

4-420-A Site Summary - Pismo State Beach**4-420-A****County :** San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment :** SL - J - S 001 SL - J - S 002**NOAA Chart :** 18700**Map Book :** 714**Decimal Degrees** 35.06078 -120.63021**Site Description:**

Pismo State Beach is a fine to medium grained sandy beach, high recreational use. Approximately 4 miles upstream Pismo Creek is the Sentinel Peak Resources oil field (see site A-410). Most species present year round. Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles offshore. Brown pelicans, threatened snowy plovers, endangered least terns, surfs scoters, grebes, loons and other sea and shore birds are present. Harbor seals, sea lions and Southern sea otters common offshore. Pismo clams and possibly California grunion are found on this beach. Beach spectacle pod, surf thistle, la graciona thistle, crisp monardella and soft leafed Indian paint brush are coastal dune plants in this area.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT	Year-round
Birds	California least tern	FE, SE	Apr - Sep
Fish	California grunion		Apr - May
Invertebrates	Pismo clams		Year-round
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	Year-round
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round
Plants	beach spectaclepod		Year-round
Reptiles	leatherback sea turtle	FE	Aug - Nov

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:

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/	Central Coast Archeological Information Center	(805) 893-2474
C	/	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
O	Brian Hatfield/Marine Mammal Expert	US Geological Survey, Biological Division	(805) 927-3893
T	SURCOM (24-hr)/	California State Parks (Dispatch)	(951) 443-2969
T	Justin Viezbicke/Marine Mammal Stranding	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 506-4315
T	Tina Fahy/Sea Turtle Recovery Coordinator	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-4023
T	/	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 March - September; California least terns nest April - September; refer to Typical Sandy Beach Site Summary and Strategy pages (Site 4-000-A) for information on response operations when dealing with snowy plovers and least terns. Leatherback sea turtles most commonly observed August - November. Sea otters pup year-round. California grunion spawn April - May.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Refer to Typical Sandy Beach Site Summary and Strategy pages (Site 4-000-A) for information on response operations when dealing with snowy plovers and least terns.

Hazard and Restrictions:

State Park property.

Site Strategies:

Strategy: 4-420.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

Strategy: Offshore containment and recovery (OCR) is the preferred option although heavy surf may hinder these operations. No specific response equipment listed due to the many variables associated with each spill regarding OCR. Early consideration should be given to the use of applied response technologies.

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Directions: From the south: Hwy 101 exit Price Street in Pismo Beach; north on Price St. to Pomeroy Ave; left on Pomeroy to parking lot to Pismo Pier and Beach. To get to the south end of Pismo Beach you can take HWY 101 and get off at Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande, go west all the way to end to State Beach parking lot. From the north: 101 South to HWY 1/Dolliver St. (exit 191A); to Pomeroy Ave; right to parking lot to Pismo Pier and Beach. To get to the south end of Pismo Beach you can take HWY 101 and get off at Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande, go west all the way to end to State Beach parking lot.

Land Access: Vehicle/heavy equipment access Pier Ave. or Grand Ave.

On-Water Limitations: Limitations: Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Port San Luis Harbor approx. 15 miles north; Morro Bay boat ramp, approx. 30 miles north.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Staging Area: State Beach parking lot at Grand Ave. beach entrance. Command Post: State Parks Ranger Station, 928 Pacific Blvd (HWY 1; approx. 1/2 mi north of Pier Ave; between Pier Ave and Grand Ave), Oceano, (805) 473-7220. Airports: SLO County Airport approx. 15 min. north.

Communications Problems: None.

