

# Refugio Oil Spill Response & Recovery

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# Unified Command (UC) Report

- Unified Command
  - United States Coast Guard – Captain Jennifer Williams
  - Environmental Protection Agency – Michelle Rogow
  - CA Department of Fish and Wildlife – Santos Cabral
  - Santa Barbara County OEM – Ryan Rockabrand



# Oil Release ~ 1300hrs on May 19, 2015



Location of release

Highway 101

Union Pacific RR

Culvert leading to Refugio State Park Beach

# UC – United States Coast Guard

- Unified Command: Roles & Responsibilities
- Responsible party role: Why are they involved in the UC?
- Timeline: What has happened?
- Overflights
- Where are we going / what can we expect?
- Open House – Saturday, 11-2pm; Location - Elks Lodge



# UC- United States Environmental Protection Agency

- EPA's Emergency Response Program
- Pipeline Spill
- Onshore, Shoreline and Offshore Response
- Next Steps



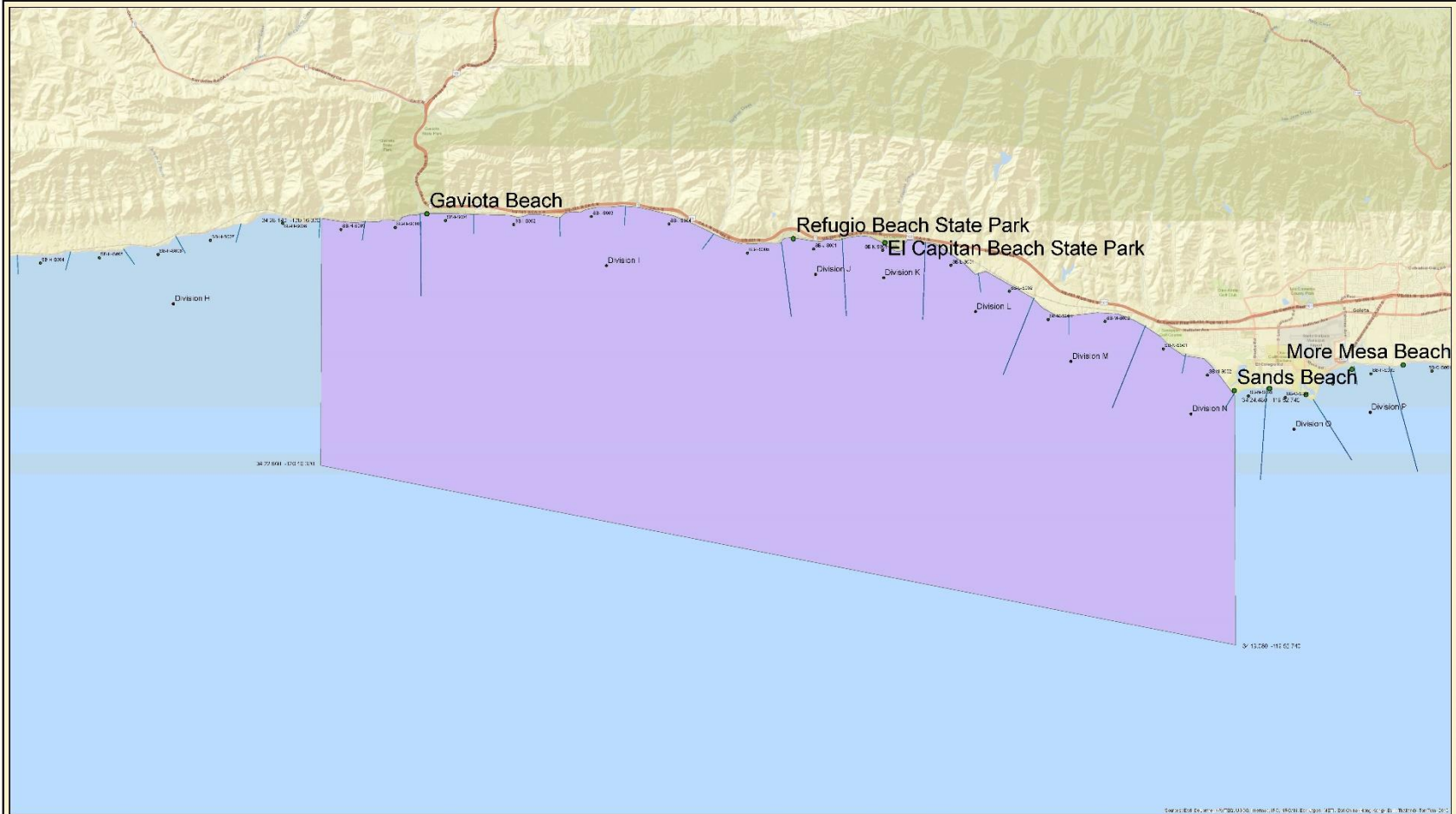


# UC – CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

- Fisheries
- Office of Spill Prevention & Response (OSPR)
  - Volunteers: Pre-trained & Spontaneous
    - How are we training volunteers?
    - How are they being incorporated into the response?
- Trustee Agency Authority
  - How clean is clean?
  - SCAT – Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team



# Fisheries

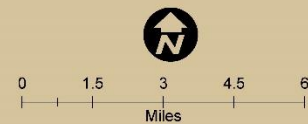


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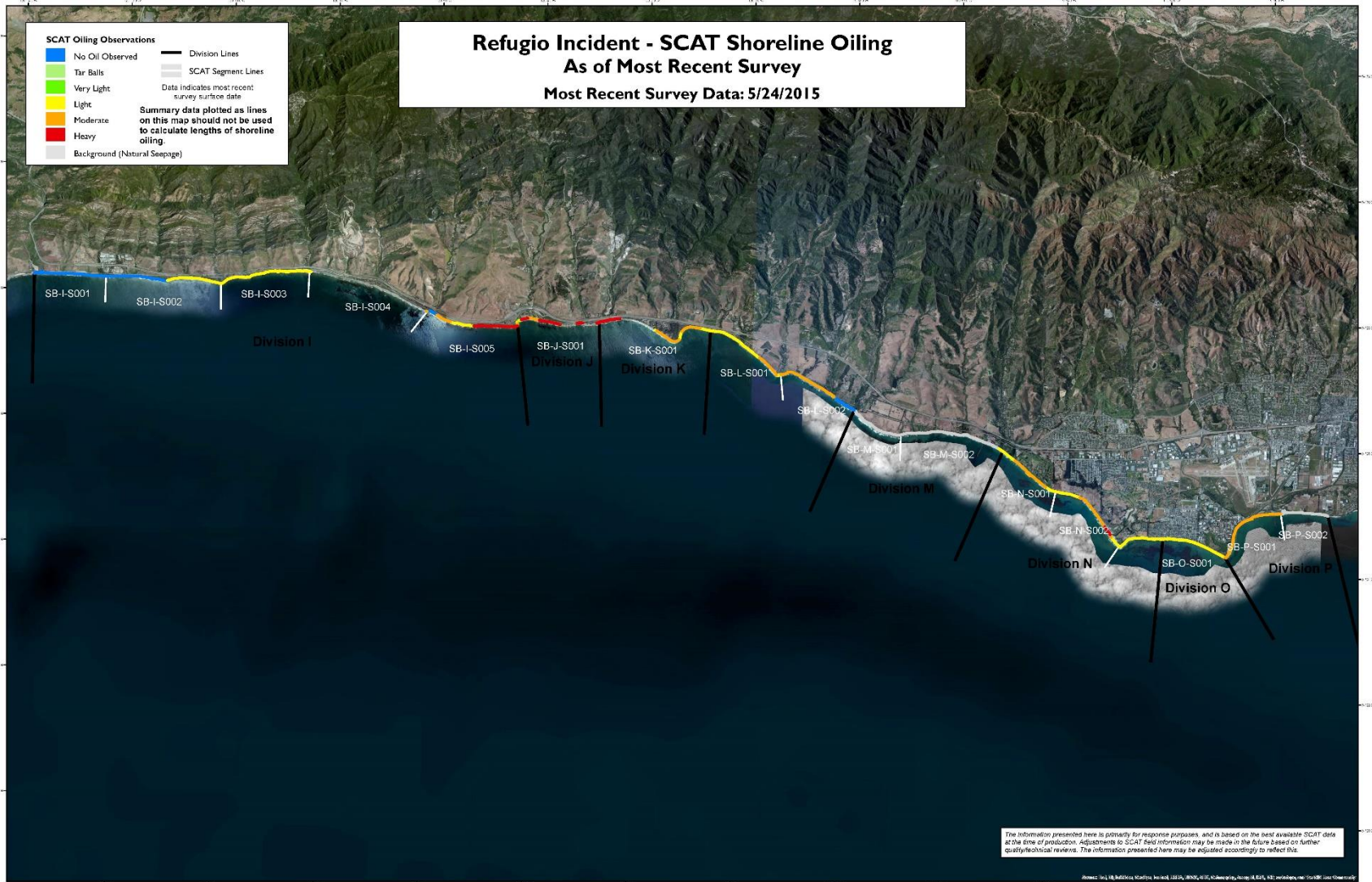
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Requestor: P. Martins  
Author: J. Muskat  
Date Created: 5/25/2015

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**Fishery Closure**  
**Divisions, Segments, Beach Names**  
**CA Politicians**



# Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team





# NOAA – Jordan Stout

## Refugio Incident; Santa Barbara, CA

Type of Map: Overflight

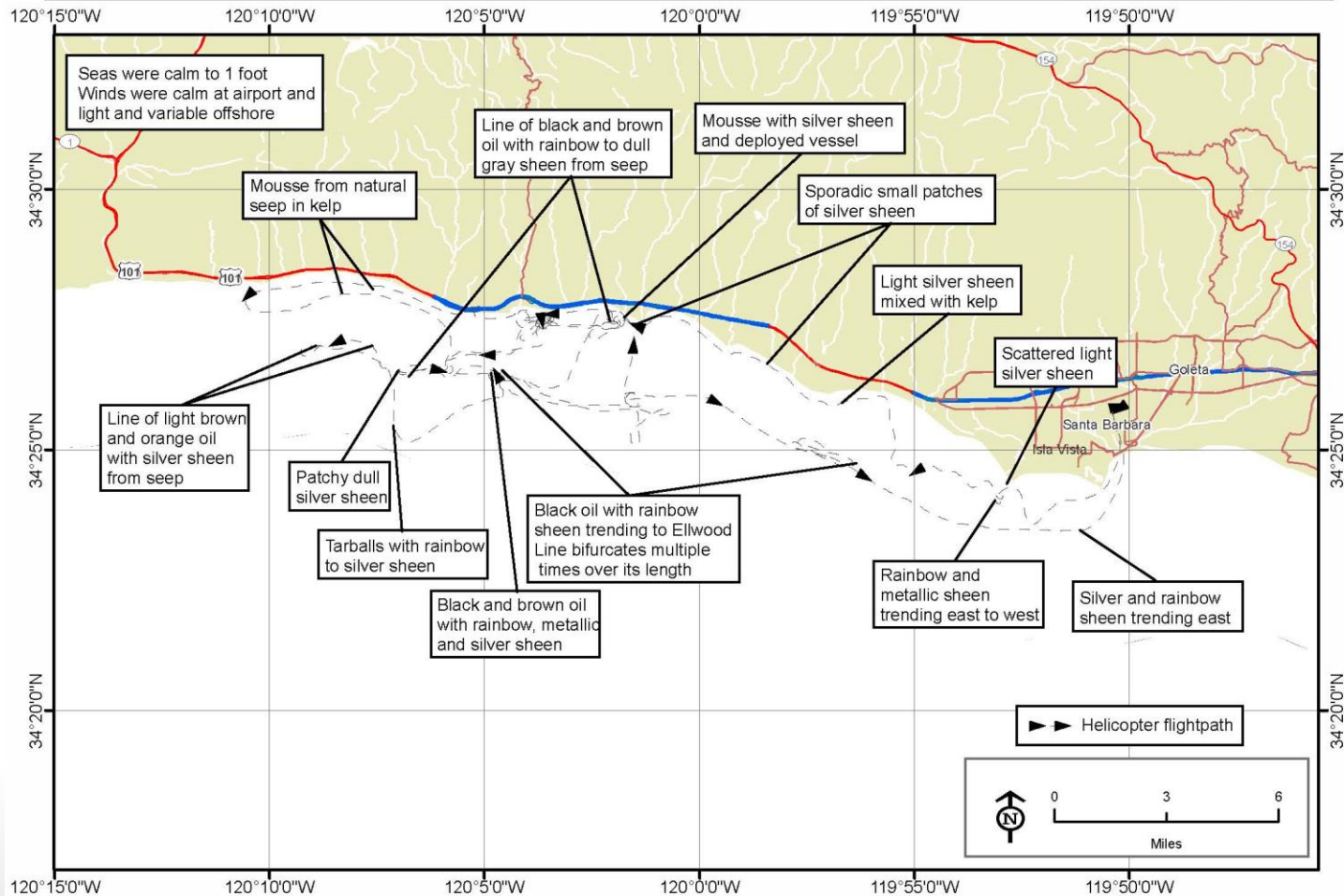
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Date/Time: 25 May 2015 0700-0832

Platform: Bell Helicopter

Observers: Stout, Pryor, (NOAA), Wrobel (SoCal Ship)



# County Department Report

- Report from County Staff
  - Public Health – Dr. Takashi Wada
  - Parks – Renee Bahl
  - Fire – Eric Peterson
  - P & D – Glenn Russell
  - OEM - Ryan Rockabrand
  - County Counsel – Mike Ghizzoni



# Public Health

- Air & Water Monitoring
- Shoreline/Beach Monitoring
- Environmental Health
- Health Hazard Assessment



# Parks Signage

## **Beach Park Visitors**

### **NOTICE**

**Please be advised to avoid contact with visible oil on the sand or water. Enjoy your visit and seek a Ranger or park host if you have questions**

## **Visitantes al parque de la playa Goleta**

### **AVISO**

**Evite contacto si haya aceite en el agua o en la arena  
Goza su visita y hable al anfitrión si tiene preguntas.**

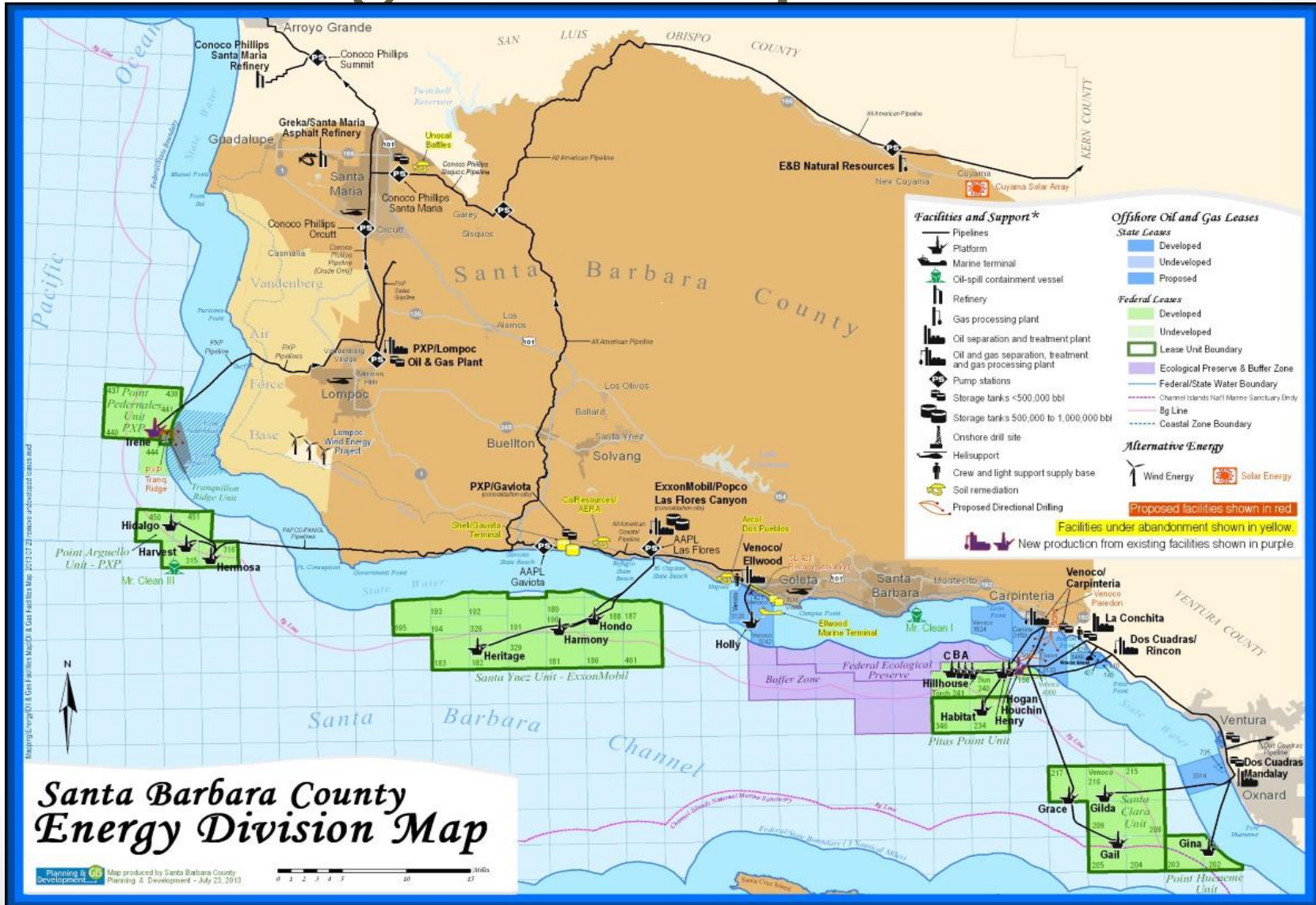


# County Fire

- Staffing
- Use of crews



# Planning & Development





# Office of Emergency Management



# County Counsel

- **OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990**
  - General rule = strict liability
  - by “Responsible Party”
  - for removal costs & damages



# National Contingency Plan:

- Pre-designated EPA or USCG “On-Scene Coordinator”
- “Unified Command System” framework: federal, state, local and Responsible Party
- “Joint Information Center: federal, state, local and Responsible Party

# OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990

## Claims Procedures:

- Responsible Party required to advertise procedures for presenting claims
- Claimant may present partial claim for interim damages without precluding further recovery
- USCG's Claimant's Guide:  
<http://www.uscg.mil/npfc/docs/PDFs/urg/Ch6/NPFCClaimantGuide.pdf>

# Potential Categories of Claims:

- Removal Costs
- Natural Resources
- Real or Personal Property
- Subsistence Use
- Government Revenues
- Profits and Earning Capacity
- Government Public Services

# Key Contacts

Volunteering: California Spill Watch: 800-228-4544

Claims and Information: 866-753-3619

Joint Information Center Media Line: 805-696-1188

Oiled Wildlife Reporting: 877-823-6926

Public Comments: [refugiospillcomments@countyofsb.org](mailto:refugiospillcomments@countyofsb.org)



# Recommendations

- a) Receive and file a status report on the Refugio Beach Oil Spill and the response to date; and
- b) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Refugio Beach Oil Spill declared by the Director of Emergency Services on May 20, 2015 when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, pursuant to Government Code Section 8550 et seq. and Chapter 12, Section 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code

Thank you. Questions?