

**County:** Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - F - S006**NOAA Chart:** 18680**Map Book:** B**Decimal Degrees:** 36.37969 -121.90265**Site Description:**

Rocky Creek meets the ocean on a small pocket sand beach encased by steep rocky bluffs. Creek may form a small brackish lagoon depending on seasonal flows and sand accretion. Creek mouth and lagoon location vary. Highway 1 crosses over the creek on Rocky Creek Bridge. The creek area is all private property. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Nesting seabirds in the surrounding area include black oystercatcher, Brandt's cormorant, common murre, pelagic cormorant, pigeon guillemot, and Western gull.

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

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Amphibians	California red-legged frog	FT, SSC	Year-round	Nov-Mar
Birds	California condor	FE, SE	Year-round	
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	Mar-Jun
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	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	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
T	/Emergency Responder, 24-hr	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 236-6797
T	/Agency Representative	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 575-6050
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:**

Access to creek mouth through private property, not guaranteed.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:****Hazard and Restrictions:**

Possible access via narrow footpath through private property located across Highway 1 at the gated unnamed road. Site access is not guaranteed.

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

**Strategy: 3-505.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART  
**Strategy:** Site access is a narrow footpath through private property. Determine if access via footpath is permitted and safe given current weather conditions. During low outflow a natural sand berm forms at the creek mouth which may provide adequate protection without additional action. During high outflow the creek may be naturally protected from tidal influence. Do not pursue land-based response when access is restricted, unsafe, or when creek outflow/natural berm provides sufficient natural protection. Offshore response only.  
 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.

Table of Response Resources

**Last Page Update**

*Strategy Updated: 3/18/2022*

*Last Test:*

**Strategy: 3-505.2 Objective:** Exclude Oil

**Strategy:** When site access is not restricted and creek mouth is susceptible to tidal influence, exclude oil with either filter fence or swamp boom. Selection of filter fence vs swamp boom will be determined by creek outflow conditions and site access conditions. Line swamp boom with sorbent boom. All equipment must be hand-carried via footpath.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Construction Fence		4 x 100 feet		2	Rolls	<i>Strategy Updated: 3/18/2022</i>
Oil Snare (pom-pom)				195		<i>Last Test:</i>
T-post		6 feet		13		
Staff				4		
Boom	Swamp			150	feet	
Boom	Sorbent			150	feet	
Stakes				4		

**Logistics:**

**Directions:** From Carmel-by-the-Sea, site is 12.5 miles south of Rio Rd. on Highway 1. Parking area on shoulder of Highway 1 southbound lane just north of bridge (36.380135°, -121.901793°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 60.2; 7 parking spaces.

**Land Access:** Possible access to creek mouth via narrow footpath through private property located at gated unnamed road on the northbound lane of Highway 1 across from the parking area. Site access is not guaranteed.

**On-Water Limitations:** Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (22 nautical miles).

**Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:** None.

**Communications Problems:** No cell phone signal.

