

3-360 -A Site Summary- Monterey State Beach**3-360 -A****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Monterey

1134, 1133

36° 36.4'

121° 52.9'

NOAA Chart:**Last Page Update:** 6/30/2014**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Monterey State Beach extends from the south at the harbor's wharf #2 and extends northward to Tioga Rd. in Sand City. This contiguous sandy beach is under management of several agencies (see key contacts). Beach backed by vegetated dunes with potentially heavy recreation. Beach consists of fine to medium-grained sands backed by dunes. The outlet for Roberts Lake occurs just north of the hotel. The City of Monterey manages the portion in Monterey near the wharf and along Del Monte Blvd. North of that area is a stretch of beach managed by the Naval Postgraduate School. Proceeding north is Del Monte Beach managed and owned by the City of Monterey. The dunes and beaches north of the Ocean Harbor House Condominiums are managed by State Parks.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

All beach area is critical habitat for the western snowy plover (FT). Use caution when conducting any beach response and especially in the dunes. Nesting occurs Mar-Sept and site serves as rookery all year long. No nesting occurs south of the Best Western Monterey Beach Resort hotel. Several marine mammals are commonly found in offshore waters.

Western snowy plover (FT) and Burrowing Owl (CA Species of Special Concern).

While not a significant gathering site, Southern Sea Otters (FT) are common throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and may be present near-shore year round. Black legless lizard (CA Species of Special Concern). Smith's blue butterfly.

Globose Dune beetle located within site boundaries.

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

Seaside Bird's-beak (SE), Sand Gilia (ST/FE), Monterey spineflower, Wedge-leaved Horkelia, Dune buckwheat and Hickman's potentilla, Sandmat Manzanita and Jolon clarkia all exist onsite and usually found in backdunes.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison: 916-445-7044), and the Northwest Information Center (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College: 707-588-8455) 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
T/E/C		Monterey District	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(831) 649-2836
O			Monterey Chamber of Commerce	(831) 648-5360
		Quarterdeck (24-hr.)	Naval Postgraduate School	(831) 656-2442
			Monterey Beach Resort - Best Western	(831) 394-3321
T/E/C		Northern Communications	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(916) 358-0333
E			City of Monterey	(831) 646-3935
T	Scott Kathey	Emergency Response Coord.	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 647-4251
	Barry Perkins	Captain	Monterey Fire Department	(831) 646-3900

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

There is a major storm water outfall for the City of Seaside at Bay Avenue in Sand City. At Bay Avenue is a sewer pump station operated by the Monterey Peninsula Water Pollution Control Agency. Monterey Beach Hotel, Ocean Harbor House Apartment and Naval Postgraduate School adjoin.

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

Western snowy plovers (FT) nests on the beaches and in the sparsely vegetated dunes. Seasonal (nesting) of Western snowy plovers (FT) will affect vehicle and beach access; access must be approved of State Park staff. The black legless lizard (CA Species of Special Concern) occupies the dune habitat. Monterey spineflower (FT) and the coast and dune buckwheat, host plants for the Smith's blue butterfly (FE) occur in the dunes.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-360.1 Objective: Offshore Containment and Recovery Activities to Minimize or Avert Oil From Impacting Shoreline Habitats and Wildlife. Prevent injury to sand dunes from cleanup activities.

This site is difficult to protect as is most of the outer coast. No on-site protection is feasible.

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

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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LOGISTICS

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

Seasonal (nesting) of Western snowy plovers (FT) will affect vehicle and beach access; access must be approved of State Park staff. Exit Hwy. 1 to Del Monte Boulevard/Seaside and continue toward Monterey city center. Turn right at Figueroa Street toward the Municipal Wharf (#2) and parking. Site begins just to the north. Vehicle access available on upcoast side of Wharf 2. Monterey State Beach extends from the south at the harbor's wharf #2 and extends northward to Tioga Rd. in Sand City. This contiguous sandy beach is under management of several agencies (see key contacts). Beach backed by vegetated dunes with potentially heavy recreation.

LAND ACCESS

State Parks had access thru locked gates. Contact SP personnel.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

Launch from Monterey Harbor.

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

