

Spring 2004

**QUESTIONNAIRE
for the
CALIFORNIA COASTAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT
MASTER PLAN**

Introduction

The Sediment Master Plan (“SMP”) is an innovative collaboration between the State of California Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Its goal is to develop an implementation strategy for regional sediment management in California. It will provide a comprehensive, system-wide overview of sediment management issues, needs and solutions. It will set priorities, and develop an integrated management framework to allow local, regional, state and federal entities to work together to effectively solve coastal sediment problems. Typical issues that the SMP will deal with include beach erosion, sea cliff failure, wetlands sedimentation and related water quality and habitat impacts, and harbor dredging.

The SMP process just started in 2003 and is anticipated to extend for several more years. In order to be effective the SMP will need to establish working relationships with the state’s many local and regional organizations working on issues related to coastal sediment problems.

This questionnaire is an initial opportunity for you and your organization to share your concerns, experiences, data sources, and vision for the coast. It is hoped that ongoing partnerships will be established among local, regional, state and federal groups during the development of the SMP that will continue in the future to support implementation efforts.

Please fill out as much of the questionnaire as is appropriate for you or your group, and return it to:

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You can obtain an electronic copy of the questionnaire at the SMP website, www.dbw.ca.gov/csmw/csmwhome.htm. The Website also contains additional details about the SMP work. In addition, you can request additional paper copies of the questionnaire from Jennifer Cordeau. If you know someone who you think should respond to the questionnaire, please forward a copy of the questionnaire, or provide their contact information to Jennifer.

You will automatically be entered into the SMP contact list to receive updates and notices on the program, unless you note otherwise here:

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Your Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

YOUR ORGANIZATION
(if applicable)

1.1 What geographic area does your organization consider within its interests?
(Describe the general area or boundaries with particular attention to the coastal area covered, or indicate statewide.)

1.2 How would you characterize the role of your organization?

(e.g.; planning, education, scientific work, policy making, advocacy, regulation, coordination, project implementation. Indicate major focus or list more than one, if appropriate.)

1.3 What are the major coastal issues your organization is concerned with?

(e.g.; beach erosion, wetlands habitat, coastal water quality, harbor navigation and dredging, coastal and nearshore ocean recreation, sea cliff failures. List more than one if appropriate.)

AVAILABLE DATA

2.1 Do you possess any data sets applicable to coastal sediment issues that you can share with the SMP effort? Indicate if the data are **geographically referenced** and whether they are **digital**.

(e.g.; data on nearshore, shoreline, or coastal wetlands habitat types, extent and quality; data on nearshore and shoreline physical processes such as waves, currents, beach width and slope; wetlands and harbor sediment locations and extent; upland sediment sources that might be used for beach replenishment.)

2.2 What data do you need to be more effective in accomplishing your coastal goals that is currently not available to you?

Indicate if you believe that such data need to be **geographically referenced** and if they need to be **digital**.

PLANS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

3.1 What significant plans, policies, procedures and regulations has your organization adopted, approved or endorsed related to coastal sediment issues?

Briefly describe the coastal sediment issue and purpose of each.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

4.1 What significant recent, current or planned coastal sediment related projects or programs is your organization involved with?

Briefly describe each and indicate the approximate date when the project was, or will be, completed. Also, please indicate the specific location of the project / program.

IMPLEMENTATION BARRIERS

5.1 What significant barriers have you encountered in implementing projects and programs?

It would be helpful to reference specific policies, procedures and regulations and indicate if they are local, state or federal.

IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR THE SMP

6.1 What are the most important coastal sediment related issues you would like to see the California Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan address to help solve the significant problems in your area? Statewide?

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE SMP

7.1 What things do you think the joint State / Federal Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (“CSMW”) and their constituent agencies should do to make sure you and your organization are effectively involved in the development of the Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan over the next several years, and in its subsequent implementation?

(The CSMW is made up of representatives of state and federal agencies involved in coastal management and coastal environment stewardship activities, and sponsored by the State Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.)

OTHER PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED

8.1 If there are other people and organizations from your area who did not attend the workshop and who you think should be contacted by the SMP staff, provide whatever contact information you know in the spaces below.

ANYTHING ELSE?

9.1 Thanks very much for taking the time to respond to the questionnaire. We hope you won't mind the possibility of being contacted by the SMP staff if follow-up would help us to better understand your comments.

Please use the space below to add any comments or recommendations that did not seem to fit in the other categories of questions. Also, you can provide any new input as it occurs to you by sending information to Jennifer Cordeau (contact information above).

Once again, thank you for your participation in the California Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan process!