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**FACT SHEET #1**

- East Bay Regional Park District personnel spotted stranded seabirds on the beaches in Hayward on Friday, January 16 in the afternoon. California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) activated and responded to the bird incident.
- By Saturday morning the following day, CDFW-OSPR investigators determined the substance was not a petroleum-based product.
- Recovery of dead birds will continue for several more days.
- Next steps are to identify the substance, find out how much is still in the Bay and identify the source of the substance.
- The International Bird Rescue (IBR), a bird rehabilitation group located in Fairfield, have been the "boots in the mud" from the beginning and are the heroes in this rescue effort using their time, people and equipment.
- CDFW and IBR continue their investigation and rescue efforts.
- CDFW does not speculate on the nature of the unknown substance and waits for the results of scientific evidence.
- Birds by the numbers:  
321: birds admitted to IBR  
274: remaining live birds and in the care of IBR  
An accurate number of dead birds will be available by tomorrow at the end of the day.
- NGO and agencies involved in the response effort:  
International Bird Rescue  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
East Bay Regional Park District  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Contact numbers:  
Report impacted birds to: (510) 882-1882 or [www.bird-rescue.org](http://www.bird-rescue.org)  
Report an oil spill: 1-800-852-7550
- To donate to the International Bird Rescue to support them in their rehabilitation efforts go to
- [www.bird-rescue.org](http://www.bird-rescue.org) or mail to:  
International Bird Rescue  
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