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COUNTY OF ORANGE BEACHES IN LAGUNA BEACH REOPENED FOLLOWING OIL SPILL CLOSURE

The County of Orange, in coordination with Unified Command, announces the full reopening of County-operated beaches in the City of Laguna Beach at 8 a.m. today, October 14, consistent with the City's full reopening of its beaches. These include Aliso Beach, Laguna Royale Beach, Table Rock Beach, Thousand Steps Beach and West Street Beach. The reopening is for the sand, shoreline and water.

The beachside parking lot of Aliso Creek Beach will reopen tomorrow morning at 6am. The inland side parking lot will remain closed in support of the incident.

All beaches in the County of Orange – including city beaches – are fully re-opened today, with the exceptions of Capistrano Beach and Poche Beach that remain closed due to construction.

The US Coast Guard is the lead agency coordinating the response to the oil spill incident. A unified command has been established and consists of Amplify Energy, the US Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, County of Orange and the County of San Diego. More information about the unified command response may be found at www.SoCalspillresponse.com.

Members of the public are asked to avoid assisting with cleanup in the oiled areas. Trained spill response contractors are working to clean up the oil and public volunteers are now being registered. Information may be found at https://calspillwatch.wildlife.ca.gov/Volunteer. If anyone encounters oiled wildlife, please avoid contact and call the Oiled Wildlife Care Network at 1-877- 823-6926.

Vessel owners impacted by the oil spill can file a claim by calling 1-866-985-8366. If your vessel has been impacted by the oil spill, do not attempt to clean your own boat.

For lost revenue and damage claims, please call 1-866-985-8366, referencing the Pipeline P00547 Incident.

If a member of the public spots oil that they suspect is from the oil spill, please contact tarballreports@wildlife.ca.gov

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