

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response
1010 Riverside Pkwy, West Sacramento, CA 95605, California Poppy 154 Conference Room**

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San Francisco Baykeeper, 1736 Franklin Street, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94612
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TAC Members: Matt Rezvani, Chair, Janell Myhre, Vice Chair, John Berge, Sejal Choksi-Chugh, 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, 35 Min.)
3. Minutes from 2/19/2026 and 5/21/2026; allow time for public comments prior to vote for approval (Matt Rezvani, Chair, 5 Min.)
4. Agency Briefings (90 Min.)
 - a. San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Cody Aichele-Rothman
 - b. California Coastal Commission – Jonathan Bishop
 - c. California State Lands Commission – Grace Kato, Matthew Dumlao
 - d. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Doug Allen
 - e. California Geologic Energy Management Control Board – Doug Ito, Pete Beskas
 - f. California State Water Resources Control Board – Krystle Taylor, Laura Fisher
 - 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.)

5. OSPR Budget Update (Amir Sharifi, 15 Min.)
6. Regulatory and Legislative Update (Christine Kluge, 10 Min.)
7. Pollution Prevention Patrol (Joe Stewart, Prevention, 15 Min.)
8. OSPR Enforcement Presentation (Lt. Paul Ton, OSPR LED TAC Liaison, 15 Min.)
9. Other TAC Business (Matt Rezvani, Chair, 30 Min.)
 - a. 2025-2026 Biennial Report
 - b. TAC Member position update
10. Next Meeting (Matt Rezvani, Chair, 5 Min.)

Adjourn Meeting

Financial and Administrative Services Branch

Finance

OSPR received two new PYs (Analyst III and Information Technology Specialist I) and \$558,000 in new ongoing funding. The new positions will work closely together to analyze required regulatory changes, determine impacts to existing systems/workflows and then develop modernized and integrated systems for the contingency plan and Certificate of Financial Responsibility programs. We also received one-time funding of \$3.2 Million to replace 43 of our response vehicles.

Following Government Code Section 8670.40 (B) (i), on July 1, 2026, 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 **\$0.096** to **\$0.099**.

Cost Recovery:

The last 9 months were steady for OSPR, with on-going spill incidents and billings. Spill incidents include Colgate Release (2/13/2026), Mugu/Ventura Oiled Birds (3/2/2026), Nantucket Release (3/12/2026), 400 Eastern Avenue 2026 Response (5/22/2026), Middle Fork Smith River Release (6/11/2026), and 26-3701 Glenwood Spill (7/16/2026). The Cost Recovery Unit (CRU) continues to assist with billing for the following responses: Dunsmuir Historical Oil (10/23/2018), Pipeline P00547 NRDA (10/1/2021), and Hamp Slop Tank Release (11/18/2025).

The CRU opened 54 statewide spill cases from January 2026 through September 2026. Since January 2026, OSPR has recovered \$1,901,020.33 in response costs from 50 incidents (which includes Colgate Release, Nantucket Release 2026, Dunsmuir Historical Oil, and Pipeline P00547 NRDA); \$653,100 in fines and penalties from 10 incidents (which includes Hyde Street Petroleum Seep, East Camp Road Spill, and Parr Canal Incident Investigation).

Procurement/Contracts:

OSPR Procurement has been busy ensuring OSPR purchasing needs are met. We had a successful 25/26 FY end and are off to a great start for the beginning of the new 26/27 FY. Between the months of February and August, one hundred and eighty purchase orders (POs) for non-IT goods and twenty-one POs IT goods were processed. The bulk of OSPR needs continue to be for field and safety

supplies for OSPR's Field Responses Teams, goods/supplies for day-to-day operations in offices and labs, and tire replacement for our vehicles.

The Contracts team continues to successfully meet all CDFW Business Management Branch deadlines and ensure OSPR receives necessary services. This team assists the many units in OSPR with executing contracts to carry out our mission. Since our last report, we have executed eleven short form contracts, seven standard agreements, six payable grants, and two public works emergency contracts for facility repairs. Additionally, our team worked closely with the OSAT team, providing guidance for the execution of all agreements associated with OSPR's May 2026 offsite.

Facilities:

OSPR Facilities continues to assist with the building and grounds needs of all OSPR offices. With return to office mandates, space planning has been our most time intensive responsibility. Ensuring we meet the requirements needed for staff returning to office four days a week has been our top priority. Most recently, OSPR obtained a separate suite in our Seal Beach office, previously assigned to the Law Enforcement Division, allowing for more office space in the South. Additionally, the Emergency Action Plan for OSPR's Headquarters office in West Sacramento has been completed and overview meetings detailing Emergency Coordinator and Zone Monitor responsibilities have been provided to staff assigned to those roles.

Fleet:

OSPR Fleet continues to set up regular maintenance services for all pool vehicles as well as provide guidance for maintenance/repairs for Field Response Team (FRT) fleet assets. Repairs and major recalls are becoming more frequent due to the ages of our vehicles, however, that will hopefully come to an end soon. Our team has finalized and submitted our FY 26/27 Fleet Acquisition Plan (FAP) requests, planning to replace forty-three FRT trucks. Additionally, OSPR Labs received Department of General Services approval to replace one of their trucks used for field work to meet contract obligations. A purchase order was created for the replacement, and we hope to receive the new truck soon.

Between the months of February and August 2026, OSPR Fleet surveyed three Law Enforcement trucks and have had three trucks assigned in their place. Three additional Law Enforcement trucks will be surveyed in the near future, pending code three removal. In addition, OSPR surveyed our command trailer.

Personnel Updates:

Staff changes throughout OSPR branches include:

Incoming:

Madeline McNelis, Environmental Scientist, Response Technology & Support Branch (Santa Cruz LAB) – (2/2026); Minh Tran, Environmental Scientist, Laboratory Program – (2/2026); Josh Kahane, Oil Spill Prevention Supervisor I, Prevention Branch – (4/2026); Jennifer Chase, Environmental Scientist, Laboratory Program – (4/2026); Amelia Wright (Deputy Administrator), C.E.A., Executive – (5/2026); Aaron Larson, Information Technology Specialist I, Information Technology Branch – (5/2026); Connor Webb, Scientific Aid, Laboratory Program – (5/2026); Matt Cowley, Scientific Aid, Laboratory Program – (5/2026); Joshua Hascall, Information Officer I (Specialist), Public Affairs – (5/2026); Adam Janzen, Fish and Game Warden, Law Enforcement – (6/2026); Hunter Green, Fish & Game Warden, Law Enforcement – (8/2026); Aisha Sleiman, Attorney III, Legal Branch – (9/2026); Maria Parra-Mora, Analyst III, Preparedness Branch – (9/2026); Briana Russell, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Preparedness Branch – (9/2026); Shelvin William, Supervisor I, Preparedness Branch – (9/2026)

Outgoing:

Yvonne Addassi, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist – RA), Preparedness Branch – (4/2026); Stephen Snavelly, Supervisor I, Preparedness Branch – (4/2026); Tami LaBonty, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), BRAC – (7/2026); Allison Wilder, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Preparedness Branch – (7/2026)

Internal transfer/promotions:

Christine Kluge, Senior Legal Analyst, Legal Branch – (2/2026); Vanessa Pino, Supervisor I, Environmental Response Branch – (3/2026); Ron Wooden, Analyst I, FASB – (5/2026); Riley Smith, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Resource Restoration Branch – (5/2026); Lina Alegria, Environmental Scientist, Preparedness Branch – (5/2026); Mia Roberts, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), Preparedness Branch – (5/2026); Ben Stewart, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Environmental Response Branch – (6/2026); Kelley Avilla, Analyst II, Preparedness Branch – (6/2026); Shane Keefauver, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), Resource Restoration Branch – (6/2026); Jacob Gonsalves, Fish & Game Lieutenant (Supervisor), Law Enforcement – (6/2026); Jaime Rodriguez, Analyst II, FASB – (7/2026)

Preparedness Branch

Report to the Technical Advisory Committee, 01/01/2026 – 08/31/2026

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 under the Preparedness Branch 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 Program

The Liaison Officer position was vacated in July 2026 and hiring is ongoing. From January 2026 to August 2026, the Liaison Corps was activated for three incident responses and participated in 14 exercises. The Tribal Coordinator was activated for four responses and completed eight Presence/Absence determinations to assist the field Environmental Scientists. The Volunteer Unit attended four exercises.

Outreach Events

The Liaison Unit and subject matter experts conduct statewide outreach with local, state, and federal agencies, California Native American Tribes, and NGOs. Topics include California's oil spill response structure, notification requirements, spill response outreach, prevention, and grant availability. Staff also participate in Sensitive Site Strategy Evaluation Program deployments.

Events conducted from January through August 2026 included:

- Two ACP/RRT meetings
- 11 response equipment grant site visits
- Two boom training refresher sessions
- Six tribal engagement workshops
- Five 24-hour HAZWOPER courses
- Six CDFW Tribal Liaison monthly coordination meetings

Total events: 32

CA Native American Tribes Response Equipment and Preparedness Grants

OSPR provides funding to California Native American Tribes for oil spill response equipment purchases, HAZWOPER training, participation in exercises and planning meetings, and other preparedness efforts.

In FY 26/27, OSPR initiated \$130,000 in grants for:

- Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians – \$15,000
- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria – \$15,000
- Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – \$10,000
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians – \$45,000
- Cahuilla Band of Indians – \$45,000

Local Government Response Equipment and Area Contingency Planning Grants

OSPR provides funding to cities, counties, and special districts for spill response equipment and supports development or revision of countywide oil spill contingency plans, ACP meetings, OSPR overviews, and response-related training.

In FY 26/27, OSPR initiated \$257,000 in grants for:

- City and County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management – \$25,000
- San Luis Obispo County – Local Government Grant \$25,000
- County of Sonoma – Local Government Grant \$10,000
- South San Francisco Fire Department – Local Government Grant \$12,000
- Ventura Harbor Patrol – Local Government Grant \$5,000
- Santa Monica Harbor Patrol – Local Government Grant \$45,000
- City of Clearlake Department of Public Works – Local Government Grant \$45,000
- Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District – Local Government Grant \$45,000
- Sonoma County Parks – Local Government Grant \$45,000

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. Please see the key highlights for each program below between January and August of 2026.

General Program Management/Formal Classroom Trainings

- Total OSPR staff training hours: 5,808
- Executed response training plan events:
 - 40 Hour HAZWOPER
 - 24 Hour HAZWOPER (OWCN)
 - Conducted seven 8-hour HAZWOPER Refreshers
 - NOAA SCAT Training
 - Inland Oil Spill Response
 - Expert Witness Training
 - Adult First Aid/AED/CPR Training
 - Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Training
 - ICS 430 Operations Section Chief Training (EMSI Instructed)

Training conducted at OSPR All-Staff Meeting in May 2026

- 2 one-day exercises with participation from a total of 79 staff
- De-escalation Training (2 Sessions) – 76 Participants
- Expert Witness Training – 37 Participants
- OSPR Media Training (2 Sessions) – 78 Participants

- Response Application Training and Practice – 16 Participants
- Adult First Aid/AED/CPR Training (2 Sessions) – 38 Participants
- OSPR at a Glance Training (2 Sessions) – 68 Participants
- Microsoft Office Suite & AI Training – 50 Participants
- Public Speaking – 50 Participants

Position Specific Response Training Program

The Position Specific Response Training Program maintains a self-sustaining training system led by Subject Matter Expert (SME) Leads, improving coordination and consistency across response roles.

January–August 2026 accomplishments:

- Three SME Lead meetings occurred on January 14, March 11, and June 24.
- Continued program improvements and coordination across position-specific roles.

Internal Preparedness Program

The Internal Preparedness Coordinator (IPC) develops internal training opportunities and identifies additional billets for OSPR staff participation in industry exercises.

January–August 2026 highlights:

- OSPR staffed Wildlife Branch Director, Deputy Wildlife Branch Director (OWCN), Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor, and Salvage Technical Specialist positions in two industry tabletop exercises.
- Conducted four internal exercises:
 - Sample Coordinator exercise (January 22): 11 OSPR Staff
 - Two independent OSPR Offsite exercises (May 13 and May 14): 79 OSPR Staff
 - Fisheries Closure Technical Specialist exercise (July 29): 9 OSPR Staff, 2 CDFW Marine Region Staff, 4 OEHHA Staff
- A proposed multi-year training contract (FY 26/27–FY 28/29) is in the department's bidding process.

Statewide Contingency Planning Program

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

Area Contingency Plans

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>.

Maria Parra-Pora started as OSPR's new ACP Coordinator as of September 2026.

- San Francisco (ACPs 1–3): Updating to new USCG architecture; due October 2027. Major revision planned for 2028.
- Los Angeles/Long Beach (ACPs 4–5): Annual minor revisions underway; major revision planned for 2030.
- San Diego (ACP 6): Updating to new architecture; due October 2027; major revision planned for 2029.

Geographic Response Plans (GRPs)

The GRP Coordinator is overseeing new plans and revisions as outlined below. Completed GRPs are available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Contingency>. The program welcomed a student assistant from Sacramento State University that assists with GRP Updates.

Updates:

- Salinas River – Completed
- San Diego River – Reconnaissance ongoing; boundary determined
- Middle Santa Ana River – On hold; shifted focus to Los Angeles River
- Los Angeles River – Boundary established; lower 19 miles surveyed; additional field work in fall 2026; kick-off meeting Oct 1
- Cuyama River – Planning Cycle 3; field work not started
- Cajon Pass 5-year update – Complete
- Kern River 5-year update – Field work complete; document and mapping underway; subcommittee meeting Sept 28
- Walker River update – Field work complete; coordination with Nevada ongoing; fall 2026 meeting planned
- Truckee River update – California reconnaissance complete; Nevada fieldwork scheduled
- Lake Tahoe Contact Sheet – Complete; posted to USEPA website
- North Fork American River, Upper Sacramento River, Russian River – Mid-stage 5-year updates underway
- Lower Sacramento River – Contact updates completed; under GRP Lead review

Drills and Exercises Unit (D&E)

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

General Information: Mia Roberts was hired as the new D&E unit supervisor.

January 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026

Total Drills and Exercises Statewide

- Total Drills and Exercises: 85
 - Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 22
 - Total Tabletop Exercises: 62
- Total CalTriVEX: 1

Total Drills and Exercises in Northern California

- Total Drills and Exercises: 28
 - Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 9
 - Total Tabletop Exercises: 18
- Total CalTriVEX: 1

Total Drills and Exercises in Central California

- Total Drills and Exercises: 11
 - Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 1
 - Total Tabletop Exercises: 10
- Total CalTriVEX: 0

Total Drills and Exercises in Southern California

- Total Drills and Exercises: 46
 - Total Equipment Deployment Drills: 12
 - Total Tabletop Exercises: 34
- Total CalTriVEX: 0

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: 8
- Inland On-water: 8
- Terrestrial: 23

OSRO Drills conducted January 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026

- Marine – Passed: 4
- Inland On-water – Passed: 2
- Terrestrial – Passed: 5

Industry Oil Spill Contingency Plans:

Current Approved Vessel Contingency Plans: 1320

Vessel Contingency Plans Processed January 2026 – August 2026

- Approved New Plans: 118
- Approved Resubmitted Plans: 123
- Vessel Revisions: 3086
- Withdrawn Vessel Plans: 1042

Current Facility Contingency Plans:

- Approved: 75
- Renewal Pending: 20
- Pending New Plans: 2

Facility Plans Processed January 2026 – August 2026

- Marine Plan Approvals: 11
- Marine Revisions: 36
- Inland Approvals: 2
- Inland Revisions: 5
- Inland Exemptions: 29
- Withdrawn Exemptions: 47 (higher than usual due to consolidation of single well exemptions)

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 in 2022 achieved their full certifications at the end of 2025. Some SMTs are now in the process of renewing their full certification. SMTs must apply for certification renewal three years after receiving a full certification.

SMT Certification Exercises Conducted January – August 2026: 4

SMT Certification Status:

Plan Holder SMTs:

- Interim Certification: 6
- Full Certification: 22

External SMTs:

- Interim Certification: 2
- Full Certification: 13

Certificates of Financial Responsibility (COFR) Unit

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

Shelvin William was hired as the new COFR unit supervisor. Vessel and Facility COFR Certificates issued January 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026:

Total COFRs issued: 3,237

Tank Vessels:

- New: 622
- Renewal: 689

Non-Tank Vessels:

- New: 797
- Renewal: 661

Facilities:

- New: 40
- Renewal: 428

Laboratory Response Unit Activities

October 2026 TAC Update

Sample Analysis (since last report)

Performed petroleum fingerprinting analysis to support eighteen (18) spill investigations and responses.

Training Provided

The sample coordinator Incident Command System (ICS) position was exercised during the OSPR All-Staff internal drills on May 13 and 14, 2026. During these drills, coaching was provided to two (2) trainees to support completion of their ICS position task books.

Research

Fingerprinting has been completed for the 16 production well samples collected from the Huntington Beach Oil Field. These results were compared with the initial set of 8 well samples to assess how oil-reservoir fingerprints vary across different locations and over time. The lab is now preparing the data presentation and will coordinate with the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division and the California Resources Corporation to share the findings once the work is finalized.

The historical sample database at the Petroleum Chemistry Laboratory (PCL) continues to grow and now contains approximately 550 samples collected over the past 25 years. Most were obtained during mystery oiling events or known spill incidents. The collection includes background tarballs, oiled feathers and fur, a small number of natural seep samples, and limited samples from onshore and offshore production wells. This long-term dataset serves as a valuable resource for interpreting mystery oil signatures along the California coast. To further strengthen assessment capabilities, the PCL dataset has been combined with a published United States Geological Survey (USGS) dataset containing roughly 750 additional samples. The PCL is also working with the USGS organic geochemistry laboratory to obtain additional reference samples for inclusion in its historic database. Although the database is not a comprehensive library of all potential oil sources, it remains a powerful tool for evaluating unknown petroleum fingerprints.

Prevention Branch

The Southern California Supervisor position has been filled by Joshua Kahane, who comes to OSPR with many years of experience in the oil industry as well as the response industry. We also welcome our newest Oil Spill Prevention Specialist that will be headquartered in Redding, California. All other positions are currently filled.

Our program has initiated the pollution prevention patrols in all regions of the state. We are working with the other disciplines within OSPR to actively patrol boat docks, marinas, boat ramps as well as small craft refueling docks to identify potential spill threats to the environment.

Additionally, the Prevention Branch continues the coastal visibility study to identify existing means of tracking ship arrivals at major ports and to determine areas along the coast that currently lack visibility through the Marine Exchanges. One AIS receiver has been added to the Huntington Beach area for enhanced signal strength through partnership with the Marine Exchange of Southern California.

Statistics:

July 2026 through September 2026

Vessel Arrivals: **2215**

Category 1 – 4 Risk Boardings: **0**

Oil/Fuel Transfer Notifications: **2002**

Oil/Fuel Transfer Monitors: **63**

Percent of Transfers Monitored: **3.64**

Facility Contingency Plan Verifications: **7**

Facility Contingency Plan Exemptions: **7**

Marine Outreach: **35**

Inland Outreach: **46**

Marine Oil Spill Incidents: **170**

Inland Oil Spill Incidents: **314**

Vessel Compliance Checks **103**

Drills attended: **38**

OSRO/GIUE Drills attended: **3**

Number of grant trailer refresher training: **9**

Small Craft Refueling Dock Visit: **55**

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE BRANCH

Report to the Technical Advisory Committee, October 2026

Recently Filled and Vacant Positions:

ERB HQ – New OSPR Spill Desk Supervisor was hired in March 2026. Two new Spill Desk Dispatcher (Analyst I) positions will begin on November 1, 2026.

NERB – No vacancies.

CERB – No vacancies.

SERB – A Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist position in the Seal Beach Office was filled in June 2026. There are two vacant Senior Environmental Scientist Positions: one in the Seal Beach office and one in an office to be determined.

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 and email notifications to on-call Field Response Teams (FRTs). 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 Meetings were held on 04/08/2026 and 08/26/2026.

Current GRPs in progress (North to South):

NERB:

Five-year updates to the Russian River and North Fork American River GRPs are underway with field reconnaissance being finished up this fall/winter. A five-year update to the Upper Sacramento River is in early development.

An update to the Truckee River GRP is underway, with field work being conducted in both California and Nevada, alongside the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. Field reconnaissance in California should be completed this fall. Working to plan a boom deployment exercise to test 1 or 2 response sites on the Truckee River in coordination with Industry partners and OSRO partners in spring 2027.

An update to the Lake Tahoe GRP Contact Sheet was completed in November of 2025. A complete update to the Lake Tahoe GRP will be conducted over the next couple of years.

The Klamath River and Lower American River GRPs are complete and uploaded to the CDFW-OSPR website.

Union Pacific Railroad will be transferring the Feather River GRP to OSPR after they complete a final review of the plan and redact any sensitive or confidential information. OSPR will update contacts in the plan and post to OSPR's website making it publicly available.

CERB:

The Salinas River GRP was finalized and uploaded to the CDFW-OSPR website in March 2026.

Kern River GRP five-year update. OSPR staff held meeting with Kern River GRP Subcommittee in Bakersfield on 09/29/2026 to present summary of draft changes for review/input by the Subcommittee.

SERB:

Cajon Pass five-year update is complete.

Although fieldwork continues for the Middle Santa Ana River GRP, it was decided that the Los Angeles River GRP would take precedence in the next planning cycle. The workgroup had their first meeting on 10/01/2026.

Fieldwork continues on the San Diego River GRP.

Desktop work resumed on the Walker River GRP.

The Colorado River GRP planning started by having their first meeting on 09/02/2026.

Area Contingency Plans (ACPs)

ERB Staff attended the Regional Response Team 9 (RRT9) Meeting at the OSPR West Sacramento Office on 07/22-23/2026 both virtually and in-person. ERB virtually attended OSPR internal ACP Workgroup Meeting on 06/17/2026.

Sector San Francisco (ACPs 1, 2, 3)

- North Coast (ACP 1) Area Subcommittee Meetings held on 07/16/2026 and 09/17/2026.
- San Francisco Bay & Delta (ACP 2) Area Committee Meeting held on 06/02/2026, 08/11/2026 and scheduled for 11/10/2026.
- Central Coast (ACP 3) Area Subcommittee Meetings were held on 04/09/2026 and 07/09/2026.

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

- Area Committee Meeting was held on 07/07/2026.

Sector San Diego (ACP 6)

- Area Committee Meeting was held on 05/19/2026.

Sensitive Site Strategy Evaluation Program (SSSEP)

SSSEP Workgroup Meeting was held on 06/26/2026.

NERB

- ACP 2 – Section 7 consultation approved for 2-740, San Joaquin River/Sherman-Webb Reach, scheduled for Fall 2026.
- ACP 2 - Section 7 consultation submitted for 2-447, Red Rock, a new ACP site proposed by AC-2 lead, Mike Schommer, scheduled for Fall 2026.

CERB

- ACP 3 - San Lorenzo River (3-210.2) is planned for 11/10/2026 to be deployed by MSRC.
- ACP 4 – Santa Barbara Harbor (4-665.1) was deployed on 08/26/2026 by MSRC, Patriot, and SoCal Ship Services.
- ACP 4 – Cayucus Creek (4-125.1, .2) was deployed on 09/24/2026 by Republic Services.

SERB

SERB Staff tested 2 sites in the Spring 2026 and are planning for several test deployments in Fall 2026:

- ACP 5 – Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Wetland (5-260.2) was deployed by Clean Harbors on 04/16/2026.
- ACP 5 - Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Wetland (5-260.1) was deployed by So Cal Ship Services on 05/21/2026.
- ACP 5 – Inner Bolsa Chica (5-320) will be deployed by West Coast Environmental Services on 10/21/2026.
- ACP 5 - Bolsa Chica - Restored Wetlands (5-325) will be deployed by National Response Corporation Environmental Services on 10/27/2026.
- ACP 6 – Aliso Canyon Creek (6-130.2) will be deployed by National Response Corporation Environmental Services on 12/03/2026.
- ACP 6 – San Onofre Creek (6-115.2) will be deployed in December 2026.
- ACP 6 - Los Flores Creek (6-120.2) will be deployed in December 2026.

Drills and Exercises

NFRT

07/22/2026 - Kinder Morgan, Chico
 07/24/2026 - IMTT, Richmond
 07/30/2026 - Chevron Products, Eureka
 08/06/2026 - TransMontaigne, Concord
 09/09/2026 - Clean Harbors, Benicia
 09/11/2026 - GrayMar Environmental, Concord
 09/16/2026 - Martinez Refining, Martinez
 09/22/2026 - Ancon Marine, Vacaville
 09/24/2026 - Phillips 66, Richmond

CFRT

04/15/2026 - CRC, Tupman
 05/28/2026 - E & B Natural Resources, Bakersfield
 06/16/2026 - Sentinel Peak Resources, Pismo Beach
 06/17/2026 - Carbon California Sespe Lease, Santa Paula
 07/08/2026 - Carbon California, Ojai
 07/16/2026 - CRC, Ventura
 07/23/2026 - Pacific Pipeline Company, Las Flores Canyon
 08/14/2026 - Chevron Pipeline Company, Bakersfield
 08/27/2026 - PCEC, Orcutt
 09/02/2026 - CalNRG, Fillmore
 09/03/2026 - CRC SJV Unit, Bakersfield
 09/10/2026 - Sable Offshore, Las Flores Canyon
 09/16/2026 - CalNRG, Fillmore
 09/24/2026 - Chevron US, Bakersfield

SFRT

04/02/2026 - Action Cleaning Corporation, San Diego
 04/13/2026 - NRC Environmental Services Inc., Long Beach
 04/22/2026 - UPRR, Los Angeles
 04/30/2026 - E&B Natural Resources Management Corp. Torrance Facility, Long Beach
 05/21/2026 - CRC Long Beach, THUMS and Tidelands, Long Beach
 04/28/2026 - Ultramar Inc., Valero, Wilmington
 06/02/2026 - Shore Terminals LLC, Wilmington

06/04/2026 - Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC, Culver City
06/17/2026 - P66 Southern Lines, LA Basin, Los Angeles
06/25/2026 - Equilon Enterprises LLC, DBA Shell Oil Products US, Carson
07/09/2026 - Torrance Logistics Company LLC, Southwest Terminal, Cerritos
07/15/2026 - Dion and Sons Inc., Long Beach
07/17/2026 - Olympus Terminals LLC, Long Beach
07/28/2026 - The Jankovich Company LLC, San Pedro Facility, San Pedro
07/30/2026 - Primetime Coatings Inc., MTU, National City
08/05/2026 - Signal Hill Petroleum Inc., Signal Hill
08/07/2026 - PTL Marine, Rancho Dominguez
08/12/2026 - Patriot Environmental Services Inc., Signal Hill
08/19/2026 - Chevron Products Co. El Segundo Refinery, El Segundo
08/20/2026 - Petro Diamond Terminal Co., Long Beach
08/27/2026 - Vopak America Inc., Wilmington
09/09/2026 - Beta Offshore, Long Beach
09/15/2026 - SC Commercial LLC, Los Angeles MTU, Orange
09/18/2026 - BAE Systems Maritime Solutions San Diego Inc., San Diego
09/24/2026 - Pacific Oil Company LLC MTU, Long Beach
09/24/2026 - Marathon Terminals, San Diego
09/30/2026 - Zenith Energy West Coast Terminals LLC, Long Beach

Training

NERB

- NERB staff conducted field recon on the M/V Cabezon to re-segment Alcatraz Island for SCAT surveys in ERMA on 8/10/2026.
- NERB and OSPR GIS staff performed SCAT training using the new Response Sprinter Van; GIS data was collected and processed in the field to test capabilities on 8/25/2026.
- NERB continues monthly SCAT training exercises in San Francisco Bay and monthly drone training throughout the Bay and Delta.

CERB

- CERB completed quarterly SCAT Coordinator/Team Leader internal exercises in May and August 2026.

SERB

- SERB Staff participated in multiple subject matter trainings at the OSPR Off-Site Exercise/Training in May 2026.

ERB

- ERB Staff participated at the OSPR All-Staff Off-site Exercise and Training in Lake Tahoe on 05/12-15/2026.
- ERB staff continue monthly field SCATatalogue training as schedules permit.
- EROS Training Workgroup met on 08/18/2026 and 09/10/2026.
- The Response Training Committee met on 04/16/2026 and 07/16/2026; ERB Staff participated.
- The Subject Matter Expert (SME) Program met on 06/24/2026.

UAS

ERB Pilots continue to conduct three practice flights every three months to maintain Department currency status. ERB pilots attended CDFW Pilot check in meetings on 05/28/2026 and 09/24/2026.

Response (Selected)

NFRT

26-2928 Middle Fork Smith River - On 06/11/2026, a tanker truck was involved in a solo vehicle accident on Highway 199 that resulted in the truck rolling over and rupturing the tank. Up to 6,074 gallons of hot liquid asphalt emulsion spilled onto the side of the road with an unknown amount of product going through a culvert under the highway and into the Middle Fork Smith River. Product traveled about a quarter of a mile downstream in the river. There was a full NFRT response, and the EPA federalized the incident after it was determined the responsible party was underinsured. EPA contracted Ancon Services for cleanup. Cleanup occurred through 07/18/2026 with approximately 32,800 lbs of product removed. Deceased wildlife (2 rubber boa, 1 western racer and 1 deer mouse) was observed trapped in the asphalt and was collected. Two return trips resulted in the removal of 300 and 60 lbs of asphalt. Final assessment and effort to conduct product removal is scheduled for 10/6-7 as it is estimated that 100+ more lbs of asphalt remains.

26-4563 Trapper Slough - On 09/06/2026, 6,000 gallons of asphalt emulsion weighing approximately 75,000 pounds discharged from an overturned truck. Cleanup operations commenced later in the week using a long reach excavator to remove submerged product. Excavation was completed on 09/11/2026, however submerged product remained that was out of the excavators reach. Cleanup is ongoing and is expected to finish on 10/04/2026.

CFRT

26-3539(Multiple) July 2026 Santa Barbara Mystery Oil Events - Staff were first notified of 26-3539 on 07/15/2026. Staff physically responded to this report at Carpinteria State Beach at where oil was observed on the shoreline. Staff completed a SCATatalogue survey with U.S. Coast Guard responders. Staff documented oiling in the middle intertidal zone. The oiling was 40% distribution at 20 meters wide for 597 meters. Staff observed fresh oil and tar balls that ranged in thickness from more than 1 cm thick to a stain. On 07/16/2026, staff received information from a colleague that more oil was being observed at Butterfly Beach in Santa Barbara. Staff responded to Butterfly Beach and completed another SCATatalogue survey. Oil was documented in the upper intertidal zone. Staff observed 10% distribution at 3 meters wide for 195 meters. Fresh oil was observed and tar balls that ranged in thickness from more than 1 cm thick to a stain. Staff collected two samples that were shipped to the Petroleum Chemistry Lab (PCL) to be analyzed. Throughout the afternoon and evening on 07/16/2026, staff received multiple Cal-OES reports for 26-3573, 26-3576, 36-3579, 26-3582, and 26-3586. Because of the high number of reports, multiple staff responded the next day conducting surveys at various Santa Barbara beaches. On 07/17/2026, completed SCATatalogue surveys at Carpinteria State Beach, Santa Claus Lane Beach, Summerland Beach, Miramar Beach, Shoreline Beach, and Mesa Lane Beach. On 07/22/2026, staff received Cal-OES 26-3696 and responded to Goleta County Beach. Staff completed a SCATatalogue survey and did not observe oiling. Staff also surveyed Henry's Beach where oil was documented middle

intertidal zone. Oiling there was observed at <1% distribution at 1 meter wide for 192 meters. The oil observed were tar balls that ranged in thickness from less than 1 cm thick to greater than 0.1 cm thick. No anthropogenic source was identified. No further action on these reports was taken.

26-3701 Glenwood Spill – On 07/22/2026, staff was notified of report of diesel fuel odor coming from a storm drain in unnamed channel. County Environmental Health reported they had placed boom at the storm drain outfall but could not identify the source. On 07/23/2026, FRT responded to site. Product type and source were unknown. Staff collected a sample and shipped to the PCL for characterization. Product was positively identified as renewable diesel/diesel mix and OSPR initiated cleanup. 07/25/2026 Ancon Services was hired for cleanup under the direction of FRT staff. ERB staff completed a SCATatalogue survey to map the extent of the affected area and found a larger impacted area. FRT determined most appropriate cleanup method was passive collection with sorbent materials. Cleanup with sorbents continued daily through 07/31/2026. On 08/03/2026, low pressure rinsing using municipal water treated with dichlorination tables was utilized to lift product from the creek banks and mobilize into sorbent containment in the areas of heaviest contamination and continued on 08/04/2026. Daily replacement of sorbent materials continued through 08/06/2026 and then weekly until 08/27/2026 when the response was signed off. Three dead fish observed and identified as California roach. No oiled wildlife or additional wildlife impacts were observed. No fishery closure implemented. No responsible party was identified.

SFRT

26-2537 – 400 Eastern Ave. 2026 Response: On 05/22/2026, a 14-inch pipeline belonging to Pacific Pipeline System, LLC (PPS) was punctured by a fiber optic drilling operation. The pipeline released approximately 24,654 gallons of crude oil near N. Eastern Avenue and the intersection of E. Caesar Avenue in Los Angeles. Crude oil went onto the road, into the storm drain, and ultimately into the Los Angeles River through an outfall near Bandini Blvd. and migrated approximately 16 miles downriver ending at Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. This started a spill response and cleanup that was completed on 06/22/2026. The Unified Command consisted of the US EPA, CDFW-OSPR, Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the responsible party PPS. Gallagher Marine Systems was activated by PPS as the Spill Management Team. OWCN was activated for recovery, processing, and care operations. SCAT teams conducted shoreline surveys and sign-off of the river.

26-4616 – Motor Vessel 66 Incident: On 09/08/2026, the M/V 66 was anchored near the inlet to Marina del Rey Harbor when it experienced an anchor drag. The vessel ran aground and broke up in the surf zone resulting in a debris field just south of the Ballona Creek breakwater. The two fuel tanks were washed ashore. It is believed that the fuel tanks contained approximately 15 gallons of red dye diesel. The contents of the fuel tanks were released into the ocean. LA County Beaches and Harbors conducted debris removal.

Miscellaneous

NERB – LEPC R2: 5/21/2026 and 8/20/2026

NERB – LEPC R3: Scheduled for 10/7/2026

CERB – LEPC R4: 08/05/2026

CERB – LEPC R5: Not active during this time
SERB – LEPC R1: 05/14/2026 and 08/12/2026
SERB – LEPC R6: 05/14/2026 and 08/13/2026

All ERB Field Staff Virtual Meetings – 07/20/2026 and 09/16/2026.

All ERB Field In Person Staff Meeting – 03/24 - 26/2026 in Santa Cruz and Monterey.

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.

Select ERB Staff participated in the SSSEP Working Group meeting on 08/25/2026.

Select ERB staff participated in the Natural Seep Working Group on 08/25/2026.

Select ERB Staff and Supervisors participated in many ICS Position Specific Task Book activities.

Select ERB staff participated in Quarterly OSPR Health and Safety Committee meetings on 04/20/2026 and 07/22/2026.

Select ERB staff participated in the Virtual SCAT Working Group Meeting on 08/19/2026.

CERB staff participated in Tribal 101 workshop on 05/07/2026 with Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Spill Response Technology & Support Branch

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (October 2026)

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

- Staffing: Completed interviews for OSPR Remote Sensing Coordinator position to be located in OSPR GIS.
- Disability Awareness Committee (DAC): OSPR has a standing representative on the DAC promoting full representation and an outstanding workplace for all in the Department. Planning for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) participation and upcoming meeting with CDFW Director.
- Wildlife Response Success! LA River response (400 Eastern Ave.) included recovery of 131 live oiled birds by field teams. Of those, 105 birds were successfully washed, rehabilitated, and released providing a high release rate of 80%.

Safety

- Support for Field Responses – Statewide.
- Strategic Growth Planning – Developing goals and actions to continue to develop and optimize the OSPR safety program.
- Support with New Communications Van.
- Training – Significant training activities including Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) refreshers, 24-hour training, and 40-hour training for OSPR as well as external partners including Native American tribes and bands, Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) member organizations, and local agency partners; Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) procurement and distribution.
- New Equipment – New air quality monitors received and calibrated, being distributed to FRT staff.

Oiled Wildlife & Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care & Research Facility

- Field Responses – Los Angeles River (400 Eastern Ave.) response involved 166 live and dead oiled animals. The Wildlife Branch included more than 60 staff positions and utilized 135 individuals from 24 member organizations to continually fill the 60 positions.
- Developing revised Mystery Event Guidelines for response to oiled wildlife without a known anthropogenic spill source.
- Wildlife Response Plan – RELEASED! Available Online: [Wildlife Response Plan](#).

- OWCN Member Organization MOUs – Working with OSPR Legal and OWCN to update Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) statewide template and individual OSPR / OWCN Member Organization MOUs.
- Team Coordination – Regular (bi-monthly) meetings with OWCN and regular internal OSPR staff coordination meetings.

Applied Response Technology (ART) and Best Achievable Technology (BAT)

- 12th Biennial OSPR + Industry Oil Spill Response Technology Workshop – SAVE THE DATE: March 23 – 25; Carson, CA (Marathon Refinery Facility).
- ART Usage (surface washing agent) – CytoSol and newly licensed product GTS-OR utilized at the LA River (400 Eastern Response).
- License Applications – Matter of Trust hair/fur sorbent under review as revised ecotoxicity testing required; OSPR working in coordination with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) National Contingency Plan (NCP) listing staff.
- Regional Contingency Plan Update – Dispersant Use Plan for California being updated to comply with new Subpart J requirements.
- Participation on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Autonomous Submersible Working Group – Supporting development of use applications for spill response.
- Response Technology Evaluation (RTE)/Applied Response Technology (ART)/Best Achievable Technology (BAT) Working Group – Expanded working group includes full-time representation by OSPR, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), US EPA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Oiled Spill Response Organization (OSRO).
- ART Gallery – Continuing publication to share information regarding ARTs.

Fisheries Closure

- Spill Response – Supporting FRT for Dunsmuir site including coordination with OEHHA and with CDFW Inland Fisheries.
- Preparedness – Developing and conducting staff training on support tools to identify key species and associated fishery data to increase efficiency of spill response statewide. Coordinating with OEHHA.
- Vessels of Opportunity (VOO) – Developing protocols to optimize the efficiency of contracting commercial fishing operations to support fisheries sampling needs during spill response to re-open closed fisheries.

Geographic Information Systems

- Staffing – Completed interviews for new Remote Sensing Coordinator position.
- Spill and Drill Response – Developed and implemented a custom data dashboard for the Wildlife Branch at the LA River (400 Eastern) Response. Provided powerful data presentation and analysis capabilities and inclusion of other data sets such as SCAT and drone overflight imagery.
- NOAA Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA) Updates – Continual data additions to ERMA for Common Operating Picture during response.
- Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) Program – Licensed pilots for UAS mapping missions maintaining proficiency through regular field flight practice.

Resource Restoration Branch

October 2026 TAC Update

The Resource Restoration Branch (RRB) includes the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Unit, which includes the Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) Program, 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

The branch currently consists of a Natural Resource Economist, and a Staff Toxicologist, and three Senior Environmental Scientists (Specialist). We also have a retired annuitant Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) working in the BRAC unit currently. The initial steps are underway for hiring to fill a vacant Environmental Scientist position and a vacant Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) position as well.

Environmental Enhancement Fund

Fund Balance: \$1,300,000 (approximate). To date, over \$11.8 million has been awarded to various grant recipients in California. We currently have 11 active projects totaling over \$6.8M and covering 8 different counties.

Currently Funded Restoration Projects:

1. Watershed Restoration and Protection Marsh Creek 7 Water Flows to the Delta, Contra Costa County
2. Restoring High Elevation Freshwater Ecosystems of Yosemite National Park, Tuolumne County
3. Elk Creek/Eden Valley Sediment Source Assessment – Eel River Watershed, Mendocino County
4. Enhancing Dune Habitat and Ecosystem Function at Northern Monterey County State Parks, Monterey County
5. Riparian Restoration at the TNC Prairie Pacific Property, Santa Paula, Ventura County
6. Pismo State Beach Foredune Restoration and Improvement Project, San Luis Obispo County
7. Shaahnaa' Lhook' Land Back for Acquisition of Fee Interest, Mendocino County (Execution not yet complete)

8. Upper Tryon Creek Habitat Restoration – Phase 1, Del Norte County
9. Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Tidal Wetland Restoration Project, Alameda County
10. Restoration of Sausal Creek Headwaters, Alameda County
11. Restoration Ecosystem Health and Resilience at Anacapa Island, Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County

Small Spills Habitat Restoration Fund

Fund Balance: \$973,903 (as of September 23, 2026). We currently have 14 active projects in 12 different counties.

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. Basso/La Grange Reach Floodplain Restoration Project Phase 1 – Implementation, Stanislaus County
8. Basso/La Grange Reach Floodplain Restoration Project Phase 2 – Implementation, Stanislaus County
9. Cottonwood Meadow Restoration Project, Phase 2, Tuolumne County
10. Protection and Enhancement of Habitat for Rare Species at the Sand Ridge and Caliente Preserves, Kern County
11. Invasive Arundo Restoration on the Santa Clara River, Los Angeles County
12. Shinkle Habitat Restoration Project, Riverside County
13. Fisher Creek Riparian Restoration at Kuzia (Phase II), Santa Clara County
14. South Fork Usal Creek Log Jam-boree Project, Mendocino County

NRDA Case Report: Since September 2025, one small spill NRDA case has been settled and two are in progress:

Settled Case:

Tanzanite Park Pond (Sacramento County) settled in September 2025, with \$16,000 in damages deposited at National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for allocation to a future restoration project.

Cases in Progress:

- San Martinez Grande (Los Angeles County) is in pre-assessment.
- 400 Eastern/LA River (Los Angeles County) is in pre-assessment.

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 assembling 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 Corporation) 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> for further details.

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

Thursday, February 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 1:24 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Oiled Wildlife Care Network, 4369 Cordelia Road, Fairfield, CA 94534
Other locations: San Francisco Baykeeper, 1736 Franklin Street, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94612
Public comments were accepted via phone and chat function.

TAC Members:

West Sacramento Attendees: Matt Rezvani, Chair, Janell Myhre, Vice Chair, John Berge, James Farner, Edward Harmon, Lynn Korwatch, Kathleen Rogers
Oakland Attendees: Sejal Choksi-Chugh

Recording Secretary:

Brenda Brantley

OSPR Participants:

Heather Geldart, Amir Sharifi, Lenore Phelps, Christine Kluge, Hannah Ferguson, Ravinder Singh, Paul Ton

1. Introduction

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

2. OSPR Updates

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

3. Minutes from 10/02/2025

Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair

Time was allowed for public comments prior to the vote for approval of the minutes. The minutes from 10/02/2025 were approved unanimously.

4. Agency Briefings (90 Min.)

- a. San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Cody Aichele-Rothman
- b. California Coastal Commission – Jonathan Bishop
- c. California State Lands Commission – Grace Kato, Matthew Dumlao
- d. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Not in attendance
- e. California Geologic Energy Management Division – Rohit Sharma
- f. California State Water Resources Control Board – Mark Bare
- g. California Energy Commission – Max Solanki, PowerPoint Presentation
- h. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Not in attendance

- i. US Coast Guard – Ben Perry-Thistle
- j. US Environmental Protection Agency – Not in attendance

5. OSPR Budget Update; PowerPoint Presentation

Amir Sharifi – OSPR
Lenore Phelps - OSPR

6. Regulatory and Legislative Update

Christine Kluge – OSPR

Break

7. IT Modernization

Hannah Ferguson – OSPR
Ravinder Singh – OSPR

8. OSPR Enforcement; PowerPoint Presentation

Lieutenant Paul Ton – OSPR LED TAC Liaison

9. Other TAC Business

Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair

- a. 2025-2026 Biennial Report – Two subcommittees were selected:
 - i. Priorities – Matt Rezvani and Ed Harmon
 - ii. Accomplishments – Janell Myhre and John Berge
- b. TAC Member position update – No new information about getting the governor to fill the three vacant positions.
- c. The next TAC meeting will be scheduled at OSPR HQ in May 2026, prior to Memorial Day weekend. This will be a special meeting to discuss the subcommittees' progress on the 2025-2026 Biennial Report.
- d. Potential topic for the next regular TAC meeting: Presentation on when spills happen, who determines which agencies should get involved.

Adjourn Meeting*

*Tour of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) facility was moved to follow the end of the TAC meeting for those who attended the meeting in person. We appreciate the use of the OWCN facility and equipment for the meeting and the fantastic tour afterwards. The tour ended at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

1010 Riverside Parkway, Emergency Operations Center, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Other locations:

San Francisco Baykeeper, 1736 Franklin Street, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94612
Carnegie Building, Community Room, 1360 Oak Avenue, St. Helena, CA 94574
Sebastopol Regional Library, 7140 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Public comments were accepted via phone and chat function.

TAC Members:

West Sacramento Attendees: Matt Rezvani, Chair; John Berge; Edward Harmon; Lynn Korwatch

Other Location Attendees: Janell Myhre, Vice Chair; Sejal Choksi-Chugh; Rue Furch

Recording Secretary:

Brenda Brantley

OSPR Participants:

Heather Geldart; Amir Sharifi; Amelia Wright; Carlos Mejia

This was a TAC Workgroup meeting for members to review and edit their 2025-2026 Biennial Report to the Legislature.

1. Introductions

Matt Rezvani – TAC Members/Agency Representatives/OSPR Staff present, in person and virtual.

Amir Sharifi – Introduced OSPR's new Deputy Administrator, Amelia Wright.

2. Minutes from 2/19/2026

Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair

Quorum requirement was not met so the approval of the minutes from 2/19/2026 was tabled until the next TAC meeting.

3. 2025-2026 Biennial Report

a. OSPR Priorities Issues – 2027-2028

Matt Rezvani, Edward Harmon – Subcommittee

Priority issues were discussed and will be revised as appropriate.

b. OSPR Key Accomplishments – 2025-2026

Janell Myhre, John Berge – Subcommittee

Key accomplishments were discussed. Updates were requested from several OSPR programs and sections of the report will be revised as necessary.

4. Next Meeting (Matt Rezvani – TAC Chair)

The next TAC meeting is to be scheduled in the last two weeks of October 2026 following a poll of TAC Members' availability and will be a regular TAC meeting that includes working on the 2025-2026 Biennial Report.

Meeting Adjourned

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Cody Aichele-Rothman

Since our last TAC meeting, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (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 June, July, and September 2026 San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) meetings in person in Oakland and Richmond. BCDC has also been attending the various HSC subcommittee and work group meetings, such as Ferry, Tanker-Tug Escort, and Marine Mammals, among others, with more scheduled in the near future.

To continue addressing concerns about the safety of our regions' bridges and the complexities of vessel traffic around the Bay, BCDC staff has been supporting the creation of the new HSC Maritime Evaluation of Risks, Insights, and Trends (MERIT) work group, hosting meetings in our building and supporting broad participation. More meetings will continue with goals of shareable solutions and strategies. Additionally, staff, along with our partners from MTC/ABAG and Caltrans, presented their efforts so far to our Commission on September 17, 2026.

Area Contingency Planning

BCDC staff attended the Area Committee meetings on June 2, 2026 and August 11, 2026 in Yerba Buena Island and Concord; however, BCDC staff were unable to attend the meeting of the Regional Response Team IX (RRT9) in July 2026.

Response and Related Activities

Staff completed the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) certification in June 2026, to refresh the skills learned several years ago before COVID. *See photo below.

BCDC staff attended the State DEI meeting on July 9, 2026.

Staff reviewed and commented on the 2026 Wildlife Response Plan in July 2026.

BCDC staff attended the Amergent Tech spill drill in Richmond on August 25, 2026.

Staff attended Congressman Garamendi's Maritime Summit in Vallejo on September 10, 2026, looking at the proposed future of the maritime industry in the Bay Area.

Staff attended one day of the Restoring America's Estuaries conference held in San Francisco at the end of September 2026.

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

BCDC staff has made a strong effort to begin addressing Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV) from a regional approach. Most of the efforts around the Bay Area have been piecemeal with vessels of concern moving from one area to another as they attract attention, or eventually sink causing bigger problems and incurring greater costs to remove them. BCDC has begun researching the issue, both here in California, as well as other states and regions that have been focused on the same issues. BCDC staff has reached out to dozens of contacts and potential partners for meetings to discuss and strategize, and has hired a consultant to help create a regional path forward. With this work BCDC staff has reconnected with a few different work groups and organizations to help address the issues and design a more long term, whole picture solution. Work is ongoing.

*Photo from the SCAT training:



California Coastal Commission (CCC) Oil Spill Program's Activities February 2026 to October 2026

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:

Twelve Harbor Safety Committee ("HSC") Meetings

Harbor Safety Committees statewide are advancing major Harbor Safety Plan ("HSP") updates with a strong emphasis on consistency in format, content, and best practices across all plans. Several committees have completed comprehensive updates while others are in full review with anticipated approvals in the coming weeks. Key themes include alignment of plan structure, modernization of risk-reduction provisions, and incorporation of emerging maritime issues.

- Humboldt HSC meetings (3/19; 5/28; 7/16; and 9/17).
 - Completed a comprehensive HSP review, including creation of a new Chapter 15 on Environmental and Economic Impacts to align with other plans.
 - HSP approved by the HSC on Sept. 17 and conveyed to OSPR Administrator.
- Port Hueneme HSC meetings (5/14 and 8/6).
 - Established a special subcommittee to undertake a full HSP review to align plan structure and best practice elements with other state HSCs.
 - Review included status of weather and tide monitoring systems, tug availability, navigation aids, marine casualty statistics, and sector-wide best practices.
 - Targeted full HSC approval on Nov. 5th and transmittal to OSPR Administrator.
 - Supported statewide standardization by updating an older plan to match current formatting and content expectations.
- Los Angeles/Long Beach HSC meetings (4/1 and 6/3).
 - Reviewed and approved updated HSP on June 3.
 - Significant updates included Articulated Tug Barge (ATB) provisions, now approved by OSPR, initiating new regulatory/rulemaking actions.
 - Incorporated the new federal anchorage scheme outside the breakwater.
 - Added emergency communication best practices for vessel casualties, based on NTSB recommendations.
 - Actively assessed autonomous vessel operations and safety issues related to vessels and barges working alongside container ships.
- San Diego HSC meetings (4/1, 5/27, 7/29, and 9/30).
 - Approved the HSP on May 27 and conveyed to OSPR Administrator.
 - Current initiatives included strengthening bridge communications protocols, addressing abandoned/derelict vessels, and incorporating autonomous vessel considerations.

- Formed a small watercraft/jet ski safety subcommittee in response to recent incident trends.
- Collaborated with OSPR on expanded outreach and education, including on-the-dock engagement to reinforce harbor safety and pollution prevention.

Eight Area Committee ("AC") meetings Coastal Commission Oil Spill Program staff participated in the Area Committees in an advisory role, contributing to the Commission's knowledge regarding coastal resources and uses and helping to identify and address potential effects of oil spills on sensitive coastal and marine resources. The following meetings were attended to evaluate spill preparedness and response issues, including lessons learned from spill incidents, drills, and exercises, identifying sensitive site protection strategies, and using that information to form updates and improvements to ACPs:

- Three North Coast (NC) AC meetings (3/19, 7/16 and 9/17)
- Two LA/LB AC meetings (3/3 and 7/7);
- Two Central Coast (CC) AC meetings (4/9 and 7/9);
- One San Diego (SD) AC meeting (5/19).

Other meetings attended during this reporting period include:

- Regional Response Team 9 (RRT 9) – Sacramento (7/22 – 7/23).
- TAC Biennial Review Workshop (5/21).

➤ **Dispersant Use Plan Updates**

- CCC Oil Spill Program staff continue to work with the USCG, OSPR, OSRO's and other interested parties on the regulatory review process for Dispersant Use Plan updates. Oil Spill Program staff attended two Applied Response Technology and Response Technology Evaluation (ART/RTE) Workgroup meetings – (3/2, 7/13), culminating in a workgroup brief-out at the RRT9 summer meeting in Sacramento.

➤ **Drills and Exercises**

- BSEE Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) – Platform Emmy, California Resources Corporation, LLC., (8/25). CCC participated in the BSEE-led Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) for California Resources Corporation's Platform Emmy on August 25, serving in an observer role. The exercise provided a strong opportunity to coordinate directly with our federal partners and to observe CRC's implementation of both their Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP) and the relevant Area Contingency Plan (ACP) under real-time conditions. The exercise also served as an important coordination venue, reinforcing interagency communication expectations and strengthening relationships with BSEE and other federal partners.
- Chevron Shipping CalTriVEX Exercise, San Diego (10/21-10/22). CCC Oil Spill Program staff participated in the Chevron Shipping CalTriVEX exercise as an Agency Representative. This year, I had the opportunity to sit in with and learn

directly from the NRDA (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) team, gaining valuable insight into their assessment methodologies, decision-making processes, and coordination needs during an incident. My involvement helped strengthen cross-program understanding of the NRDA process, particularly how early data collection, operational activities, and response decisions interface with long-term resource injury evaluation. This was a useful opportunity to identify where the CCC can better support NRDA operations through providing local knowledge of coastal resources, site conditions, and stakeholder dynamics, facilitating coordination with local government partners. Overall, the exercise improved interagency familiarity and highlighted opportunities to enhance our coordination with the NRDA teams in future incidents.

➤ **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:

- DCOR Hydraulic Fracturing. On August 13, the California Coastal Commission held a public hearing on DCOR's Supplemental Development and Production Plan (DPP), proposing to hydraulically fracture up to 16 wells on Platform Gilda. The proposed fracking operations would be carried out over five years and would result in an increase in oil production at the platform from its current level of about 1,100 barrels per day to 4,000 barrels per day. After reviewing the project for consistency with the California Coastal Management Program (CCMP), the Commission voted to object to the proposal, determining that the project was inconsistent with applicable CCMP policies.

➤ **Oil Spills – NRDA Coordination**

- Amplify Pipeline P00547 Spill NRDA – OS program staff continues to coordinate with OSPR in the NRDA process for the Amplify P00547 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.

➤ **Legislation/Regulations**

- AB 1536 (Addis) Offshore Oil: pipeline safety: As amended, this bill would make multiple statutory changes intended to increase oil pipeline safety. The bill would require any idled or inactive pipeline that has previously spilled 10,000 gallons or more of oil to be decommissioned, and would require the operator to restore the site to its natural condition. Relevant to the Coastal Commission, the bill would make any repaired pipeline near environmentally sensitive areas in the coastal zone subject to the requirement to use best available technology based on a risk analysis conducted by an independent expert, rather than the operator; would require that analysis to address oil spill prevention; and would require an operator seeking approval for a new well, production facility, or pipeline in the coastal zone to submit an oil leak detection and response plan to the Geologic Energy

Management Division for approval. On April 16, 2026, this bill was re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources for further consideration.

- AB 1448 (Hart) Coastal Resources: California Coastal Sanctuary: tidelands and submerged lands: oil and gas development: As amended this bill would prohibit the State Lands Commission from entering into leases for oil and gas extraction in designated state marine protected areas or national marine sanctuaries. The bill would also prohibit existing oil and gas leases in state waters from being used to support Pacific Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after January 1, 2026. Additionally, the bill would require the State Lands Commission, when considering whether the approval of a proposed assignment, transfer, or sublease of an oil and gas extraction lease would be in the best interest of the state, to consider the proposed assignee's history of accidents and whether the proposed assignee has the capability and experience to protect public trust resources. The Governor signed the bill on September 30, 2026 and will take effect January 1, 2027.

➤ **Statewide Interagency Oil Spill Advisory Activities Grant Agreement**

The California Coastal Commission is pleased to share it recently renewed its Statewide Interagency Oil Spill Advisory Activities Grant Agreement with OSPR, enabling the Commission to continue its active engagement in many of the interagency efforts highlighted throughout this report. Through this longstanding partnership, the Commission will maintain participation in Harbor Safety Committees, Area Committees, and Regional Response Team 9. It also supports our ongoing review of coastal development permits and federal consistency reviews to help ensure that new projects and federal activities are designed and implemented in ways that minimize spill risk and protect coastal resources. In addition, it allows for continued involvement in oil spill drills and exercises; support the review of facility contingency plans; and track and coordinate on emerging legislation and regulatory developments. The Commission greatly values its collaboration with OSPR and other agency partners and looks forward to continued program involvement, coordination, and shared progress under this renewed three-year agreement.

California State Lands Commission

Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee Report

October 2026

On August 25, 2026, staff of the California State Lands Commission (Commission) presented a [retrospective](#) on a decade of challenges, milestones, and our approach to offshore mineral management. Many of the actions outlined in the report are related to activities conducted by the Commission and OSPR.

State Budget/Commission Budget/OSPAP

The 2026-27 state budget assumes savings related to departments' vacant position funding and reduced operating budgets in order to achieve a balanced budget. The legislature originally voted to delay reducing Special Funds' budgets and positions until further evaluation on the impacts of those reductions but ultimately elected to reduce the Commission's budget and positions. The Commission's total budget is \$52,624,000 and includes an appropriation of \$18,081,000 from OSPAF. The Commission had 5.0 vacant OSPAF funded positions abolished and gained 6.0 positions and \$2,085,000 from OSPAF through a Budget Change Proposal to support the Marine Environmental Protection Division to meet the growing demands of the Marine Oil Terminal industry and regulatory mandates.

2020-21 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
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 Total	\$14,042,000	\$11,475,000	\$2,567,000	81.7%

2021-22 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
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 Total	\$15,748,000	\$12,788,000	\$2,960,000	81.2%

2022-23 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
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 Total	\$16,449,000	\$13,555,000	\$2,894,000	82.4%

2023-24 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
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 Total*	\$16,959,000	\$14,210,000	\$2,749,000	83.8%

2024-25 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
MRMD	\$5,782,000	\$5,465,000	\$317,000	94.5%
MEPD	\$9,831,000	\$9,674,000	\$157,000	98.4%
2024-25 Total*	\$15,613,000	\$15,139,000	\$4474,000	97.0%

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

2025-26 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
MRMD Final	\$5,933,000	\$5,611,000	\$322,000	94.6%
MEPD Final	\$9,992,000	\$8,872,000	\$1,120,000	88.8%
2025-26 Total*	\$15,925,000	\$14,483,000	\$1,442,000	90.9%

*Expenditures through fiscal month 12. FY 2025-26 have not been closed yet.

2026-27 OSPAF Historical Fund Data

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Expenditures	Savings	Usage
MRMD	\$5,967,000	\$1,041,754	\$4,925,246	17.5%
MEPD	\$12,114,000	\$1,389,823	\$10,724,177	11.5%
2025-26 Total*	\$18,081,000	\$2,431,577	\$15,649,423	13.4%

*Expenditures through fiscal month 02. Fiscal months are still open and these numbers do not reflect all expenditures and labor charges.

OSPAF Positions:

Fiscal Year	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Vacancy Reduction 25-26	26-27
OSPAF PYs	92.9	92.9	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	98.0	104.0
MRMD	28.3	28.3	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	-3.0	29.0
MEPD	64.6	64.6	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	-2.0	75.0
State Lands Commission	210.4	210.4	248.6*	248.6	252.6	252.6	237.5	243.5

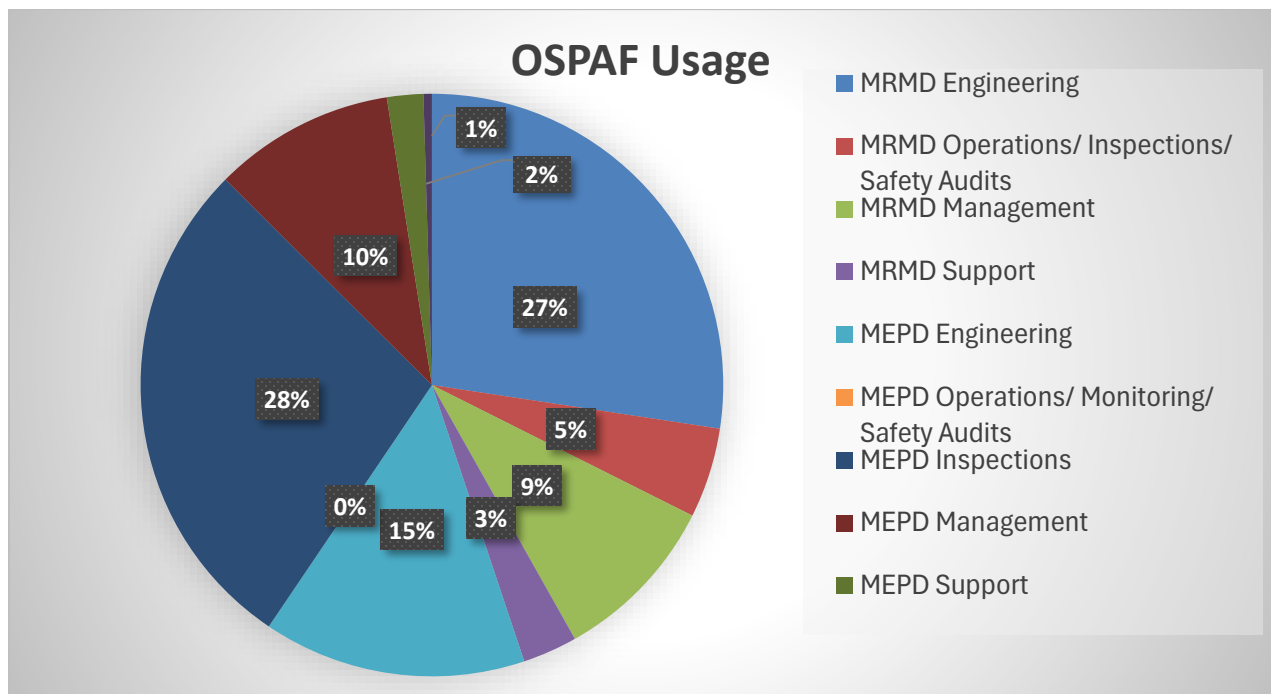
*Change due to a Salary and Wages Realignment Drill done in FY 2021-22.

2025-26 OSPAF Usage:

OSPAF Divisions	Amount
MRMD Engineering	\$2,531,354
MRMD Operations/Inspections/Safety Audits	\$462,268
MRMD Management	\$871,842
MRMD Support	\$280,490
MEPD Engineering	\$1,348,226
MEPD Inspections/Operations/Monitoring/Safety Audits*	\$2,587,483
MEPD Management	\$929,153
MEPD Support	\$186,184
MEPD Planning & Regulations**	\$43,124

*MEPD staff conduct all these activities and are not segregated out as MRMD staff.

**MEPD Planning & Regulations staff have been reassigned during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from MEPD to the Commission's Legal Division. As of October 1, 2026, there will be some charges to OSPAF for regulations associated with OSPAF activities, but full salaries will not be covered solely by OSPAF moving forward.



Operations

Platform Esther

As of August 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., DCOR confirmed that Platform Esther was shut down. All wells are offline, and no new oil is being brought to surface. On November 7, 2025, the Commission accepted quitclaims of the former Platform Esther production lease and the associated pipeline right-of way. The former lease areas are now governed by a maintenance, monitoring, plugging-and-abandonment, and decommissioning-planning lease that does not authorize production. The result permanently ended production at one of the final three producing platforms in State-managed waters, returned the former mineral interests to the Coastal Sanctuary, and placed the cost of closure on the operator rather than the public.

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 has completed conducting an in-depth audit of the state's 35 marine oil terminal pipelines in Q4 2025. The audit focused on pipeline integrity inspections, maintenance, repair, and record keeping. The PPMP Audits are conducted every 5 years. There were no audits completed in 2026.

Oil Transfer Monitoring and Inspection Statistics

January 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026, staff monitored 34 percent of oil transfers (1,088 of 3,203 transfers) conducted at the States 35 marine oil terminals (MOTs). During this same period, 444,100,055 barrels (18,652,202,310 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 0.476190476 barrels or 2560 ounces (20 gallons). This is approximately 0.0000001072 percent of all barrels transferred. In the same time frame, staff conducted 59 spot, annual, and Training and Certification inspections at the States MOTs.

Regulations Update

Staff are moving forward on the rulemaking on Article 5.5 and Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS). Commission staff anticipate completion in 2027.

Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards

In 2025/2026, 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 production and processing 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 or devices are inspected or tested.

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 (CRC) Long Beach Unit (LBU) Island Chaffee oil production facility in Los Angeles

County began in April 2026. The facility is one of four manmade islands producing oil in Long Beach harbor. Fieldwork concluded in September 2026, and it is anticipated the Audit Report and Action Item matrix will be issued in October 2026.

The Safety Audit Team staff fieldwork on the CRC LBU Island White oil production facility was completed in January 2026. The Action Item matrix and Audit Report were transmitted to CRC in April 2026. Two priority one action items, 14 priority two action items, and 59 priority three action items were identified. All priority one and priority two action items were corrected in a timely manner. As of October 1, 2026, 46 priority three action items have been corrected; it is anticipated that the remaining items will be corrected within the expected timeframe.

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 Q3 2026, staff:

- Attended DCOR Platform Eva & Esther Boom Equipment Deployment (07/07/2026)
- Attended Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) Simultaneous CRC Platform Emmy boom equipment deployment and tabletop Spill drill (08/25/2026)
- Attended Sable Offshore Corp Pipeline Tabletop spill drill (09/10/2026)
- Attended CalNRG spill drill (09/16/2026)
- Reviewed and documented the pipeline hydrotesting reports for CRC Platform Emmy to shore – 4-inch low-pressure gas pipeline (7/7/2026)
- Reviewed and documented the pipeline integrity report for Sable Platform Hondo – 12-inch gas pipeline (8/24/2026)
- Reviewed and documented the pipeline integrity report for Sable Platform Harmony – 20-inch emulsion pipeline (8/24/2026)

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, assess,

and evaluate the annual offshore platform structural above-water and underwater inspection reports for Platforms Holly, Emmy, Eva, and Esther. Level I above-water inspections are conducted annually, and the reports are usually distributed to staff in the fourth quarter (Q4) of the year. Underwater Level II, III, and IV inspections are performed once every 5 years. Staff reviewed the corresponding above-water and underwater 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 \(MERP\)](#).

Staff have been working with California Resources Corporation (CRC) to identify marginal oil and gas wells within CRC's operations that meet the grant Criteria. After multiple attempts, CRC identified five wells within West Wilmington that can be abandoned using MERP funds. Staff have obtained DOE's approval for the use of MERP funds for plugging these wells.

In the last quarter of 2025, all required permits to plug and abandon the five wells were received from California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM). CRC has scheduled the plug and abandonment of the five wells during the first and second quarters of 2026. The first scheduled abandonment will start on January 20, 2026, and the last of the five will be plugged and abandoned in April 2026. On January 6, 2026, pre-abandonment methane measurements were collected on the five wells according to the Grant requirements. Staff will continue to work with CRC and CalGEM to explore other opportunities where MERP funds can be used for P&A of other wells with Methane leakage throughout California.

The MERP work resumed on September 8, following a pause due to contract clarification issues. The first well, UP-934B, was successfully plugged on September 11, 2026. Operations moved to the third well, UP-882, which will be plugged to surface in the first week of October 2026. A methane inspection of seven wells on September 14, 2026, found no leaks, though these wells are qualified for plugging and abandonment based on other marginal conventional well selection criteria. Eleven wells are currently scheduled for plugging and

abandonment. Work will continue through the rest of the year and into the first week of January. Progress has been smooth, with operations using fewer days than the estimated number of days authorized for expenditure. To accelerate the pace and ensure optimal use of the allocated project funds, the team is considering hiring a second rig, pending the availability of permitted wells, rig and crew resources, and eligible wells.

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

On December 5, 2023, the Commission directed staff to develop an Analysis of Impacts to Public Trust Resources and Values (APTR) for offshore oil and gas pipelines under the Commission's jurisdiction ([Item 59](#)).

On August 15, 2024, the Commission released a solicitation for consultant services to prepare the 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

Additional information on the [APTR](#) preparation, including a Frequently Asked Questions section is available on the Commission's [website](#). Commission staff hosted three virtual public [information-sharing webinars](#) on August 13, and 17, 2026.

During the same action in 2023, 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. Due to difficulties obtaining appropriations for this APTR, work did not commence in a timely manner. Commission staff will be requesting an extension of the timeline to December 2027 for the APTR and associated moratorium.

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 Rincon Phase 3 Decommissioning Project to undertake the work ([Staff Report 71](#)). 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, requiring preparation of an addendum to the EIR, which was adopted by the Commission on November 7, 2025 ([Staff Report 55](#)). Project activities will be completed during Phase 3, which will likely commence in late 2026 after all necessary permits are obtained and a contractor is hired to perform the work. For more detailed information, please see the Commission's dedicated website for the [Rincon Decommissioning Project](#).

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 with the remaining navigation and safety systems solar powered. Staff visit the platform regularly to maintain navigation and safety precautions and monitor the Platform's condition. On January 22, 2026, staff issued a [Notice of Preparation](#) for an Environmental Impact Report for the Platform Holly Decommissioning Project. Staff held two hybrid scoping meetings on February 19, and the public comment period closed on March 6, 2026. The current work therefore rests on a stable, destaffed platform, a responsible private party committed to the decommissioning cost, and an active public environmental-review process.

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. Please see the [Commission's Annual Report on SB44 2025 Progress](#) Report for additional information.

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 SB 44 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 anticipates plugging and abandoning two legacy wells in 2027, depending on budget and tide information. The Commission will select wells based on those that pose the greatest threat to the environment, including wells leaking oil or that recently leaked oil into the environment. The plug and abandonment approach will likely mirror the approach used in the Well A and Well B well abandonments that took place in 2025. The work will involve driving a pipe pile around the well, like a sleeve, and filling the pipe with cement to entomb the legacy well. See photos from the 2025 SB 44 Progress Report below.



Location of Wells A and B.



Wells A and B location excavated with wells 3.5 feet below the surface.



Well A excavated, with oil in the excavated sump.



Well B wellhead being covered with 24-inch casing ready to be pile driven.



Well B 24-inch casing being pile driven to the blue clay depth.



Cutting off excess casing on both Wells A and B.



Well A 24-inch casing Installation.



An after excess casing is removed. Oil emulsion observed inside the 24-inch casing.



Well A suction operation in progress before installation of well cap.



Well location with no oil in sump.



Both well caps installed and wells ready for cementing operation.



Removing refuse from the wells' location.



Returning well location to its natural state.



Final well location condition.

The Commission anticipates plugging and abandoning the selected wells, wells C and D, in early to mid-2027 when the tides will favor the operation.

The Commission also plans to begin implementing blanket licensing for multiple wells, giving flexibility to adjust plans based on updated risk assessment data and to choose wells based on the most up-to-date information.

Well C was observed leaking oil to the shore in February 2026 and selected for abandonment in 2027. Because wells C and D are only 42 feet apart, abandoning them at the same time should reduce costs associated with mobilizing and demobilizing equipment and services. Both wells have been surveyed and mapped, and all relevant information has been entered into CalGEM's WellSTAR database. Abandonment planning and permitting for both wells are currently underway in preparation for abandonment.

In March 2026, the Commission received reports of well Oscar leaking oil to the environment. Commission staff inspected the well location as a possible source of the oil and observed well Oscar leaking oil. The well is two feet from the sea wall, and a residential unit sits directly above the area. The well's location challenges the abandonment procedure usually used for legacy wells. A temporary abandonment solution of cleaning the wellbore and capping the well will aid in resolving the leaking problem posed by the well until a permanent solution is developed.

MP Environmental, the contractor hired to remove coastal hazards, carried out a survey in February 2026 and scheduled coastal hazard removal activities for the last quarter of 2026 and the first quarter of 2027. An updated site walk with hazard assessment is expected in mid-December 2026, and mobilization to begin hazard removal work is set for the 1st week of January 2027. The work is expected to take 32 working days, with completion before the March 1st seasonal restriction.

The Commission has retained a consultant from the Commission's on-call contracting list to develop a seep analysis and study plan as per the requirements laid out in SB44.

OSPR REGULATIONS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(as of October 5, 2026)

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

Harmonization of Facility Contingency Plan Regulations

An effort to update and consolidate the marine and inland facility contingency plan regulations.

- Updating and focusing facility requirements.
- Status: Pre-rulemaking activities complete. Developing final documents. Commencement of formal rulemaking anticipated spring/summer 2027.

Articulated Tug Barge (ATB)/Integrated Tug Barge (ITB) Requirements in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors

Revisions to the tank vessel escort requirements for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor area are necessary to include specificity for tug and tank barges connected by a mechanical connection system. [Title 14 CCR sections 851.20 - 851.32]

- The change would allow integrated tug barges to operate under the same requirements as tankers for the purposes of tug escort assistance and speed while transiting in the LA/LB harbor area.
- Status: Commencement of rulemaking anticipated by mid-2027.

Vessel Inspections

A cleanup of regulations related to the inspection of vessels engaged in transfer operations. [Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 845.2]

- Status: Approved by Office of Administrative Law 8/4/26.
- Rulemaking details and documents at: [Oil Transfer Operation Inspections](#)

LEGISLATION

The following provides an update of these bills since shared at the last TAC meeting on February 19, 2026.

Note: Given the posting requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, information shown here may not reflect the latest updates. The most current bill status can be found at www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov or by clicking on the hyperlinked bill number below.

AB 395 – Holidays

Introduced by Assembly Member Gabriel and signed into law, as it pertains to state and local agencies, this bill:

- Requires state agencies and legislative bodies of local agencies subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act to make good faith, reasonable efforts to avoid conducting any meeting, conference, or other function on days of ritual observance of religious, cultural, or ancestral holidays.
- Status: Signed into law 9/30/26.

SB 575 – California Sea Otter Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

Introduced by Senator Laird and signed into law, this bill:

- Restored the California Sea Otter Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund through 2033.
- Allows California taxpayers to voluntarily designate/check-off continuous contributions to the fund on their tax returns for years 2026 through 2032.
- Allocates funds equally between the Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Wildlife for purposes of researching, investigating, enforcing, and preventing sea otter mortality.
 - OSPR's Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center is the primary care and research facility of sea otters.
- Status: Signed into law 8/27/26.

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