

6-308-A Site Summary - San Diego River Mouth**6-308-A****County :** San Diego **ACP Division/Segment :** SD - F - S001**NOAA Chart :** 18765**Map Book :** 1267 H5**Decimal Degrees** 32.75269 -117.25224**Site Description:**

This site is within the following Marine Protected Area: Famosa Slough State Marine Conservation Area, and is governed by special protections established by the CDFW Marine Region. The mouth of the San Diego River empties into the Pacific Ocean at the north end of Ocean Beach, with an outflow that is typically about 200' across but is subject to change with seasonal rainfall. The flood channel of the river is approximately 900 feet across and has earthen levies with riprap armoring. The area to protect is the estuary that is upstream from the mouth. Average tidal influence in the river extends two to three miles upstream. An additional area to protect is the habitat behind the three tidal gates that connect to Famosa Slough. These tidal gates are located on the south bank of the river midway between Sea World Drive and Sports Arena Blvd. Bridges. The tidal gates are locked open, but should be closed by responders when oil threatens to move upstream of the Sea World Dr. Bridge.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 9A Sheltered tidal flats

8C Sheltered riprap

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT	Year-round
Birds	California least tern	FE, SE	Feb - Sep
Invertebrates	rocky intertidal resources		Year-round

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	Dr. Seth Mallios/	South Coastal Information Center	(619) 594-5682
O	County OES/	Emergency Contact for Mission Bay Park	(858) 565-3490
T	Chris Bennett/	Formosa Slough Volunteer	(619) 223-4867
T	/	Mission Bay Park Ranger	(858) 581-7602
T	/San Diego Coast District	State Parks and Recreation	(619) 688-3260

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

Additional Site Summary Comments:

The City of San Diego and Mission Bay Harbor Patrol control access to the parking and staging areas on the south side of the San Diego River Channel.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Refer to ACP Site 6-000-A for important information on beach nesting birds that use this site. Be prepared to use site monitors to evaluate and minimize any potential negative effects (especially to listed species), that could result from cleanup and response activities at this site.

Hazard and Restrictions:**Site Strategies:**

Strategy: 6-308.1 Objective: Close the river mouth by constructing a berm across the flow channel.

Strategy: Construct a sand berm across entrance, upstream from breakwater notch. The river mouth may be closed by a sand berm or oil boom except during periods of rainfall when a large discharge volume may occur. Use borrowed sand from the lower beach face. Do not use sand from the sand dunes.

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Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Heavy Equipment	Front Loader			1		
Staff	Staff to Deploy			1		

Strategy: 6-308.2 Objective: Close the river mouth by constructing a berm across the flow channel.

Strategy: Construct a second berm at forward downstream end of breakwater notch. Use borrowed sand from the lower beach face. Do not use sand from the sand dunes.

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Heavy Equipment	Front Loader			1		
Staff	Staff to Deploy			1		

Strategy: 6-308.3 Objective: Close tidal gates that feed San Diego's Famosa Slough Wildlife Preserve.

Strategy: Three locked tidal gates are located on the south bank of the river midway between the Sea World Drive and Sports Arena Blvd Bridges. The tidal gates are locked open, but should be closed by responders to prevent oil from entering the ditch that feeds the Famosa Slough Wildlife Preserve. Contact the Famosa Slough volunteers or the Mission Bay Park Ranger for keys to the fence gate and tidal gates.

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Logistics:

Directions: From I-5 freeway exit Sea World Dr. and head west to Ocean Beach. Access via Ocean Beach parking lot. This site is within the following Marine Protected Area: Famosa Slough State Marine Conservation Area, and is

Land Access: All access available. The San Diego River Mouth can be accessed from land in Ocean Beach at street

On-Water Limitations: Water access is limited to hand launched skiffs from Dog Park on Ocean Beach, at the corner of

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Ocean Beach parking lot.

Communications Problems:

Additional Operational Comments: The San Diego River Mouth has two pre-identified response locations: The river mouth itself, and the upstream tidal gates that feed the Famosa Slough Wildlife Preserve. The North Jetty is porous

