and requested sections with the help of many partners and members of the Committee. This work was approved at the June HSC meeting.

BCDC has also been attending the various HSC subcommittee work group meetings, such as Ferry, Tug Escort, Tsunami Ready, and Marine Mammals, among others, with more scheduled in the near future.

BCDC attended the three-day Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment/IALA Waterways Risk Assessment Program (PAWSA/IWRAP) Bay wide assessment in mid-April. This work helped the creation of the PAWSA report that was released in mid-June. The report discussed several hazard scenarios, risk assessment tools, and potential mitigation strategies. Staff attended the webinar in August to go over the findings of the report. To further the momentum of the report and possible improvements to the region-wide system, BCDC introduced a motion to create a new risk reduction working group at the September HSC meeting, to be discussed and possibly voted upon at the October HSC meeting.

Area Contingency Planning. BCDC staff has continued to coordinate with the Port of San Francisco, the Waterboard, and other parties to address the spill event at Hyde Pier in San Francisco. BCDC has been attending the ongoing bi-weekly meetings. BCDC issued a permit for the proposed mitigation work in June, and attended a site visit to begin the drilling in September.

BCDC staff attended in person the Regional Response Team IX (RRT9) meeting in July, held in Oakland. BCDC staff is on the Cultural/Historic Resources and Tribal Engagement subcommittee of the RRT9. This subcommittee hosts monthly meetings, BCDC attended the May, June, and August meetings, and has helped plan a series of workshops to support Tribal Engagement During Oil Spill Incidents. BCDC staff attended the first workshop held successfully in early May.

BCDC staff attended the Area Committee meetings in May on Yerba Buena Island, and in August in Concord. At the August meeting, BCDC staff gave a presentation to the Committee describing the agency's role and history in the region.

Response and Related Activities. BCDC attended the April Phillips 66 Richmond Marine Terminal exercise.

BCDC was unable to attend in person the four-day Oil Spill Technology Workshop held in Carson, CA, so staff attended most of the available online sessions.

BCDC staff spent a day in June visiting SF Bay's Vessel Traffic Service, or VTS, to get a better understanding of the daily connections and work they perform to keep our Bay running smoothly.

Environmental Justice. BCDC staff has been attending State Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion meetings, held every other month. Additionally staff participated in a site visit to the Campus Bay/Astra Zeneca site in Richmond in April, to explore the history and continuing struggle on the ground. And staff attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new extension of the Point Molate Trail in Richmond in August.

California Coastal Commission (CCC) Oil Spill Program's Activities April to October 2025

Jonathan Bishop – CCC Oil Spill Program Coordinator

A summary of the CCC Oil Spill Program's work activities since the last TAC meeting is provided below:

- **Meetings.** Commission staff attended the following meetings in-person or virtually:

Eleven Harbor Safety Committee ("HSC") meetings: three Humboldt (HUM) HSC meetings (5/15, 7/17, and 9/18); three San Francisco/Bay Delta (SF/BD) HSC meetings (5/8, 6/12, and 9/11); one Port Hueneme (PH) HSC meeting (5/1); one Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) HSC meeting (6/4); and three San Diego (SD) HSC meeting (5/28, 7/30, and 9/24). Summer HSC meetings for SF/BD, PH, and LA/LB were cancelled.

Highlights from this reporting period include the following:

- HUM – Harbor Safety Plan (HSP) Review: Establishment of Chapter Custodians for the HSP. This model mimics the LA/LB HSC and is meant to improve the annual HSP review process. The CCC, along with other HSC members, will begin drafting a new Environmental Impacts chapter for the HSP that will be like LA/LB and SD HSC's plans. The annual HSP update was approved by the full HSC and a copy was sent to the OSPR Administrator.
- SF/BD – (BCDC to provide highlights).
- PH – Emissions Capture and Control (EC&C) Barge: Discussions are ongoing around safe operations and spacing between the EC&C barge and other watercraft in Port Hueneme. The HSC discussed potential best practice operational procedures for the HSP.
- LA/LB – Emissions Capture and Control (EC&C) Barges: Progress is being made regarding communications between the EC&C barges, other watercraft, and pilots. Spudding down: Representatives from the Port of Long Beach and others have spent many hours mapping subsea pipelines and cables of all types so the barges know what is on the sea floor beneath them and pre-planning can be done. Concern remains for unplanned spudding down such as in the event of a loss of propulsion. Work continues to find any remaining subsea pipelines and cables and add them to the nautical charts. Articulated Tug Barges (ATB's): Discussions around the treatment of ATB's are ongoing and forming a work group with SF/BD HSC is being pursued.
- SD – Harbor Safety Plan (HSP) Review. The annual HSP update was approved by the full HSC and a copy was sent to the OSPR Administrator.

Four Area Committee (“AC”) meetings: two North Coast (NC) AC meetings (7/17 and 9/18); one Central Coast (CC) AC meetings (7/10); one Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) AC meeting (5/13). The HUM AC did not meet in May. The SD AC (5/13) and SF/BD AC (5/13) meetings were missed because the LA/LB AC meeting was being held at the same time.

Other meetings attended during this reporting period include:

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) planning meetings (5/21 and 6/24); OSPR Technology Workshop (5/27 – 5/30 - virtual attendance); RRT9 quarterly meeting (7/24, Oakland – virtual attendance).

- **Drills and Exercises** – BSEE GIUE, Platform Irene (7/29).
- **Statewide Contingency Plan Update** – CCC provided written updates (5/1).
- **Dispersant Use Plan Update** – Applied Response Technology and Response Technology Evaluation (ART/RTE) Workgroup meetings – (4/23, Sacramento and 8/14, Concord). CCC Oil Spill Program staff will work with the USCG, OSPR, OSRO's and other interested parties on the regulatory review process for plan updates.
- **Contingency Plan Reviews** - Per Lempert-Keene Seastrand Act Section 8670.36, CCC Oil Spill Program staff reviewed three Contingency Plans with comments provided to OSPR's Preparedness Branch for consideration. The following Contingency Plans were reviewed by CCC Oil Spill Program staff:
 - #F1-30-6514 (Synergy, Huntington Beach).
 - #F1-19-6664 (TJC, San Pedro).
 - #F6-37-6663 (TJC, San Diego).
- **Coastal Development Projects Reviewed** – Coastal Development Projects in the planning and permitting process that have been reviewed by OS program staff during this reporting period include:

Southern Synergy Oil Field Site – The Synergy Oil Field site consists of an approximately 154-acre property located in City of Huntington Beach. The project includes removing all oil infrastructure such as pipelines, tanks, and oil wells, plugging and abandoning all oil wells and restoring tidal wetlands and transitional upland habitats in the areas historically used for oil production.
- **Oil Spills – NRDA Coordination.**

Refugio Spill and Amplify Pipeline P00547 Spill NRDA – OS program staff continues to coordinate with OSPR in the NRDA process for both the Refugio spill and the Amplify pipeline spill. OS program staff will continue to coordinate with OSPR and other Trustees on potential future restoration

projects and any regulatory permitting requirements that may go along with them.

➤ **Public Education and Outreach.**

Oil Spills for Marinas and Boating Workshops. The CCC, State Parks and OSPR held free workshops for marinas and yacht clubs (4/22 - virtual, 5/2 – Marina Del Rey, and 6/19 – Alameda). Workshop topics included:

- California's Oil Spill Response Structure.
- California's Marinas and Yacht Clubs Spill Response Communication Packet.
- Real Life Spill Case Studies: Lessons Learned and Best Practices.
- Oil Spill Response Resources for Boating Facilities.

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State Budget/Commission Budget/OSPAP

The 2025-26 state budget assumes savings related to departments' vacant position funding and reduced operating budgets in order to achieve a balanced budget. The legislature voted to delay reducing Special Funds' budgets and positions until further evaluation on the impacts of those reductions. While the Commission's original total budget is \$63,788,000 and includes an appropriation of \$16,831,000 from OSPAF, these appropriations will decrease should the legislature move forward with these reductions. This means that staff will continue to evaluate spending and exercise prudence when it comes to committing new funds.

OSPAP Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
MRMD	\$ 5,498,000	\$ 5,498,000	\$	100.0%
MEPD	\$ 8,674,000	\$ 7,480,000	\$ 1,194,000	86.2%
2017-18	\$ 14,172,000	\$ 12,978,000	\$ 1,194,000	91.6%
MRMD	\$ 5,554,000	\$ 5,451,000	\$ 103,000	98.1%
MEPD	\$ 8,592,000	\$ 8,493,000	\$ 99,000	98.8%
2018-19	\$ 14,146,000	\$ 13,944,000	\$ 202,000	98.6%
MRMD	\$ 5,966,000	\$ 4,891,000	\$ 1,075,000	82.0%
MEPD	\$ 9,249,000	\$ 7,731,000	\$ 1,518,000	83.6%
2019-20	\$ 15,215,000	\$ 12,622,000	\$ 2,593,000	83.0%

MRMD	\$ 5,442,000	\$ 3,405,000	\$ 2,037,000	62.6%
MEPD	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 8,070,000	\$ 530,000	93.8%
2020-21	\$ 14,042,000	\$ 11,475,000	\$ 2,567,000	81.7%
MRMD	\$ 6,237,000	\$ 3,502,000	\$ 2,735,000	56.1%
MEPD	\$ 9,511,000	\$ 9,286,000	\$ 225,000	97.6%
2021-22	\$ 15,748,000	\$ 12,788,000	\$ 2,960,000	81.2%
MRMD	\$ 6,537,000	\$ 4,005,000	\$ 2,532,000	61.3%
MEPD	\$ 9,912,000	\$ 9,550,000	\$ 362,000	96.3%
2022-23	\$ 16,449,000	\$ 13,555,000	\$ 2,894,000	82.4%
MRMD	\$ 6,752,000	\$ 4,893,000	\$ 1,859,000	72.5%
MEPD	\$ 10,207,000	\$ 9,317,000	\$ 890,000	91.3%
2023-24	\$ 16,959,000	\$ 14,210,000	\$ 2,749,000	83.8%
MRM	\$ 5,782,000	\$ 5,465,000	\$ 317,000	94.5%
MEPD	\$ 9,831,000	\$ 9,674,000	\$ 157,000	98.4%
2024-25*	\$ 15,613,000	\$ 15,139,000	\$ 474,000	97.0%

MRM	\$ 6,663,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 6,063,000	9.0%
MEPD	\$ 10,168,000	\$ 655,000	\$ 9,513,000	6.4%
2025-26**	\$ 16,831,000	\$ 1,255,000	\$ 15,576,000	7.5%

*Reflects budget reductions pursuant to CS 4.05 Government CS 4.12 Vacancy Savings and Position Elimination Adjustment of the 2024 Budget Act.

**Expenditures through fiscal month 01.

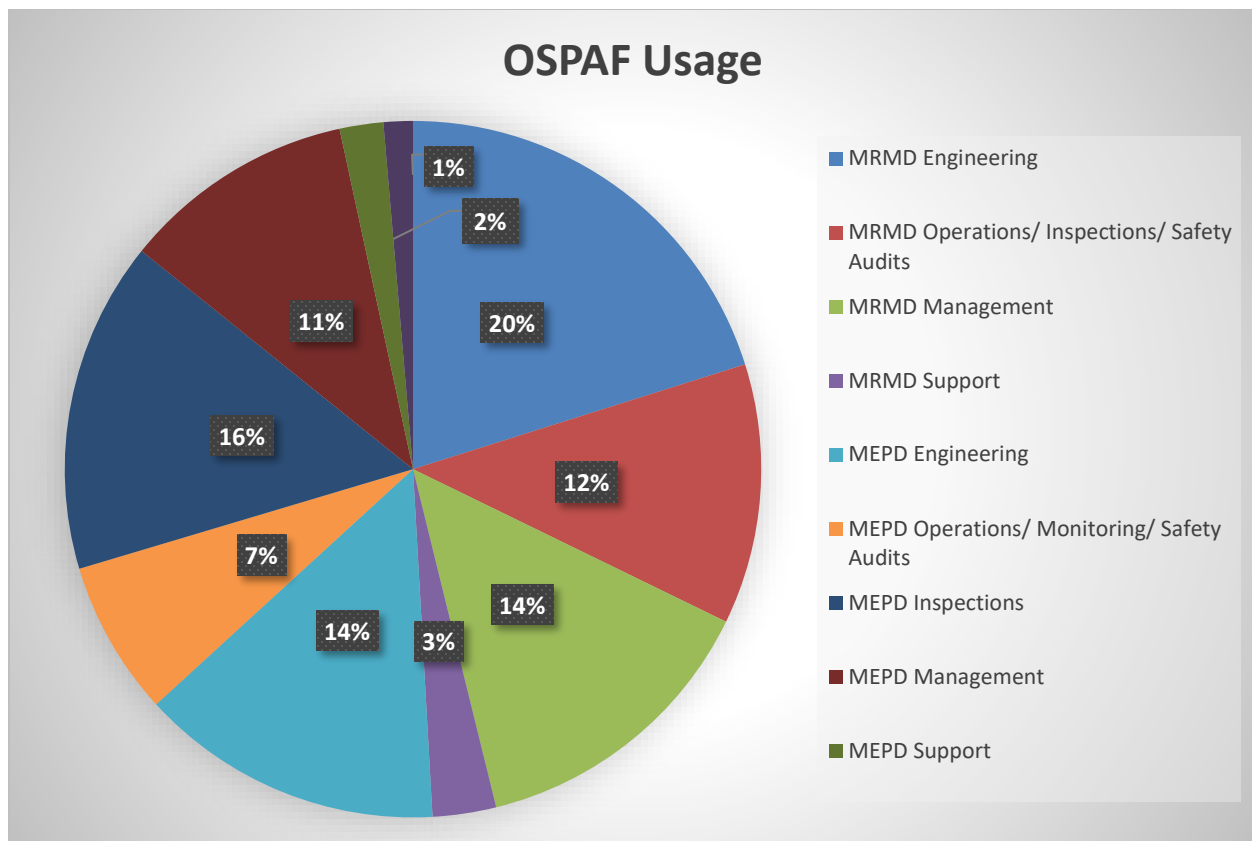
OSPAP Positions:

	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
OSPAP PYs	92.9	92.9	92.9	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0
MRMD	28.3	28.3	28.3	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
MEPD	64.6	64.6	64.6	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0
State Lands Commission	205.4	210.4	210.4	248.6*	248.6	252.6	252.6

*Change due to a Salary and Wages Realignment Drill done in 21-22.

OSPAP Usage:

MRMD Engineering	\$1,851,341
MRMD Operations/ Inspections/ Safety Audits	\$1,110,969
MRMD Management	\$1,281,976
MRMD Support	\$270,978
MEPD Engineering	\$1,295,806
MEPD Operations/ Monitoring/ Safety Audits	\$660,805
MEPD Inspections	\$1,415,176
MEPD Management	\$996,643
MEPD Support	\$186,469
MEPD Planning & Regulations	\$124,836



Pipeline 0919/Platform Eva to Shore Pipeline

Oil production from Platform Eva resumed on July 12, 2025. The restart follows extensive pipeline safety testing and will involve shipping produced oil (roughly 900 barrels a day) to federal platform Edith then to shore in Long Beach for processing. Pursuant to the legal settlement approved by the Commission last December, the restart triggers the shut-in of oil production at Platform Esther in state waters and its decommissioning. As of August 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., DCOR confirmed that Platform Esther was shutdown. All wells are offline no new oil is being brought to surface. The gas pipeline will remain in operation for the time being to handle small amounts of non-commercial gas associated with ongoing well abandonments. Staff received electronic copies of the lease quitclaims on August 12, 2025. Well abandonments are currently underway and are expected to be complete by the end of the year.

MOT Pipeline Safety and Preventative Maintenance Program

The Marine Oil Terminal (MOT) Pipeline Preventative Maintenance Program ensures the continued operational reliability of all pipelines used for over-the-water transfers of oil at the State's 35 Marine Oil Terminals. The Commission enforces Chapter 31F of the California Building Code, known as the Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS), and Article 5.5

Marine Terminal Pipeline regulations, and all applicable requirements and guidelines prescribed in API 570 are followed to provide protection of the public health and safety and of the environment by using the best achievable technology in providing for marine oil terminal oil pipeline integrity. To help achieve our goal of zero spills in the state's waters, the staff is conducting an in-depth audit of the state's 35 marine oil terminal pipelines beginning September 8, 2025. The audit will focus on pipeline integrity inspections, maintenance, repair, and record keeping.

Oil Transfer Monitoring and Inspection Statistics

August 1, 2024, through August 1, 2025, staff monitored 37 percent of oil transfers (1,853 of 4,952 transfers) conducted at the State's 35 marine oil terminals (MOTs). During this same period, 698,204,789 barrels (29,324,601,138 gallons) of regulated product were transferred at MOTs in California. Each barrel is 42 gallons. Spills directly resulting from oil transfers during this time were just .00093006 barrel or 5 ounces. This is approximately 0.000000000013 percent of all barrels transferred. In the same time frame, staff conducted 89 spot, annual, and Training and Certification inspections at MOTs.

Regulations Update

Staff are preparing for rulemaking on Article 5 and MOTEMS for the 2025/2026 calendar years.

Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS)

In 2024/2025, Commission staff reviewed numerous MOTEMS subsequent audit reports, new design build submittals, evaluations, drawings, inspections, Commission leasing, and CEQA documents from the state's 35 existing MOTs. Overall, MOTs in California continue to make substantial progress toward full MOTEMS compliance. Staff have also been involved with MOT renewable fuels projects, analyzing proposals for new marine terminals and upgrades to existing terminals to support their transition to renewable fuel production. Three of the state's marine oil terminals have transitioned to 100 percent renewable fuels to date.

Platform/Island Safety Inspection Program

Commission inspectors continued the Commission's inspection program of offshore platforms and islands and onshore drilling and production sites servicing the facilities. The facilities inspected comprise four offshore platforms, four artificial islands, and onshore coastal petroleum production facilities. The inspections include comprehensive testing of all facility pollution prevention

equipment and safety alarm, control, and shutdown devices to ensure functionality, accuracy, and reliability. Each facility is inspected monthly and on average over 2,500 individual items are inspected.

Safety and Oil Spill Prevention Audit Activities

The Commission's Safety and Oil Spill Prevention Audit program is used to verify regulatory compliance and conformance with industry standards of offshore drilling and production structures and onshore sites servicing the facilities. Safety system design, maintenance practices, spill prevention measures, equipment integrity, operating procedures, and other safety management programs that are key safety elements in preventing accidents and spills in offshore oil and gas production are included in the Safety Audits. After field work and analysis are completed an action item matrix is constructed listing findings prioritized by accident or pollution risk and setting timelines for resolution.

The Safety and Oil Spill Prevention Audit of the California Resources Corporation Long Beach Unit Broadway and Mitchell processing facility (B&M) in Los Angeles County began in April 2025. The facility processes oil production from four manmade drilling and production islands in Long Beach harbor. Staff fieldwork was completed in August 2025. The third-party electrical contractor engaged to evaluate code compliance and condition of the power distribution system will complete fieldwork in October 2025 during a scheduled maintenance shutdown. Technical evaluation and compliance reviews are currently in progress. The Action Item matrix and Audit Report for B&M are expected to be issued shortly.

The Safety Audit Team and third-party electrical contractor began fieldwork on CalNRG's West Montalvo oil production processing facilities in August 2024. The fieldwork was completed in October 2024, and the Action Item matrix and the West Montalvo Audit Report was transmitted to CalNRG in February 2025. No priority one action items, 16 priority two action items, and 87 priority three action items were identified. Two priority two and 16 priority three action items remain outstanding out of the 103 items that were initially identified.

After issuing the Audit Report, the Safety Audit Team performed a Safety Assessment of Management Systems (SAMS) evaluation of CalNRG's process safety management practices. The SAMS process assesses the maturity of development of corporate safety management programs and degree of integration of safety management practices into the workforce. Interviews of a cross-section of CalNRG company and contractor employees were conducted in February 2025 and the evaluation report was issued in March 2025.

Pipeline Inspection and Spill Drill Program

Commission engineers enforce strict pipeline safety regulations that include annual inspections of the eleven oil and gas pipelines from the State's four offshore platforms, as well as inspections of the twenty-four pipelines from Federal OCS Platforms that traverse through state waters to shore. Staff also attend tabletop procedural drills and actual spill equipment and boom deployment drills during the year. In 2025 staff reviewed and attended the following:

- Reviewed and documented the pipeline hydrotesting reports for CRC platform Emmy to shore – 4.5-inch low-pressure gas pipeline (Jul-2025)
- Reviewed and documented hydrostatic testing waivers for DCOR 3.5-inch oil and 10-inch gas pipelines from platform Esther to shore, since the platform was to be decommissioned (Jul-2025)
- Reviewed platforms Hondo and Harmony to shore pipelines external (ROV) inspection (Aug-2025)
- Reviewed and documented the pipeline hydrotesting reports for DCOR platform Esther to shore – 10-inch gas pipeline (Aug-2025)
- Attended CRC tabletop spill drill (Aug-2025)
- Attended Sable tabletop spill drill (Sep 2025)
- Reviewed and documented the temporary abandonment plan for DCOR 3.5-inch oil pipeline and its 10-inch carrier pipe from platform Esther to shore (Sep-2025)

Structural/Facility Engineering Projects

Commission engineers continue to review and evaluate the structural adequacy of all platforms, causeways, and piers associated with the State offshore oil operations. Commission engineers also continue to review the annual offshore platform structural inspection reports for Platforms Holly, Emmy, Eva, and Esther. Level I reports are conducted annually, and the reports are usually distributed to staff in the fourth quarter (Q4) of the year with more in-depth Level II, III, and IV inspections performed every 5 years. Staff reviewed the corresponding above water and below water API survey reports for compliance / conformance with maintenance and safety requirements per API RP 2A and ASCE standards and provided engineering recommendations and on-site verification of any required repair and maintenance work.

Methane Emissions Reduction Program – CSLC Awarded nearly \$22 Million to Plug and Abandon Marginalized Wells

Since December 2023, Commission staff have been working on a \$22 million Department of Energy (DOE) grant awarded under the Inflation Reduction Act

to mitigate methane emissions from marginal oil and gas wells as part of the **Methane Emissions Reduction Program (Program)**. Implementation of the Program is intended to extend over a five-year period through 2028. Marginal Conventional Wells (MCWs) are defined as idle or producing onshore vertical or slightly deviated oil and gas wells with a known owner/operator producing less than or equal to 15 barrels of oil per day (BOED).

Since project inception, staff have been working with City of Long Beach (Operator) and California Resources Corporation (CRC, Contractor) to identify MCWs in the West Wilmington field due to its onshore location and its large abandonment liability obligation for the state.

During January through April of 2025, DOE directed staff to halt work on this project pending further assessment. During the active period of this project, staff surveyed over 183 wells in West Wilmington and identified two wells with Methane leakage. Staff have received approval from DOE to use the Program's funds to Plug and Abandon (P&A) these two wells along with three other idle wells in West Wilmington. CRC has submitted the required permits to CalGEM for the P&A and will provide the schedule to staff once they receive the permits. Staff is also working with CalGEM to explore areas where the two agencies can collaborate in using the funds for P&A of other state wells with Methane leakage.

Analysis of Impacts to Public Trust Resources from Offshore Oil/Gas Pipeline Leases

On August 15, 2024, the Commission released a solicitation for consultant services to prepare an Analysis of Impacts to Public Trust Resources and Values (APTR) for 11 offshore oil and gas pipeline leases. The 9 leases include all leases for offshore oil and gas pipelines under the Commission's jurisdiction that transport oil and gas from the offshore platforms in state and federal waters. Because of the age of the pipelines, spill risks, the climate crisis, and the public's evolving needs, the Commission believes it is in the State's best interest to conduct an up-to-date evaluation of the pipelines' spill risks and impacts to Public Trust resources, based on the best available science and current understanding of California's environmental, economic, and social settings. The APTR will inform the Commission in its review of the 9 pipeline leases and future lease applications for oil and gas pipelines and will include the following information and analyses:

- 1) Pipeline integrity and spill risks
- 2) Potential impacts to coastal and marine ecosystems, economies, tribal cultural resources and sacred landscapes, and underserved and disadvantaged communities

- 3) Consistency with the State's efforts to address the climate crisis by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning towards clean energy resources, while continuing to serve the State's energy needs
- 4) Consistency with the public's current needs, uses, and values of the coastal and marine environments
- 5) Alignment with existing planning processes for phased decommissioning of the oil and gas platforms and pipelines in federal waters
- 6) Alternatives to pipelines and the associated risks, impacts, emissions, and effects on the State's energy supplies
- 7) Recommendations to guide future decision-making for the offshore oil and gas pipeline leases in consideration of all the above information

In December 2024, staff selected Industrial Economics, Inc. to conduct the study and prepare the APTR. While contracting was initially delayed pending funding availability, the process has resumed after staff confirmed a funding source. Staff and the consultant are now finalizing the project scope and contract, with work expected to begin in Fall 2025.

The Commission issued a 3-year moratorium on accepting and considering new lease applications for new or existing offshore oil and gas pipelines until the APTR is complete.

Rincon Decommissioning Project

Staff released the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the **Rincon Phase 2 Decommissioning Project** on July 16, 2024. The Commission subsequently certified the EIR at its August 29, 2024 meeting and approved the **decommissioning project**. After the EIR was certified and the project approved, the Commission obtained control of the Coast Ranch parcel adjacent to the existing state-owned onshore facility, this now requires an addendum to the existing EIR which is due to be completed by Q4 2025. Project activities will then be completed during Phase 3 (the timing of which depends on future funding) to prepare Rincon Island and the Onshore Facility for new uses.

Platform Holly Decommissioning Project

All 30 wells have been abandoned, all well conductors have been removed and the platform has transitioned into a cold stacked caretaker phase while the CEQA process is completed. Platform Holly has been powered off and in caretaker status since November 2024. The remaining navigation and safety systems on the platform are provided through solar power. Staff visit the platform regularly to maintain navigation and safety precautions and monitor the Platform's condition. Technical studies supporting the coming Environmental Impact Report are underway and staff anticipates issuing a Notice of

Preparation late 2025/early 2026 which will initiate the CEQA process. That will be followed by a draft Environmental Impact Report for public review and comment.

Legacy Well Remediation and Coastal Hazards Program

The Commission, through its **Coastal Hazard and Legacy Well Remediation Program**, continues to investigate old legacy wells along Summerland Beach for hydrocarbon discharge. The Commission's SB 44 Legacy Wells and Coastal Hazards Program provides up to \$2 million per year to remediate legacy oil wells and coastal hazards to protect coastal resources, maximize public access to the beach and coastline, and reduce the presence of oil at Summerland Beach and other similarly situated locations.

Staff also participates in a quarterly seep working group meeting convened by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and UC Davis. The working group shares information about the oil seep research work they have been doing, including preparing an oil seep map and oil fingerprinting to determine a source when a sheen is reported. This work dovetails with the Commission's Coastal Hazards and Legacy Oil and Gas Well Removal and Remediation Program.

The current contract for SB44 well re-abandonments was set to expire on June 29, 2025, but after an internal review, staff concluded the best option was to extend the contract and it is now set to expire on June 28, 2028. The Commission is still in the process of preparing a separate solicitation to retain a consultant to conduct seep studies consistent with SB 44.

During the abandonment of two legacy wells in the first quarter of 2025, frequent trips from the beach to the staging area caused damage to the ramp leading to the beach. The ramp is currently being repaired and is expected to be completed by September 18, 2025. Staff members are monitoring the repair process daily.

Plains All American Pipeline Settlement

The Commission and Aspen American Insurance Company sued Plains in 2018, alleging that Plains' negligent maintenance of its pipeline unjustly shifted decommissioning liability to California taxpayers and terminated the state's royalty income. Plains' negligence also resulted in property damages to Platform Holly that required the Commission's immediate attention to ensure public health and safety. Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., the company the Commission sued, was found criminally responsible for the 2015 Refugio Beach oil spill. The total settlement amount is \$72.5 million, of which \$22 million will go to

Aspen American Insurance Company, the bonding company and co-plaintiff. The state will receive \$50.5 million from the settlement.

Prevention First Symposium

Current budgetary and resource restrictions have paused planning for the next proposed Prevention First Symposium.

OSPR Regulations & Legislative Update

(as of September 15, 2025)

To be added to the distribution list to receive notification of regulation workshop information, proposed regulations and hearing notices, visit OSPR's [Laws and Regulations web page](#).

REGULATIONS

Environmental Sensitive Site Protection / Shoreline Protection Tables

Adopted Environmental Sensitive Site Protection regulations, section 828.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. Repeals and replaces the 2013 Shoreline Protection Tables and related regulatory provisions.

- Approved by the Office of Administrative Law: August 22, 2025
- Effective date: January 1, 2026
- [Rulemaking details and documents](#)

Harmonization of Facility Contingency Plan Regulations

Similar to the Drills and Exercises harmonization accomplished in the fall of 2022, OSPR is making efforts to harmonize the marine and inland facility contingency plan regulations.

- Will consist of updating and focusing facility requirements. Vessel contingency plan harmonization will follow at a later time.
- Regulatory Timeline: Initial informal scoping sessions to be conducted in October.

Vessel Inspections and Monitoring

- A cleanup of outdated provisions in Title 14 California Code of Regulations section 845.2 related to vessel inspections and monitoring of vessels engaged in transfer operations.
- To align with existing statute.

LEGISLATION

The following provides an update of these bills since last shared at the TAC meeting on April 10, 2025.

[AB 274](#) – **Abandoned and Derelict Vessels: Inventory**

Introduced by Assembly Member Ransom, this bill, as amended on 3/26/25:

- Would require California State Lands Commission, by January 1, 2027, to create an inventory of all abandoned and derelict commercial and recreational vessels on or in waters within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, including commercially navigable waters.

- Inventory may be conducted by means of aerial survey from available data collected from federal, state, and local agencies or other data.
- Adds the following definitions: Commercial vessel, commercially navigable waters, and recreational vessel.

Status: Did not move out of the Assembly.

SB 470 – Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing

Introduced by Senator Laird, this bill, as amended on 4/10/25, would:

- Extend until January 1, 2030, the sunset date on existing laws that authorize state bodies to conduct meetings via teleconference. [Gov. Code sections 11123.2, 11123.5]

Status: Ordered to engrossing and enrolling, 9/08/25.

SB 542 – Oil Spill Prevention: Administrator for Oil Spill Response: Duties

Introduced by Senator Limón, this bill, as amended on 9/2/25, would:

- Prohibit existing oil pipelines out of service for five or more years from restarting without passing hydrotesting administered by OSPR.
- Requires OSPR to establish a public notice and comment process before issuing a certificate of financial responsibility to a pipeline that is seeking to restart after having been out of service for five or more years.
- Requires OSPR to review and revise the formulas for calculating the reasonable worst-case spill volume and the financial assurances of facilities.
 - Commencing 1/1/26 and at least once every 10 years thereafter.

Status: Ordered to inactive file, 9/12/25.

SB 839 – Oil Spills: Fishing; Water Closure: Grants: Liability

Introduced by Senator Laird, this bill, as amended on 9/2/25, would make changes to a number of codes relating to oil spills:

Fisheries Closures:

- Would give discretion to the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife to close certain waters to the take of all fish or shellfish, or restrict the take and possession of all fish or shellfish upon notification of a spill or discharge.
- Closure is required if the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) finds that a public health threat exists or is likely to exist.
 - No later than 24 hours after notification of a spill, the Director, shall initiate consultation with OEHHA.
- Would make it unlawful to take any fish or shellfish from waters that have been closed, or to violate any restriction from the take of any fish or shellfish from closed waters.

- Would authorize OEHHA to seek full reimbursement from the responsible party for all reasonable costs it incurs.

Grant Eligibility:

- Would change the eligibility criteria for oil spill response equipment grants offered by OSPR, from “Native American tribes” to “federally recognized tribes.”
- Expands eligibility to federally recognized tribes for other grants offered by OSPR.

Spills from Pleasure Boats:

- Would no longer allow an exemption to responsible parties of private pleasure boats or vessels from liability for damages caused by a discharge or leak of oil or natural gas.

Status: Ordered to engrossing and enrolling, 9/13/25

SB 856 – *Marine Invasive Species Act: Biennial reports: Semiannual Updates*

Approved by the Governor on 8/28/25. This bill:

- Extended the frequency of a report to the Legislature by the State Lands Commission regarding the state’s efforts to stop nonindigenous species from entering the state by vessel ballast water. The report is now required triennially.
- Requires State Lands Commission to post on its website, by April 30, 2026, and keep updated semiannually, a summary of the report to the Legislature.
- Made other changes related to the California Coastal Commission.

Status: Approved by the Governor 8/28/25

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