

County: **Ventura**
 USGS Quad: **Pitas Point**

Thomas Guide Location
 459 F x 6-7
 NOAA Chart: **18725(a)**

Latitude N
 34.375
 Longitude W
 119.473333

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN VENTURA COUNTY DIVISION B: The coastal mountains occurring along this stretch of coastline are primarily sandy in nature and are subject to severe erosion and landslides during periods of intense rainfall. The primary threat to this inland site and the marine environment surrounding the point of discharge into the Pacific Ocean is from inland spills. There is about 0.2 mile of stream subject to petroleum spills. A permanent concreted instream oil spill containment basin, operated by facility personnel, is located just upstream of the railroad tracks. Immediately downstream of the basin is a short reach of riparian habitat between the RR tracks and US 101. Los Sauces Creek empties into the ocean through four rectangular concrete culverts onto a wavewashed boulder rip-rapped shoreline which could be oiled by either inland or marine spills.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Brown Pelicans feed in nearshore waters.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

An approximately 200 long section of stream between the RR tracks and US 101 supports about 1/3 acre of willow riparian habitat which provides sheltering, foraging, nesting and nursery areas, and sources of drinking water for wildlife and aquatic species. The rip-rapped coastline adjacent to this site does not have inlets, marshes, or coastal wetlands which would be threatened by marine or inland spills.

Towhees, scrubjays, common yellowthroats, black phoebes, house finches, raptors, crows, turkey vultures frequent this area.

Red-legged frog, coyote, rabbits, opossum, deer, skunks, raccoons, snakes and lizards.

No freshwater fishes are found here.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and the South Central Coastal Information Center (657) 278-5395.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

| Type | Name / Title | Organization | Phone |
|------|---|--|----------------|
| E | Ray Bautista Plant Foreman | DCOR - Rincon Facility | (805) 643-7211 |
| T | Channel Coast Distict | California State Parks | (805) 585-1850 |
| E | Pam Gallo Operations Supervisor | Ventura County Parks | (805) 654-3934 |
| C | Stacy St. James Coordinator | South Central Coastal Information Center | (657) 278-5395 |
| T | Kai Lampson Marine Biologist | CDFW - (Nearshore Species) | (805) 965-7216 |
| E | Jim Martinez Maintenance Supervisor | Ventura Co. Parks - Seaside Wilderness | (805) 377-8436 |
| E | Keith Moschetto Emergency Response Coord. | DCOR | (805) 535-2081 |
| T | SURCOM (24-hr) | California State Parks Dispatch | (951) 443-2969 |
| E | Ventura Office | DCOR | (805) 535-2000 |
| O | Ventura Sheriff Dispatch (24hr) | Ventura County | (805) 662-6755 |
| E | Richard Zavala (24hr) | Greka (Rincon Island Ltd) | (805) 643-2551 |

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

4-705 -C Site Strategy - Los Sauces Creek

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Primary spill threat from inland source. The primary objectives are to minimize oiling of stream, pre-clean debris, clean oil from bed and banks, and block oil from reaching ocean. The stream provides habitat for sensitive animals and habitat which can be injured by oil and response/cleanup activities. It is important for responders to minimize downstream oiling, disturbance in stream and associated vegetation; avoid trampling oil into sediments; minimize collateral oiling, and follow protective conditions from IC and resource biologists.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

A. Water Contamination - Unhealthy levels of coliform bacteria have been found intermittently in streams and on beaches in this area. Check with the County of Ventura, Ocean Monitoring Hotline, 805-662-6555, regarding health conditions prior to engaging in any activities which would require direct water contact. Use appropriate PPE, safety procedures, and include reference to potential health problems in any site safety plan.

B. Safety Considerations- Narrow roads and hillsides may be unstable in wet weather. When on or near US 101 and Hwy 1 traffic and parking can be hazardous. On facility roads, beware of vehicles, heavy equipment and foot traffic. When working in streams and brush, beware of ticks, poison oak, and rattlesnakes. Care must be taken when working on in these coastal canyons the hillsides are subject to landslides and flash flooding during wet weather.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-705.1 Objective: Inland Spill - Off water containment - Minimize amount of oil that enters the water.

Offwater Control and Containment - Control, confine, and recover as much of the oil as close to the source of discharge as possible using offstream containment and collection methods, including but not limited to: blocking down-drains and culverts with sand bag dams, sorbents, hay bales, and temporary berms. Use vacuum trucks, and/or sorbents, as appropriate, to recover and remove oil. Dispose contaminants according to waste management plan.

Strategy 4-705.2 Objective: Inland Response - Activate permanent spill containment basins to minimize oil contamination in downstream areas.

The oil production facility in this watershed has permanent instream oil spill containment basins. Should an oil spill occur upstream of basins, activate spill containment and collection procedures. If there is skimmable oil present, deploy sorbents and contact the IC immediately regarding the use of skimmers and/ or other mechanical means for collecting oil. Monitor basin and associated features to maintain their integrity and effectiveness. Additional temporary spill basins may be built if there would be a net environmental benefit to their use. Consult with resource biologist prior to constructing temporary basins.

Strategy 4-705.3 Objective: Inland Spill - Berming - Minimize oil contamination in downstream areas when flows, habitat, biota, materials, access, and topography are suitable.

Berming - Build a berm(s) across the stream channel using silt free materials or sandbags under the direction of an authorized biologist to minimize damage to wildlife and habitat. Install underflow pipes and a spillway with a filter barrier the berm to allow through flows if water is actively flowing. Cover the berm with sheet plastic to minimize erosion. Place swamp and/or sorbent booms upstream of the containment berm and along the streambanks to prevent downstream contamination from entrainment and/or washover to prevent collateral oiling. If there is skimmable oil present, deploy sorbents and contact the IC immediately regarding the use of skimmers and or other mechanical means for collecting oil. Monitor booms and associated features 2 X daily to maintain their integrity and effectiveness.

Strategy 4-705.4 Objective: Shoreline Precleaning - Prevent oiling of vegetation, woody and debris, trash, and other materials to reduce collateral contamination and disposal problems.

Inland waters precleaning - Consult with resource trustees regarding wildlife issues before undertaking this activity. When oiling of the channel is imminent, remove and store wood, aquatic vegetation, debris, trash, and other materials which could become oiled and create environmental hazards and disposal problems. The use of heavy equipment in the channel is prohibited and pre-cleaning will be conducted by hand crews to minimize disturbance to wildlife and their habitats unless authorized by the IC. Segregate and dispose trash.

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.)

Going southbound US 101, exit Seacliff #78 for 0.5 mi, the creek goes under the road before the oil derricks.

Going northbound US 101, exit State Beaches #72 onto Pacific Coast Hwy for 7.2 mi, the creek goes under the road before the oil derricks.

Going northbound US 101, exit Seacliff #78 for 0.2 mi, turn left onto Pacific Coast Hwy for 0.3 mi, the creek goes under the road before the oil derricks. THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN VENTURA COUNTY DIVISION B:

LAND ACCESS: This inland oil processing facility is located on the coastal facing slopes of the Rincon coast in north Ventura Co, on property owned and operated by DCOR-Rincon Onshore Facility. The property is gated and there is an intercom for access. The main roadway is asphalted and is passable by all vehicles and heavy equipment. There is a roadside pullout at the instream spill containment basins in Los Sauces Creek. There is a helipad at the upper facility.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: In the northern portion of the area, Santa Barbara Harbor is the nearest full service civilian harbor. Casitas Pier located just south of Carpinteria is operated by Venoco and may be used to load response vessels with permission from Venoco. From Seacliff south, contact Ventura Harbor for full service berthing, launching and fueling.

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

LOGISTICS:

Staging Areas: Marine Spills: Numerous areas exist along Pacific Coast Highway, along the roadway, and in the State and County parks. Inland Spills: Staging areas and stream access points occur near containment basins, along roadways at bridges, and near facilities.

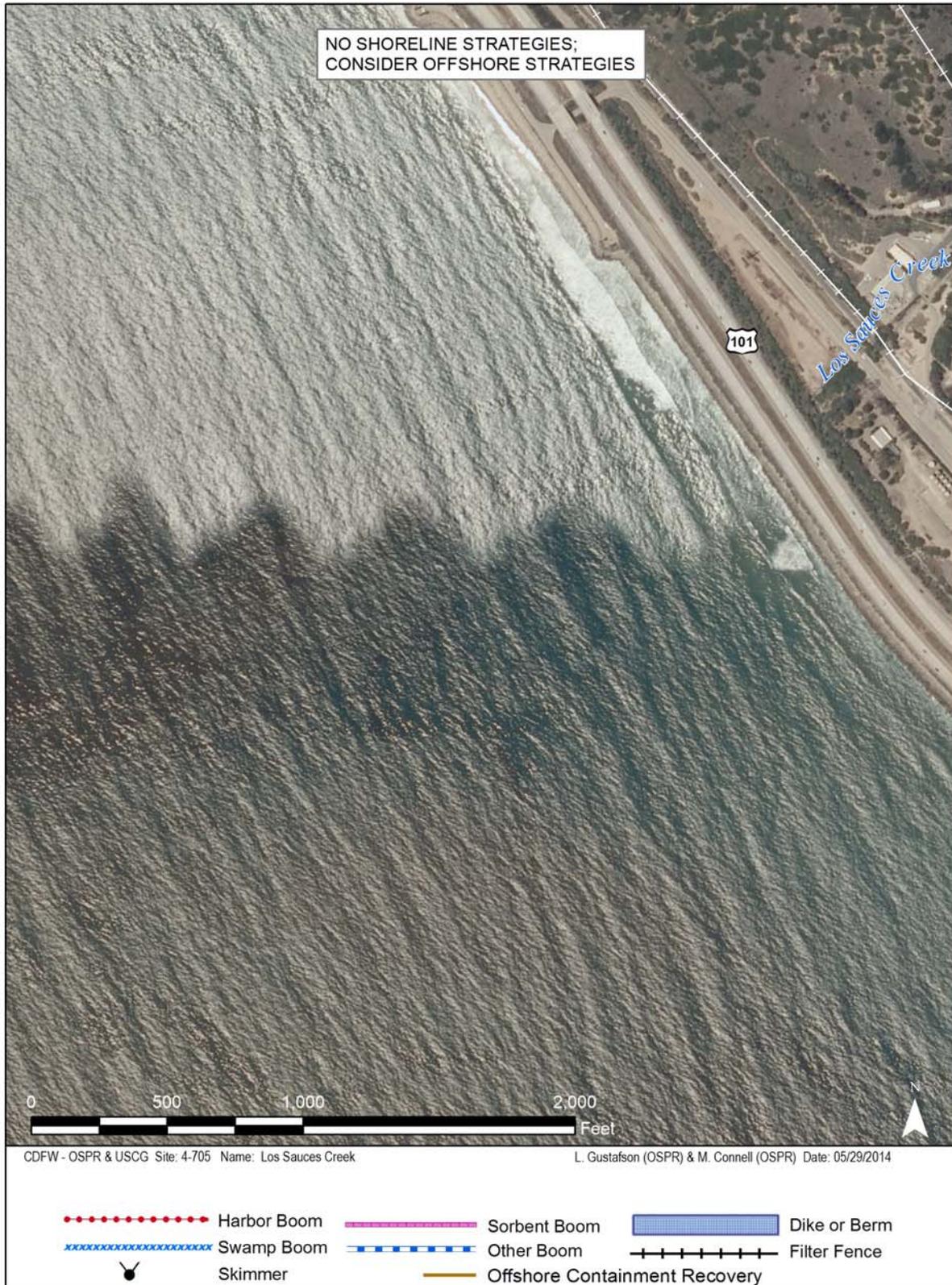
Response Equipment: Onsite: DCOR has some equipment onsite. Offsite: The Clean Seas Yard at Carpinteria, approximately 5 miles to the northwest of Rincon Point.

Potential Field Command Posts: DCOR and Vintage offices; County Parks, Ventura County Fire Station at Sea Cliff.

Closest Airports: Oxnard and Camarillo.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Cell phones are adequate from the freeway but drop off in the canyons.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:



Imagery: NAIP 2010 (Summer) 4-Band