4-765-A Site Summary - Mandalay State Beach

ACP Division/Segment: VN - E - S02 VN - E - S03

NOAA Chart: 18725(a) **Map Book: Decimal Degrees:** 34.19615 -119.24732

Site Description:

County: Ventura

This is a fine to medium-grained sand beach, about 1 mile long, starting just south of the Mandalay generating station and extending south 1000 ft past the end of West 5th Street. The beach is backed by low dunes with sparse vegetation.

Resources at Risk:

ESI and Habitat: 3B Scarps and steeps slopes in sand

3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

| | Resource Name | Status | Presence | Sensitivity |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Birds | California least tern | FE, SE | Apr-Sep | |
| Birds | Western snowy plover | FT, SSC | Year-round | |
| Fish | California grunion | | Mar-Aug | |

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

List of Key Contacts:

| Туре | Name/Title | Organization | Phone |
|------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|
| С | /Coordinator | Native American Heritage Commission | (916) 373-3710 |
| С | / | South Central Coast Information Center | (657) 278-5395 |
| Е | Jeff MacDonald/Supervisor | Cal-NRG | (805) 393-2595 |
| Е | /24hr | DCOR, Mandalay Separation Plant | (805) 585-1049 |
| Е | /Duty Officer (24hr) | Ventura County OES | (805) 947-8210 |
| Т | SURCOM (24-hr)/ | California State Parks (Dispatch) | (951) 443-2969 |
| Т | /Ranger Officer | California State Parks, Ventura | (805) 648-4127 |
| Т | /Spill Response Coordinator | US Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal T&E Species | (805) 644-1766 |

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

Additional Site Summary Comments:

Western snowy plovers nest from Mar-Sep.

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Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Primary spill threat from marine source. The best response option for protecting this shoreline is to collect and/or disperse oil in offshore areas before it reaches the shore. The dunes and upper beaches provide critical nesting habitat for Threatened/Endangered birds. These animals can be killed, and habitat can be damaged by oil and response/cleanup activities unless responders avoid disturbing the dunes and upper beaches; drive vehicles on wet sand and follow protective conditions from IC and resource biologists.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Unhealthy levels of coliform bacteria have been found in this area. Beware of people and animals on the beach, pedestrians, waves, slips, trips and falls, and water hazards. Safe entries and exits from shoreline are related to tides, sea conditions, and beach sand levels.

Site Strategies: Site Validation Level: ||

Strategy: 4-765.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART **Strategy:** There are no feasible onshore protection strategies for this area. Attempt to collect and/or disperse oil in offshore locations before it reaches the shoreline.

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Logistics:

Directions: Going southbound US 101, exit Victoria Ave/Channel Island Harbor and go 0.2 mi, turn left on Valentine Rd for 0.1 mi, turn right on Victoria Ave for 3.9 mi, turn right on West 5th St for 1.5 mi to the end of the road. Going northbound US 101, exit Victoria/Channel Island Harbor for 0.2 mi, turn left on Victoria Ave for 3.9 mi, turn right on West 5th St for 1.5 mi to the end of the road.

Land Access: Access to this site is controlled by California State Parks.

On-Water Limitations: Ventura Harbor and Channel Islands Harbor are both full-service berthing, launching, and fueling. Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Access: Easy access for heavy equipment from the south end of the site at the end of West 5th Street. Staging area and Field Command Post: The end of West 5th Street. Equipment: MSRC Yard in Carpinteria (approx. 30 miles north). Closest Airports: Oxnard.

Communications Problems: NA

Additional Operational Comments: Due to the probable occurrence of Snowy plovers and/or Least terns at this site, please review the Sandy Beach Site Summary and Strategies (Site 4-000-A) for information on response operations when dealing with these sensitive species. Property managed by Ventura County under agreement with CA Parks and Recreation.



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No shoreline strategies; consider offshore strategies