



STRENGTHENING TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT THROUGH OUTREACH

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Outline

Enhancing Pre-Planning in California: Turning Challenges into Opportunities



Tribal Engagement & Outreach During Non-Spills

Enhancing Pre-Planning in California: Turning Challenges into Opportunities



Large geographic areas with extensive waterways

Lack of knowledge and direct access to historic/cultural resources information

Pre-planning focus on natural resources at risk (ACPs/GRPs)

Few historic/cultural resource professionals/tribal representatives tasked with many responsibilities

OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

Grant provides oil spill-related training and attendance to drills and exercises, to help California Native American tribes protect their resources in the event of an oil spill.

Grant administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife



GRANT AMOUNT

Up to \$10,000 annually

WHO CAN APPLY

California Native American Tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission.

GRANT INCLUDES

- 24-hour HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response) training;
- Oil spill-related trainings such as Environmental Response to Oil Spills, Continuing Challenge Workshop, Prevention First Workshop and an Overview of CDFW-OSPR Program;
- Participation in the CDFW-OSPR preparedness activities and serve as the Tribal Representative for the Geographic Response Plans and the United States Coast Guard Area Contingency Planning Committees;
- Attendance to tabletop and industry-led oil spill drills and exercises.

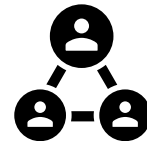
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ACPs/GRPs Participation



HAZWOPER Training



Drills and Exercises



Related Trainings



HAZWOPER Training



Drills & Exercises



Office of Spill Prevention and Response

RESPONSE EQUIPMENT GRANT FAQ

What is the Response Equipment Grant?

The Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response would like to provide a grant to any local government entity to provide response equipment that can be pre-positioned (pre-staged) throughout the state. The equipment will be deployed by the grantee to contain a spill or to protect local resources.

Who can apply for the equipment grant?

Any local public agency or tribe in the State of California, including cities, counties, tribal nations, fire departments, Port Districts, Public Utility Districts, and Emergency Management Departments.

Who will receive the equipment grant?

In order to be considered, agencies must be at risk of an oil spill occurring in their jurisdiction. Grant awards will be selected based on the following:

- Ability to deploy spill response equipment
- The proximity of existing nearby response equipment or personnel
- Proximity to ecological sensitive sites
- Threat and magnitude of an oil spill in waters of the state

Are there any fees associated with the equipment grant?

There are no fees, matching funds, or out-of-pocket expenses associated with receiving the equipment grant. If you choose to ensure the equipment, your insurance provider may charge you to add to your policy.

Who can I contact for help?

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TRAINING FAQ

How long is the training?

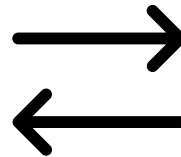
Training will be eight hours in length.



Response Equipment Grant (2007)



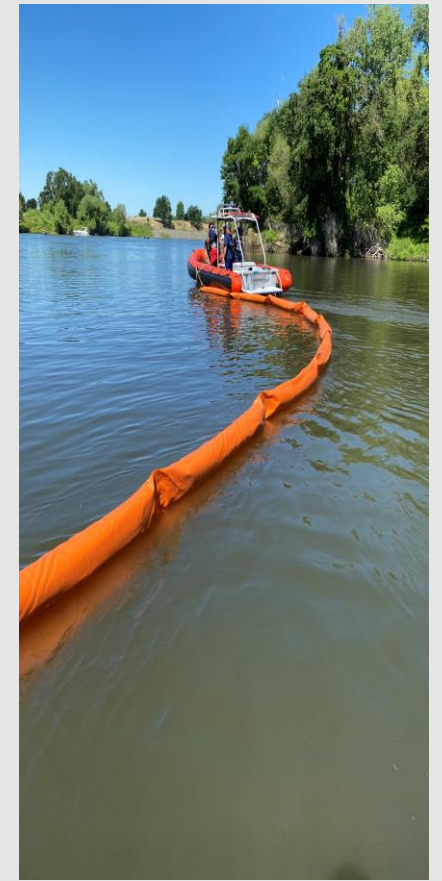
Grant Amount up-to \$45,000



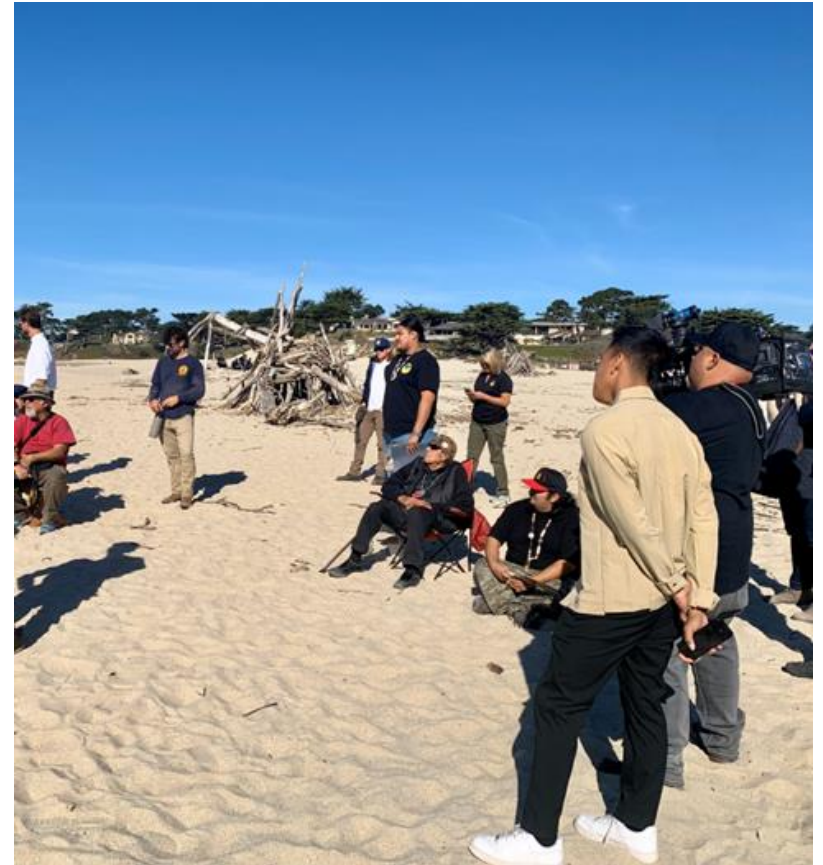
Grant Includes Delivery & Training



Replenish Grants up-to \$10,000 & Refresher Boom Training



Response Equipment Program & Refresher Boom Training



Tribal Engagement: Sensitive Site Strategy Evaluation Program



 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT DURING OIL SPILLS WORKSHOP AGENDA Join the meeting	
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 Host: Ron Sundberg, EPA Department Trinidad Rancheria Facilitators: Cindy Murphy, CDFW-OSPR/Mark Gregory, USCG	Location: Sunset Restaurant 27 Scenic Dr, Trinidad, CA 95570
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	
8:15a – 8:30a	Check-in
8:30a – 8:45a (USCG-CDFW)	Welcome & Introductions
8:45a – 9:00a (USCG)	USCG Pollution Laws, Notifications/Initial Response, and Funding
9:00a – 9:30a (CDFW)	CDFW Pollution Laws, Notifications/Initial Response, Funding, and Grant Opportunities
9:30a – 10:00 (USCG)	Incident Command System Overview: Where Do We Fit In
10:00a – 10:15a	BREAK
10:15a – 10:35a (USCG-CDFW)	Response Plans: Area Contingency/Geographic Response Plans
10:35a – 11:00a (USCG)	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
11:00a – 11:30p (CDFW)	Role of the Environmental Unit, Sensitive Site Protection Strategies and Priorities, Shoreline Assessment, Endpoints and Sign-off
11:30a – 12:30p	LUNCH
12:30p – 1:30p (USCG/CDFW/Trinidad Rancheria)	Panel Discussion/Case Studies/Q&A
1:30p – 2:00p (All)	Wrap up



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HOW CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ENGAGE DURING OIL SPILL RESPONSE

WHAT ROLE DO TRIBES PLAY IN OIL SPILL RESPONSE?

When an oil spill threatens or impacts tribal lands, including trust lands, traditional territories, and ancestral waters, California Native American tribal leadership holds a vital role in response efforts. Tribal leaders can participate directly or designate representatives to contribute their expertise and cultural knowledge at various levels, including:

Environmental Unit: Participate as Tribal Cultural Monitors or Specialists to help identify, protect, and mitigate impacts to cultural resources and sacred sites. Sensitive cultural information is kept confidential and shared only with designated personnel, such as the Historic Properties Specialist.

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee: Implement environmental restoration that compensates for the spill impacts, especially in cases where tribal resources were harmed.

HOW IS OIL SPILL RESPONSE ORGANIZED?

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides the federal framework for emergency response, including oil spills and hazardous materials incidents. NIMS is used nationwide and applies to federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as private sector entities involved in emergency management.

In California, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR) have

developed six Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) to address oil spills within the coastal zone. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) serves as the lead agency for responses to oil spills within inland waters, such as rivers and lakes, which are covered by Geographic Response Plans (GRPs). GRPs are developed by CDFW-OSPR in conjunction with other federal, state, and local governments, industry and other partners to protect priority inland waters of the state with higher risk of an oil spill.

ACPs and GRPs ensure emergency responders have area-specific response information, outline strategies for protecting environmentally sensitive sites, and promote interagency coordination for an effective response.

The USCG uses the Incident Management Handbook (IMH) to guide response operations under NIMS and Incident Command System. The IMH helps responders bring structure and coordination to emergency situations. While not a policy document, it serves as a practical reference during incidents. For inland areas, USEPA uses its own version of the IMH to support response efforts.

For more information: [Response Plans](#), [USCG IMH](#) and [USEPA IMH](#)

WHO MAKES RESPONSE DECISIONS?

Oil spill response is managed through a Unified Command (UC) under NIMS. UC includes federal, state, local governments, and the responsible party (RP). The composition of UC depends on the spill's location, severity, and scale of the incident.

HOW CAN TRIBES REQUEST RESPONSE RESOURCES?

Tribal leaders and representatives can request response resources through the State On-Scene Coordinator or the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC). The CDFW-OSPR Tribal Coordinator (TC) is available to assist with these requests.

CAN TRIBES TOUR OR OBSERVE THE RESPONSE AREA?

Protecting human health and safety is the top priority during oil spill response. If safety conditions allow, response personnel may provide guided site visits. Such a request is made through the CDFW-OSPR TC or the Incident Liaison Officer (LOFR).

WHAT LAWS GOVERN OIL SPILL RESPONSE IN CALIFORNIA?

Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention & Response Act: Governs oil spill response and preparedness within California (Gov. C. § 8670.1 et seq.).

National Contingency Plan (NCP) (40 CFR Part 300): Federal framework guiding oil spill response, including UC structure and environmental protection measures.

Oil Pollution Act of 1990: Establishes financial liability for spill response costs and environmental damages.

Response Funds: There are federal and state funds that can provide funding for response efforts when the RP is unknown or unable to pay. For more information: [State Law](#) | [Federal Law](#)

HOW ARE TRIBES NOTIFIED OF A SPILL?

By law, the RP must report spills to the National Response Center and the California Office of Emergency Services State Warning Center. Depending on the spill's location, size, and response efforts, the CDFW-OSPR TC may notify local tribes with initial spill details. Additional updates may be available through the LOFR, incident-specific websites, reports, FAQs, media briefs, and status updates.

DOES OIL SPILL RESPONSE DIFFER FROM DISASTER RESPONSE?

Yes. It is important to understand that oil and hazardous material spill responses follow different authorities and funding mechanisms than other large-scale disasters such as wildfires, earthquakes, storms, tsunamis, etc.

- Most disasters are managed under the Stafford Act, which includes formal tribal consultation requirements.
- Oil and hazardous material spills are governed by the NCP. This allows emergency operations to proceed without formal consultation, but encourages coordination with tribal governments when tribal lands, resources, or interests may be affected.
- Under the National Historic Preservation Act and the 1997 Programmatic Agreement, tribes may request consultation during a spill response, particularly when cultural or historic resources are involved.

WHO PAYS FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE?

The RP is legally liable for covering all oil spill response costs and damages. If coordinated through UC, tribes and other governmental agencies may be reimbursed for response-related expenses through a Pollution Removal Funding Authorization issued by the FOSC.

Additionally, affected tribes, individuals, businesses, and government agencies may file claims for financial losses, natural resource damages, and related costs.

HOW CAN TRIBES PARTICIPATE IN PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS?

Tribes are encouraged to engage in oil spill preparedness activities through:

- **Area Committees:** Co-chaired by the USCG and CDFW-OSPR, these committees develop ACPs and meet regularly to strengthen oil spill response efforts.
- **Drills and Exercises:** Hands-on training enhances response coordination, environmental protection, and collaboration among federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, the oil industry, and contractors.
- **Grants and Training:** Funding opportunities exist to support tribal engagement in oil spill preparedness and response.

QUESTIONS?

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LEARN MORE

OSPR grants, training, and outreach opportunities:
wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Local-Government-Outreach

ACPs and GRPs: wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Contingency

Resources

CDFW Tribal Affairs:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Tribal-Affairs>



CNRA Tribal Affairs:

<https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/tribalaffairs>



Native American Heritage Commission:

<https://nahc.ca.gov/>

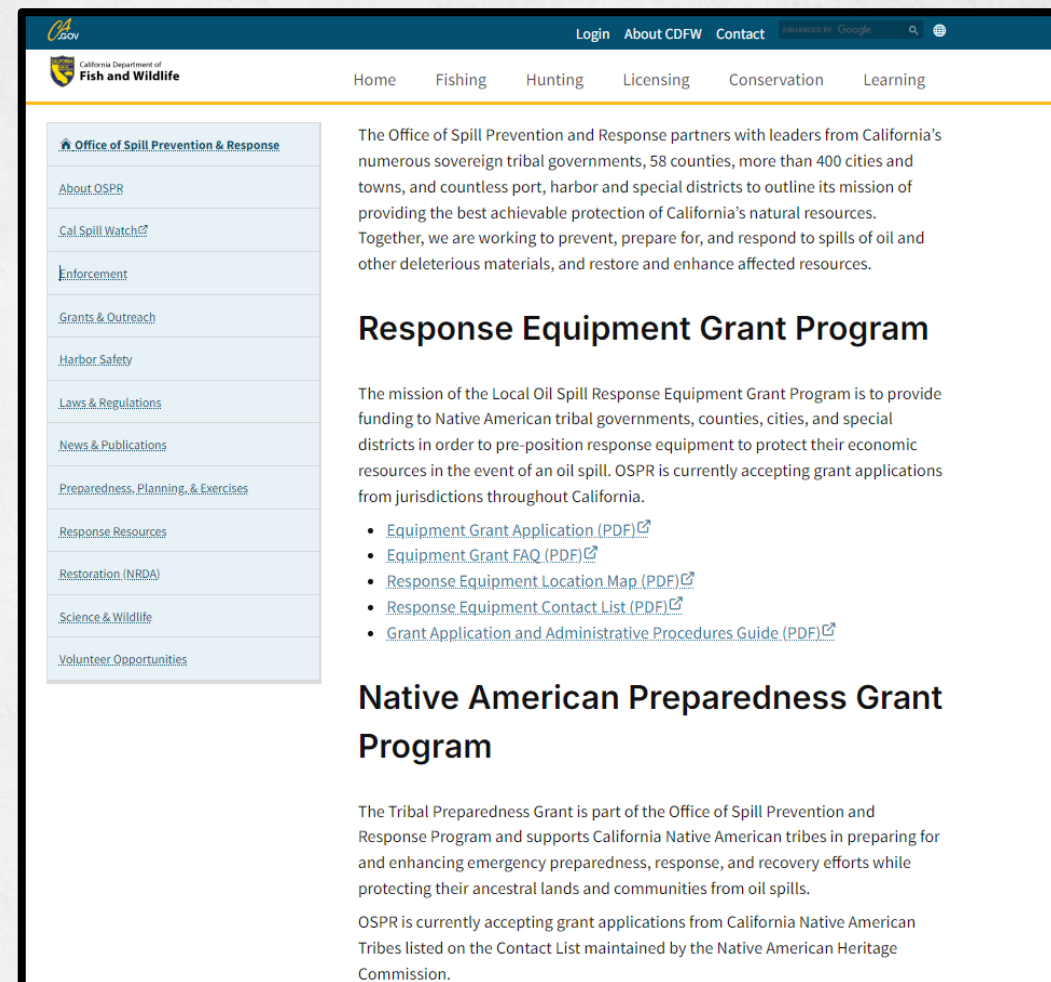


Native American Heritage Commission (Digital Atlas of California Native Americans):

<https://nahc.ca.gov/cp/>



CDFW OSPR Website

A screenshot of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) website. The page has a teal header with the CDFW logo and navigation links: "Login", "About CDFW", and "Contact". Below the header is a white navigation bar with links: "Home", "Fishing", "Hunting", "Licensing", "Conservation", and "Learning". The main content area is white and features a sidebar on the left with a list of links: "Office of Spill Prevention & Response", "About OSPR", "Cal Spill Watch", "Enforcement", "Grants & Outreach", "Harbor Safety", "Laws & Regulations", "News & Publications", "Preparedness, Planning, & Exercises", "Response Resources", "Restoration (NRDA)", "Science & Wildlife", and "Volunteer Opportunities". The main content area on the right contains two sections: "Response Equipment Grant Program" and "Native American Preparedness Grant Program". The "Response Equipment Grant Program" section includes a paragraph about the program's mission and a list of links: "Equipment Grant Application (PDF)", "Equipment Grant FAQ (PDF)", "Response Equipment Location Map (PDF)", "Response Equipment Contact List (PDF)", and "Grant Application and Administrative Procedures Guide (PDF)". The "Native American Preparedness Grant Program" section includes a paragraph about the program's mission and a paragraph about the grant application process.

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Local-Government-Outreach>

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