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Notice of Completion and Availability of Draft Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Restoration Plan

The Draft Restoration Plan for the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes has been completed and is available for public review. The public review period will last from May 7 to June 7, 2001.

The Draft Restoration Plan summarizes the restoration planning process conducted by the California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and the California Coastal Conservancy. It describes proposed natural resource restoration projects designed to restore resources injured as a result of diluent (a refined petroleum product) releases at the Guadalupe Oil Field, located in southwest San Luis Obispo County. This document also describes the affected environment and resources injured by the diluent releases.

This is the public's opportunity to review and comment on the proposed restoration projects. These projects will be funded from a settlement reached between various State Agencies and Unocal Corporation, of which $9 million was dedicated to fund projects that will restore, replace, rehabilitate and/or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources and related services that were injured, lost, or destroyed by diluent releases at the Guadalupe Oil Field. This Draft Restoration Plan does not address the long-term site cleanup required by the settlement, nor the mitigation required per various agency permits, for impacts resulting from the remediation activities at the Guadalupe Oil Field.

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The document is available on the Internet or in print. It is posted on the Web at these URLs:
Department of Fish and Game OSPR — http://www.dfg.ca.gov/Ospr/index.html
California Coastal Conservancy — http://www.scc.ca.gov
Hard copies of the document are also are also available from the OSPR; or for review-only, at the San Luis Obispo Public Library and the City of Guadalupe Public Library.

During the public review period, any comments regarding the Draft Restoration Plan should be sent to the address below, by June 7, so that they may be incorporated into the Final Restoration Plan.

To request a hard copy, to send comments, or if you have questions please contact:

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Both State and federal laws require oil spills to be reported to appropriate government agencies. In the year 2000, there were 5,277 inland spills and 745 marine spills reported to the DFG-OSPR communications center. Anyone seeing an oil spill in California should call 800-OILS-911 to report it. Marine spills must *also* be reported to the U.S. Coast Guard, at 800-424-8802.