

5-120 -A/C Site Summary- Venice Beach

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County: **Los Angeles Co.**

Thomas Guide Location: **701 J2**

Latitude N Longitude W
Decimal Degrees: **33.96590 -118.45660**

USGS Quad: **Venice**

NOAA Chart: **18744**

ACP Division: **LA-D**

Last Page Update : 2/24/2011

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Feeding site at fore beach; fenced nesting site on upper portion of beach north of Ballona Creek entrance (Marina Del Rey). Medium grain sand beach. Grunion spawning at high tide - usually at ends of beach.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Rank A: April to September.

Western Snowy Plovers and California Least Terns both nest above the high tide line. Western Snowy Plover chicks move to wave wash zone after hatching. California Least Terns forage in offshore waters.

Other concerns: Grunion runs - late February to early September - Grunion lay eggs in sand at highest tide line. Eggs are very vulnerable to oil and beach clean-up.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Nesting and feeding site.

California Least Tern (Federal and State endangered species) and Western Snowy Plover (Federal endangered species).

Intertidal fish, including Grunion, and invertebrates.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historical Preservation at (916) 445-7000 and the South Central Coastal Information Center at (657) 278-5395 for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

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

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
O		Los Angeles County Fire	(323) 881-2455
O		Los Angeles County Fire Dept.	(310) 679-1131
O		Los Angeles County Lifeguard Big Rock to Ballona	(310) 394-3261
T	Nancy Frost CA Least Tern Survey	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	(858) 467-4208
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (24 hr)	(916) 358-1312
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (Los Alamitos)	(562) 342-7100
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 342-7215
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-2849
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-6203
T	OSPR Technical Specialist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-4052
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (24 hr)	(760) 607-9768
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (8am - 4:30pm)	(760) 431-9440

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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To protect endangered species nesting and feeding habitat. Responders should avoid fenced bird nesting area.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 5-120.1 Objective: Prevent impact to Least Tern nesting site.

Mark nesting area, avoid disturbances, and look-out for oiled birds.

Table of Response Resources

strategy	harbor	swamp	Other	sorb	Anchoring	Boom	Skiffs	Skimmers	Special Equipment or comment	staff	Staff				
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LOGISTICS

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

From Lincoln Blvd. (Highway 1) in Marina Del Rey, go west on Washington Blvd. and south on Pacific Ave. until you reach the terminus at Via Marina. There will be a parking lot.

LAND ACCESS: Go west from parking area until you reach the fenced California Least Tern area.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

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

Parking at Pacific Ave. and Via Marina.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: None.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

Access to beach from Pacific Ave.

