LOCAL GOVERNMENT

in oil spill response

San Francisco Bay,
Delta & Central Coast Area Committee

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- Operational Area coordination at EOC
- County AREP reports to oil spill ICP
Coastal Cal EMA
San Francisco Bay Area

10 Counties joined by navigable waters
Objective
- Bay Area regional coordination

Key Concepts
- Mutual Aid
- Regional Coordination Group
- Unified Command
- National Response Framework

Appendix
- Regional Coordination Group Conference Call
SF Bay, Delta & Central Coast ACP
Section 2000 – Command
LGOSC
The FOSC may exercise the option to appoint a Local Government On Scene Coordinator (LGOSC) as a member in the Unified Command.
LGOSC Qualification Guidelines

LGOSC should meet the following professional education, certification and competencies requirements including those identified in OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(v)) for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response - Incident Commander:

- ICS 100 - 400
- ICS 700, 701, 703
- ICS 800b
- SEMS (Standardized Emergency Management System) Field Module
- 24 hour HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations)
- Environmental Response to Oil Spills (EROS)
LGOSC Competencies

• 40 hours experience serving in an ICP or EOC environment.

• Demonstrated understanding of the Area Contingency Plan (ACP)

• Demonstrated understanding of the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) and Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90)

• Familiarity with the Area Committee (AC) and its member organizations and agencies.
Dubai Star

- Overspill at fueling
- Press Air Operations:
  - Morning commute
  - Bay Bridge repair ops
- Est 500 gallons
LESSONS LEARNED

Local Government inclusion and communication

• LGOSC activation
• Local Govt assistance in political & public outreach
• UC and Local Govt resource coordination
• Information sharing:
  – Multiple daily OSPR Liaison situation reports for internal information sharing
  – Multiple daily USCG press releases for validated external information sharing
  – OSPR website with trajectory and IAP posting
LESSONS LEARNED - Decision Making within Unified Command

- Boom Wars
- Local Govt structure complexity
- Political influence on response
- Public perception negatively affecting response actions
Issues for the Commission to Consider

Interaction with State and Local Officials:

Does the NCP appropriately integrate state and local officials in the response, and were such officials appropriately involved in this response?

Should the NCP and existing contingency planning documents be changed to create a larger or clearer role for state and local officials in oil spill response?
Suggestions for Commission’s Consideration

- Establish liaisons between the unified command and affected local communities early in the spill response process.

- Consider recommending ways to incorporate local emergency response structures into contingency planning, and consider adding a Local On-Scene Coordinator position in the Unified Command structure.
“In other regions, local officials are sometimes involved through a Local On-Scene Coordinator. Area contingency plans in Alaska and San Francisco both provide for such a position. Planners in San Francisco realized they needed to incorporate a way to address local concerns after the Cosco Busan oil spill in the San Francisco Bay in November of 2007.”