County: Monterey   *ACP Division/Segment:* MT - C - S002   MT - C - S003   MT - C - S004

NOAA Chart: 18685   *Map Book:*   *Decimal Degrees:* 36.77605 -121.79786

Site Description:

Continuous sand beach backed by steep, vegetated dunes. Site includes all of Salinas River State Beach extending from the Sandholdt Rd. bridge to the Salians River. The Monterey Dunes Colony residential community is located within the dunes near the Salinas River. Site upcoast boundary (36.800698°, -121.789340°), downcoast boundary (36.752575°, -121.803442°); length 3.42 miles. Site is within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Caspian terns nest in vegetated dunes Apr-Aug. Several sensitive plant species and Northern legless lizard are present within the sand dunes along beach.

Resources at Risk:

ESI and Habitat: 3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	coast wallflower	SR	Year-round	
Plants	Monterey gilia	FE, ST	Year-round	
Plants	Monterey spineflower	FT	Year-round	
Plants	robust spineflower	FE	Year-round	
Reptiles	Northern legless lizard	SSC	Year-round	Sep-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	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
E	/Office	Monterey Dunes Colony Homeowners Association	(831) 633-4000
E	/Manager	USFWS Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge	(510) 792-0222
T	/Emergency Responder, 24-hr	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 236-6797
T	Elizabeth Petras/Biologist	National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-3238
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service	(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:

Moderate recreational use.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:
Western snowy plovers nest on beach Mar-Sep. Sensitive plant species, Northern legless lizard, and nesting Caspian terns (Apr-Aug) are present within the sand dunes along beach.

Hazard and Restrictions:
Vehicle access to beach via gated farm road. Vehicles may only be able to transit the beach at low tide due to beach slope and deep sand.

Site Strategies: **Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy:* 3-325.1   *Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART
Strategy: Onsite protection is not feasible due to coastline type.
A) Recommended response strategy is on-water containment and recovery.
B) Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersants and in-situ burning) to reduce the volume of oil reaching the site.

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Logistics:
Directions: Northern site access parking: Sandholdt lot off Sandholdt Rd. (36.799432°, -121.789111°); 38 parking spaces. North-central site access parking: Portrero lot off Portrero Rd. (36.790811°, -121.791723°); 50 parking spaces. South-central site access parking: Main parking lot (9004 Monterey Dunes Way, Moss Landing, CA 95039); 46 parking spaces. Southern site access: River mouth via farm roads off Main Monterey Dunes Way, gated (36.752153°, -121.802143°).

Land Access: Vehicle access to beach from gated farm road off Monterey Dunes Way (southern site access). Vehicles can only transit the beach at low tide due to beach slope and deep sand. All other site access points to beach are footpath only.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch site is Moss Landing Harbor (2 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Portable toilets at Sandholdt, Portrero, and Main parking areas.

Communications Problems: None.

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**No shoreline strategies;
consider offshore strategies**