HISTORY

On the cliffs above Hope Ranch Beach, approximately 1 ½ miles west of Arroyo Burro (Hendry’s) Beach and 1 ¾ mile east of Las Olas (the road that leads to Hope Ranch Beach) is a spot that periodically emits smoke and a sulfuric odor.

It is caused by a naturally occurring geological phenomena when enough oxygen is supplied to the hydrocarbons underground, along with heat, a subterranean fire is generated that is very difficult to extinguish.

The address CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REDACTED: above the location is CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REDACTED: The residents at that location prefer that their property not be used to access the location below. The residents at CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REDACTED: are willing to provide access if needed.

The Lattitude/Longitude is N34.40989 by W 119.76694. A common place location has been built into CAD called “Hope Ranch Beach Smoke” that is searchable by *smoke* with the location geo-verified by the latt/long.

The Santa Barbara County Hand Crew annually clears the brush completely surrounding the area to prevent or slow the growth of a vegetation fire if the site ignites.
PROCEDURE

1. Upon receiving a 9-1-1 call of a possible fire in the area of the location described above, ascertain if the reporting party observes any flames.
   a. If flames are observed, dispatch one engine only.
      i. Advise the reporting party that an engine will be dispatched and that it is a naturally occurring event.
   b. If the reporting party reports smoke, steam, vapor or anything else, but NO flames, obtain their name and phone number and advise them that the Fire Station will be notified.
      i. Create a CAD Fire MD incident, do not dispatch via CAD, advise Fire Station 13 of the information via landline and close the incident.
      ii. If the reporting party insists on a response, advise them that you will have the Fire Station contact them.