

Vessels of Opportunity Taskforce

**Implementing the provisions of
SB 414**

Presentation Overview

- What is the TAC?
- SB 414 provisions regarding vessels of opportunity
- VOO Taskforce Process/Progress
- TAC Recommendations

CA Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Created by the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990 (SB 2040)
- Provides public input and independent judgment of the actions of the OSPR Administrator
- Provides input on CA oil spill programs to OSPR, CA State Lands, CA Coastal Commission, BCDC, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, State Fire Marshall, and the Public Utilities Commission

TAC Membership

- SB 861 expanded TAC membership to 14
- 8 members appointed by the Governor
- 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly
- 3 members appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

TAC Membership

Members must have backgrounds in:

- Marine Transportation
- Local Government
- Oil Spill Response and Prevention Programs
- Petroleum Industry
- Environmental Protection and Ecosystems
- Dry Cargo Vessel Industry
- Railroad Industry
- Oil Production
- General Public

Provisions of SB 414 Related to Vessels of Opportunity (VOO)

- TAC to form a taskforce to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of using vessels of opportunity for oil spill response in marine waters

Taskforce members to include:

- Appropriate state and federal government representatives
- Non-government organizations
- Oil spill response organizations
- Commercial fishing and other potential VOO providers

Provisions of SB 414 Related to Vessels of Opportunity (VOO)

Taskforce evaluation to include:

- Appropriate functions of VOO
- VOO equipment, training, and technology
- Liability and insurance
- Compensation

Provisions of SB 414 Related to Vessels of Opportunity (VOO)

- TAC to provide the OSPR Administrator and the Legislature final recommendations on whether VOOs should be included in oil spill response planning – 1/1/17
- If appropriate, the Administrator shall update regulations to provide for inclusion of VOOs in oil spill programs – 1/1/18

VOO Taskforce Membership

- Federal Government – US Coast Guard
- State Government – CA Coastal Commission, OSPR
- NGO – Baykeeper, Orange County Coastkeeper
- Response Organizations – MSRC, Clean Seas
- Commercial Fishing – Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- Other VOO Providers- Ship Services
- Plan holders - WSPA

VOO Taskforce Activities

Initial Public Meeting – May 4, 2016, Richmond, CA

- Develop scope of evaluation
- Subcommittees formed to evaluate specific topics

Second Public Meeting – July 20, 2016, Carpinteria, CA

- Subcommittees provide updates on progress
- Discussion on significant issues to be considered
- Solicit public input on VOO issues

Third Public Meeting – July 28, 2016, Sausalito, CA

- Solicit public input on VOO issues
- Subcommittee progress reports

Final Taskforce report to be submitted to TAC by 10/1/16

TAC Recommendations

- TAC members to review Taskforce report
- TAC meeting on 11/1/16 to discuss the Taskforce report and formulate TAC recommendations
- TAC subcommittee will be formed to formalize TAC recommendations
- TAC to submit recommendations to OSPR Administrator and Legislature by 1/1/17