

Improving Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in Santa Barbara

April 5, 2019 | 8:30am-4pm

Santa Barbara Zoo Discovery Pavilion

Santa Barbara, CA

Objectives:

1. Share lessons learned
2. Consider impacts on public health and socioeconomic sectors
3. Examine opportunities for community involvement
4. Review best practices
5. Improve future preparation

8:30 – Registration and check in, light breakfast/coffee

9:00-9:10 – Welcome: Sea Grant oil spill program & NAS-GRP collaboration overview, workshop goals and outcomes

- Phyllis Grifman, USC Sea Grant
- Christine Hale, Texas Sea Grant

9:10-9:30 – Keynote: Das Williams, First District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara

Morning Session

Goal: Provide context for the symposium by reviewing challenges and lessons learned from the 2015 Refugio oil spill

9:30-10:30 – Refugio spill response: what happened, challenges

- CDR Rom Matthews, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- Jordan Stout, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Lieutenant Christian Corbo, CA Fish and Wildlife – Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR)
- CAPT Craig Vanderzwaag, Santa Barbara County Fire

10:30-10:45 – Coffee break

10:45-12:00 – Lessons learned: how do we better prepare for another spill, recommendations for oil spill contingency plan

- Butch Willoughby, USCG
- Linda Krop, Environmental Defense Center (EDC)
- Melissa Boggs, CDFW-OSPR
- Jason Musante, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Quinton Garcia, Chumash Fire Department

12:00-12:45 – Lunch

12:45 – Overview of afternoon session

- Dr. Marika Schulhof, USC Sea Grant

Outcomes for breakout sessions:

1. Protocols to include in response and regulatory frameworks
2. Project ideas to address local, state or regional issues
3. Research and outreach priorities
4. Resources to address topical issues

Topics:

1. Public communication
2. Oil spill response
3. Monitoring human health and social dimensions

12:45-2:15 – Panel discussions about breakout session topics

- **12:45-1:15 – Public communication**
 - LT Travis Thornell, USCG
 - Steve Gonzalez, CDFW-OSPR
 - Linda Krop, EDC
- **1:15-1:45 – Oil spill response**
 - MST1 Duskin Deichl, USCG
 - Todd Jacobs, NOAA
 - Ben Pitterle, Santa Barbara Channel Keeper
 - Jon Victoria, CDFW-OSPR
- **1:45-2:15 – Monitoring human health and social dimensions**
 - Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control District
 - Merit McCrea, UCSB Marine Science Institute
 - Jennifer Gold, CDFW-OSPR
 - Mia Lopez, Wishtoyo Foundation

2:15-3:00 – Breakout sessions**3:00-3:15 – Coffee break****3:15-4:00 – Panel discussion: Oil spill prevention**

- Ravi Varma, CA State Lands Commission
- CWO Paul Ricketson, USCG
- Richard Kuprewicz, Accufacts
- Errin Briggs, Santa Barbara County

4:00 – Closing remarks / end of workshop

- Evaluation forms