

County: Ventura

ACP Division/Segment: VN - C - S01

NOAA Chart: 18725(a)

Map Book: 491 A x 2

Decimal Degrees: 34.27556 -119.30694

Site Description:

The Ventura River estuary is a large and important habitat for birds, wetland biota, and fishes (particularly tidewater goby and steelhead trout). The mouth is open to the ocean much of the year but can be closed off by a sand berm during the dry season. Moderate to large surf is common in winter. This is a high use recreational swimming and surfing area. The river mouth is part of Emma Wood state beach. The Seaside wilderness park is located NW of the mouth. Ventura County Fairgrounds are located adjacent to estuary on eastside.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 10A Salt - and brackish-water marshes

9B Vegetated low banks

8C Sheltered riprap

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

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	least Bell's vireo	FE, SE	Year-round	
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Birds	waterfowl		Year-round	
Fish	steelhead - Southern California	FE	Year-round	
Fish	tidewater goby	FE, 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:

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/	South Central Coast Information Center	(657) 278-5395
E	/Duty Officer (24hr)	Ventura County OES	(805) 947-8210
E	/	Ventura Water Reclamation Facility	(805) 677-4114
S	/Police Dispatch	City of Ventura	(805) 650-8010
T	Kyle Evans/Steelhead	California Department of Fish & Wildlife	(805) 794-9547
T	SURCOM (24-hr)/	California State Parks (Dispatch)	(951) 443-2969
T	/Ranger Officer	California State Parks, Ventura	(805) 648-4127
T	/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:

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

The lagoon is habitat for Threatened/Endangered (T/E) species. Animals and their habitat can be injured by oil and response/cleanup activities. Responders must minimize disturbance in estuary and avoid trampling oil into sediments.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Unhealthy levels of coliform bacteria have been found in this area. Beware of people and animals on the beach, pedestrians, waves, slips, trips and falls, and water hazards. Safe access may be dependent on tide and surf. Sand may be soft so lower tire pressure on all vehicles.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: III****Strategy: 4-740.1 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.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit
Boom	Swamp			1000	feet
Boom	Sorbent Boom			1000	feet
Anchor				8	
Vessel	Boom Boat or Skiff			1	
Vehicle	ATV			1	
Staff				7	

Last Page Update*Strategy Updated:**Last Test: 2/12/2013***Strategy: 4-740.2 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	10	Rolls
Misc.	Oil Snare (pom-pom)			3000	
Stakes	T-posts	6	feet	100	
Misc.	Stake Driver				
Vehicle	ATV			1	
Staff				7	

Last Page Update**Strategy: 4-740.3 Objective:** Shoreline Pre-Clean: Resource Specialist Supervision Required

Strategy: Consult with resource trustees regarding wildlife issues before undertaking this activity. Hand crews move and store kelp, driftwood, vegetative debris, trash, and other materials above high-tide lines. Dispose of trash. Replace unoled debris in its former location once the threat of oiling is past.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit
Vehicle	ATV			1	
Misc.	Trash Bags				
Staff				5	

Last Page Update**Logistics:**

Directions: Going southbound US 101, exit Ventura Ave #70A, turn right on Thompson Blvd for 0.2 mi, turn right on Figueroa St for 0.2 mi, continue on Perimeter Roadway for 0.2 mi, the parking lot is on the left side. Going northbound US 101, exit California St #70A, turn left on California St, turn right on Harbor Blvd for 0.3 mi, turn left on Figueroa St, continue on Perimeter Roadway for 0.2 mi, the parking lot is on the left side. Directions take you to the east side of the river, the fairgrounds and Seaside Park with its large parking area. Walk west to the river mouth.

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Land Access: Access to this site is controlled by California State Parks. Vehicle access from Seaside Wilderness Park to the north of river mouth. Foot access on the southeast side of the river mouth from Shoreline Drive.

On-Water Limitations: Ventura Harbor for full-service berthing, launching and fueling.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Staging: Ventura County Fairgrounds. Command Post: Ventura County Fairgrounds. Equipment: MSRC and Patriot.

Communications Problems:

Additional Operational Comments:

