

A large flock of birds, likely terns, is captured in flight over a body of water. The birds are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others further away. The water is a deep blue, and the background shows a hazy, greenish landscape. The overall scene is dynamic and natural.

OSPR OVERVIEW

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Liaison Officer

Office of Spill Prevention and Response

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INCIDENT COMMAND UNIFIED COMMAND



SAFETY

PIO

LIAISON

OPERATIONS

PLANNING

LOGISTICS

FINANCE

What We Can Do For You

- The Liaison Officer (LO) will coordinate the involvement of Agency Representatives (Reps) in an oil spill response
- The LO is the advocate for Local Governments within the Unified Command

LO's Initial Tasks

- Find a suitable work/meeting space
- Check-in Agency Reps
- Collect business cards
- Maintain a complete Agency Rep contact list

Coordinating Agency Involvement in the Spill Response

- Listen to, and understand, Agency Rep concerns
- Prioritize concerns, in consultation with Agency Reps
- Relay Agency Rep concerns to the Unified Command
- Keep Agency Reps informed

Coordinating Agency Involvement

- Where appropriate, plug Agency Reps with specialized knowledge or skills into specific ICS positions
 - ✓ Health & Safety
 - ✓ Environmental Unit (EU)
 - ❖ e.g., staff from State Parks, NPS/GGNRA or East Bay Regional Parks commonly assist the EU
 - ✓ GIS
 - ✓ Logistics
 - ✓ Public Information

Coordinating Agency Involvement

- Establish contact with county health officer
- Facilitate Agency Rep reimbursement for the spill response
- Facilitate establishment of the Local Government On-Scene Coordinator (LGOSC)
- Collect information on:
 - ✓ Boom deployed, or intended to be deployed, by local government to protect economic sites
 - ✓ Boom still available in OSPR grant trailers



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Incident Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

Local Agency Protection Strategy Equipment Deployment Report Form

Environmental or Economic Sensitive Site

(Please circle one)



Agency Information:	
Agency Name	
Contact Person	
Phone Number	Office: Cell:
Address	

Equipment Information:	
Boom Deployed (feet)	
Boom Type Deployed	
Type/Number Vessels Used	
Number of Personnel Used	

Site Strategy:	
Site Name Protected	
Site Strategy Implemented	
Strategy Completed	Yes / No <i>(Circle One)</i>
Complications Encountered	

Coordinating Agency Involvement

- ✓ Other local resources which may be of use to the Unified Command:
 - ❖ Helicopters
 - ❖ Trucks, cranes, front-end loader, other heavy equipment
 - ❖ Barricades/traffic diverters
 - ❖ Temporary fencing
 - ❖ Security personnel
 - ❖ Etc.

Coordinating Tribal Involvement

- If Tribal lands are impacted, Tribal involvement needs to be secured
- This is normally done by the Environmental Unit (EU) in No. CA, unclear in So. CA
- If not done by EU, the LO must assume responsibility
- A historic properties specialist at the State Office of Historic Preservation can help with archeological site issues

Coordinating Tribal Involvement

- Tasks include:
 - ✓ Determine if Tribal lands are/will be impacted
 - ✓ Help steer response traffic (personnel and equipment) away from sacred sites – do not trample
 - ✓ Inform the Unified Command of Tribal sensitivities
- The Tribal Rep:
 - ✓ Provides information on Tribal lands/burial sites
 - ✓ May offer Tribal resources to the Unified Command

Keeping Agency Reps Informed

- ICS 201 – Incident Briefing
- ICS 202 - Incident Objectives
- ICS 203 – ICP Org Chart
- ICS 208 – Site Safety Plan
- ICS 209 – Incident Status Summary
- Incident Action Plan (IAP)

Keeping Agency Reps Informed

- Presentations by the:
 - ✓ Situation Unit Leader
 - ✓ Environmental Unit Leader
 - ✓ NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator
- Briefings by the LO summarizing:
 - ✓ Command and General Staff meeting
 - ✓ Planning meeting
- Press releases

Keeping Agency Reps Informed

- Phone numbers for volunteers, 3rd party claims and reporting oiled wildlife
- Incident updates
- Fact sheets, e.g. “Tarballs,” “How Clean is Clean,” etc.
- Other spill-specific information put out by the Unified Command
- One-on-one responses to inquiries from Agency Reps
- Cal Spill Watch website: www.CalSpillWatch.ca.gov

Local Government On-Scene Coordinator (LGOSC)

- Established in the Unified Command through an Area Contingency Plan (ACP) process
- A request for an LGOSC can be made by:
 - ✓ The Unified Command, or
 - ✓ Agency Reps at the ICP
- A full-time Incident Commander
- Qualifications are listed in the ACP

LGOSC

- Can no longer serve as an Agency Rep
- Has to be replaced with staff from the LGOSC's agency
- Expected to serve for at least one full operational period, preferably several
- Regional OES facilitates the selection
 - ✓ Normally selected from most-impacted jurisdiction
 - ✓ If Regional OES is not available, the LO can assist Agency Reps in the LGOSC selection



What You Can Do For Us

What is Expected from Agency Reps

Expectations for Agency Reps

- Be knowledgeable of your agency
 - ✓ Regulatory authority
 - ✓ Key agency managers and staff
 - ✓ Geographical area of responsibility
 - ✓ Agency resources
- Be knowledgeable of your local community
 - ✓ Good locations for town hall meetings during response
 - ✓ Level-headed community leaders to invite to a meeting

Expectations for Agency Reps

- Have a good working knowledge of:
 - ✓ Incident Command System
 - ✓ The Local Oil Spill Contingency Plan
 - ✓ Area Contingency Plan
- Be a conduit for information to your EOC
- Be able to acquire and commit your agencies resources, or be able to get it done expeditiously

Expectations for Agency Reps

- Commit to working for at least one full operational period, preferably more
- Keep the LO informed of your schedule
- Be on-time and reliable
- Cooperation between Agency Reps and the LO is very important – we are a team

Expectations for Agency Reps

- Remember, the LO may need information from the Agency Rep, e.g. closed beaches, road closures, locations of deployed boom, etc.
- Time permitting, be open to taking on special assignments from the LO or even serving as an assistant LO



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