

County: **Ventura**
 USGS Quad: **Pitas Point**

Thomas Guide Location
 470 A-B x 3
 NOAA Chart: **18725(a)**

Latitude N Longitude W
 34.31944 119.39

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN VENTURA COUNTY DIVISION B: The Padre Juan Canyon has a watershed area of 3.0 sq.mi. with a 50Q flow of 1830 cu.ft./sec at the ocean. The site is included within Vintage's B Lease and includes about 1.5 miles of stream between the upstream boundary of the lease and the ocean. The stream empties into the ocean through two rectangular concrete culverts onto a wavewashed boulder rip-rapped shoreline which could be oiled by either inland or marine spills. The primary threat is from inland spills.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

The primary habitats at risk are those that support inland species. Secondarily threatened are nearshore marine species. Brown Pelicans and marine mammals feed in nearshore waters year around. The rip-rapped coastline adjacent to this site does not have inlets, marshes, or coastal wetlands which would be threatened by marine or inland spills.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

The banks of the stream are steeply sloped and heavily vegetated. The stream bed is about 6 to 20 feet in width and is comprised primarily of sandy alluvium intermixed with rounded gravel and cobbles. Bedrock outcroppings or very large boulders occur in some of the reaches examined. Large chunks of concrete with rounded edges and fallen vegetative debris occur in several locations along the reach of streambed. The banks are predominantly coastal sage scrub type vegetation which include poison oak, California sage brush, and lemonade berry. Giant wild rye, tree tobacco, sweet fennel, and 4 to 10 inch diameter at breast height arroyo willows occur in lesser abundance along the banks where they intersect with the streambed. Characteristic of the streambed are: arroyo willows, mulefat, cocklebur, brass buttons, big saltbush, narrow-leaf cattail, sheep sorrel, and salt grass (*Distichlis*). The low flow channel had large quantities of what appeared to be *Enteromorpha*, a green alga, growing in it. This natural reach of stream provides sheltering, foraging, nesting and nursery areas; migratory pathways; and sources of drinking water for wildlife and aquatic species.

California and spotted towhees, scrub jays, common yellowthroats, house and canyon wrens, black phoebes, house finches, warblers, raptors, crows, turkey vultures frequent this area.

Red-legged frog, deer, coyote, rabbits, opossum, deer, skunks, raccoons, snakes and lizards, occur here year around. Both mountain lions and bears have been observed in the area.

No freshwater fishes are found here.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and the South Central Coastal Information Center (657) 278-5395.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
E	Linda Arsenault Environmental Manager	Vintage Petroleum	(661) 330-7664
T	Channel Coast District	California State Parks	(805) 585-1850
E	Pam Gallo Operations Supervisor	Ventura County Parks	(805) 654-3934
C	Stacy St. James Coordinator	South Central Coastal Information Center	(657) 278-5395
T	Kai Lampson Marine Biologist	CDFW - (Nearshore Species)	(805) 965-7216
E	Jim Martinez Maintenance Supervisor	Ventura Co. Parks - Seaside Wilderness	(805) 377-8436
T	SURCOM (24-hr)	California State Parks Dispatch	(951) 443-2969
O	Ventura County Fire Department Dispatch (24hr)	Ventura County	(805) 388-4279
O	Ventura Sheriff Dispatch (24hr)	Ventura County	(805) 662-6755
E	Vintage Petroleum (24hr) On-Call Foreman	Vintage Petroleum-Rincon & Diablo Canyon	(805) 525-8008

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

4-723 -C Site Strategy - Padre Juan Canyon

County and Thomas Guide Location

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Primary spill threat from inland source. The primary objectives are to minimize oiling of stream, pre-clean debris, clean oil from bed and banks, and block oil from reaching ocean. The stream provides habitat for sensitive animals and habitat which can be injured by oil and response/cleanup activities. It is important for responders to minimize downstream oiling, disturbance in stream and associated vegetation; avoid trampling oil into sediments; minimize collateral oiling, and follow protective conditions from IC and resource biologists.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

A. Water Contamination - Unhealthy levels of coliform bacteria have been found intermittently in streams and on beaches in this area. Check with the County of Ventura, Ocean Monitoring Hotline, 805-662-6555, regarding health conditions prior to engaging in any activities which would require direct water contact. Use appropriate PPE, safety procedures, and include reference to potential health problems in any site safety plan.

B. Safety Considerations- Narrow roads and hillsides may be unstable in wet weather. When on or near US 101 and Hwy 1 traffic and parking can be hazardous. On facility roads, beware of vehicles, heavy equipment and foot traffic. When working in streams and brush, beware of ticks, poison oak, and rattlesnakes. Care must be taken when working on in these coastal canyons the hillsides are subject to landslides and flash flooding during wet weather.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-723.1 Objective: Inland Spill - Off water containment - Minimize amount of oil that enters the water.

Offwater Control and Containment - Control, confine, and recover as much of the oil as close to the source of discharge as possible using offstream containment and collection methods, including but not limited to: blocking down-drains and culverts with sand bag dams, sorbents, hay bales, and temporary berms. Use vacuum trucks, and/or sorbents, as appropriate, to recover and remove oil. Dispose contaminants according to waste management plan.

Strategy 4-723.2 Objective: Inland Response - Activate permanent spill containment basins to minimize oil contamination in downstream areas.

The oil production facility in this watershed has permanent instream oil spill containment basins. Should an oil spill occur upstream of basins, activate spill containment and collection procedures. If there is skimmable oil present, deploy sorbents and contact the IC immediately regarding the use of skimmers and/ or other mechanical means for collecting oil. Monitor basin and associated features to maintain their integrity and effectiveness. Additional temporary spill basins may be built if there would be a net environmental benefit to their use. Consult with resource biologist prior to constructing temporary basins.

Strategy 4-723.3 Objective: Inland Spill - Berming - Minimize oil contamination in downstream areas when flows, habitat, biota, materials, access, and topography are suitable.

Berming - Build a berm(s) across the stream channel using silt free materials or sandbags under the direction of an authorized biologist to minimize damage to wildlife and habitat. Install underflow pipes and a spillway with a filter barrier the berm to allow through flows if water is actively flowing. Cover the berm with sheet plastic to minimize erosion. Place swamp and/or sorbent booms upstream of the containment berm and along the streambanks to prevent downstream contamination from entrainment and/or washover to prevent collateral oiling. If there is skimmable oil present, deploy sorbents and contact the IC immediately regarding the use of skimmers and or other mechanical means for collecting oil. Monitor booms and associated features 2 X daily to maintain their integrity and effectiveness.

Strategy 4-723.4 Objective: Shoreline Precleaning - Prevent oiling of vegetation, woody and debris, trash, and other materials to reduce collateral contamination and disposal problems.

Inland waters precleaning - Consult with resource trustees regarding wildlife issues before undertaking this activity. When oiling of the channel is imminent, remove and store wood, aquatic vegetation, debris, trash, and other materials which could become oiled and create environmental hazards and disposal problems. The use of heavy equipment in the channel is prohibited and pre-cleaning will be conducted by hand crews to minimize disturbance to wildlife and their habitats unless authorized by the IC. Segregate and dispose trash.

Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Going southbound US 101, exit Seacliff #78 for 0.4 mi, turn right onto Pacific Coast Hwy for 2.2 mi, the creek is to the east of

Faria Point Park and Campground.

Going northbound US 101, exit State Beaches #72 onto Pacific Coast Hwy for 4.4 mi, the creek is to the east of Faria Point Park and Campground. THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN VENTURA COUNTY DIVISION B:

LAND ACCESS: This site is located on the coastal facing slopes of the Rincon coast in north Ventura Co, on property leased by Vintage Petroleum. The spill threat for this area is from primarily from inland sources. The lease is gated and phones are present at some gates to contact Vintage for access. If the gate does not have a phone, contact Vintage by cell phone. The main roadways are asphalted and are passable by all vehicles and heavy equipment. There are some sections in this lease that are not reachable because of impassible roads. Access to some may not be possible in wet periods due to landslides. There are roadside pullouts at improved and unimproved spill containment basins.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: In the northern portion of the area, Santa Barbara Harbor is the nearest full service civilian harbor. Casitas Pier located just south of Carpinteria is operated by Venoco and may be used to load response vessels with permission from Venoco. From Seacliff south, contact Ventura Harbor for full service berthing, launching and fueling.

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

LOGISTICS:

Staging Areas: Marine Spills: Numerous areas exist along Pacific Coast Highway, along the roadway, and in the State and County parks. Inland Spills: Staging areas and stream access points occur near containment basins, along roadways at bridges, and near facilities.

Response Equipment: Onsite: Vintage has some equipment and a mobile spill response trailer staged onsite. Offsite: The Clean Seas Yard at Carpinteria, approximately 5 miles to the northwest of Rincon Point.

Potential Field Command Posts: Vintage offices; County Parks, Ventura County Fire Station at Sea Cliff.

Closest Airports: Oxnard and Camarillo.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Cell phones are adequate from the freeway but drop off in the canyons.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

