4-590-A Site Summary - Canada Del Agua Caliente

County: Santa Barbara ACP Division/Segment: SB - H - S09 SB - H - S10

NOAA Chart: 18721 **Map Book:** 365 H x 7 **Decimal Degrees:** 34.4681 -120.2525

Site Description:

This beach portion of the site is bounded on both the west and east by steep rocky cliffs. The lagoon and stream are seasonal. The Southern Pacific Railroad passes over this creek. This site occurs on Hollister ranch property. Numerous shorebirds, seabirds (including brown pelicans) and raptors are present.

Resources at Risk:

ESI and Habitat: 10A Salt - and brackish-water marshes

9B Vegetated low banks

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	
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	
Fish	tidewater goby	FE, SSC	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	Gaviota tarplant	FE, SE	Year-round	
Reptiles	southwestern pond turtle	SSC	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:

Туре	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
С	1	Central Coast Information Center	(805) 682-4711
С	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
Е	Ranch Gate/24-hour number	Hollister Ranch Owners Association	(805) 567-5016
Е	Josh Farberow/Ranch Manager	Hollister Ranch Owners Association	(805) 567-5020
Т	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal T&E Species	(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:

Western snowy plovers nest from Mar-Sep.

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Concerns and Advice to Responders:

The lagoon and stream provide habitat for both sensitive and T/E species (fishes, amphibians, reptiles) which can be killed or injured by oil and response/cleanup activities unless responders minimize disturbance in stream, lagoon, and associated vegetation, avoid trampling oil into sediments; and follow protective conditions from IC and resource biologists.

Two pipelines (a 24-inch oil line and a 20-inch natural gas line) transit the area north of the RR track. They run 18 miles from the Jalama coast to the plant near Gaviota.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Access and exits to/from beaches are related to tides and beach sand levels- YOU MAY GET STRANDED ON THE BEACH - Plan accordingly.

Site Strategies: Site Validation Level: II

Strategy: 4-590.1 Objective: Exclude Oil

Strategy: Deploy exclusion booms across the inlet to minimize the likelihood of oiling the estuary. Place the booms in a configuration that forms an adjustable oil collection pocket that can accommodate changes in flow direction. Back exclusion booms with sorbent booms to minimize leakage. Line the shorelines and any side channels within the inlet to prevent collateral oiling. If there is recoverable oil on-water, deploy sorbents and contact the IC immediately regarding the use of skimmers. Monitor, adjust, and replace booms as needed to maintain effectiveness.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit
Boom	Swamp Boom			200	feet
Boom	Sorbent Boom			200	feet
Vehicle	ATV			1	
Staff				5	
Anchor				4	

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Strategy: 4-590.2 Objective: Build Sandbag Dam

Strategy: Build a sandbag exclusion/containment dam using onsite materials or imported materials as directed by CDFW biologist. Use clean low silt content sand. If using onsite materials obtain only from un-vegetated areas and have a cultural specialist onsite to monitor. Install underflow pipes and/or a spillway to regulate water flows as conditions dictate. Closely regulate water levels to reduce collateral oiling. If there is recoverable oil on-water, deploy sorbents and contact the IC immediately regarding the use of skimmers.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit
Boom	Sorbent Boom			200	feet
stakes				20	
Staff				5	
Vehicle	ATV			1	
Sandbags				150	

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Strategy: 4-590.3 Objective: Erect Filter Fence

Strategy: Construct a filter fence across the front of the channel where the inlet is narrowest, water flows are low or dry, the ground can receive and hold metal stakes, and the spill is heavy oil. Monitor barrier and replace pom-poms as necessary to maintain effectiveness.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit
Fence	Construction Fencing	4 x 100	feet	4	Rolls
Misc.	Oil Snare (pom-pom))		200	
stakes				20	
Misc.	Stake Driver			1	
Vehicle	ATV			1	
Staff				5	

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Logistics:

Directions: From Rancho Real Road take Aqua Caliente Road. Parking lot near creek mouth and beach provide access for foot traffic; storm berm and railroad trestle may limit or restrict vehicular traffic.

Land Access: Access from paved road entrance at Gaviota State Park/Hollister Ranch Gatehouse at 805-567-5016 or through the ranch manager at 805-567-5020.

On-Water Limitations: Santa Barbara Harbor is the nearest full service civilian harbor for full-service berthing, launching and fueling.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:

Communications Problems: Cell phone communications are limited.

Additional Operational Comments: California Department of Fish and Wildlife must be consulted before the staging of motorized equipment and heavy traffic are permitted.

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