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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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CEMP-SPD (1105-2-10b)

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, South Pacific Division (CESPD-CM-P)

SUBJECT: California Coastal Sediment Master Plan, 905(b) Reconnaissance Report

1. References:

a. CESPL-PD e-mail, dated 21 January 2004, subject: California Coastal Sediment Master Plan - 905(b) Analysis Reconnaissance Report, transmitting the section 905(b) analysis to Headquarters for review and approval.

b. CESPD-CM e-mail, dated 29 January 2004, subject: California Coastal Sediment Master Plan - 905(b) Analysis Reconnaissance Report, providing SPD concurrence with the 905(b) analysis.

2. The section 905(b) analysis for the California Coastal Sediment Master Plan and letter of intent are approved for proceeding into feasibility phase of planning. This analysis demonstrated the potential Federal interest in storm damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, and navigation (beneficial uses of dredged material) that could result from development of a comprehensive sediment master plan. The 905(b) analysis indicates that the feasibility phase planning effort will be similar to a watershed study that develops plans only to a conceptual level of detail, but there is strong potential for spin-off project-specific feasibility studies under other Corps programs.

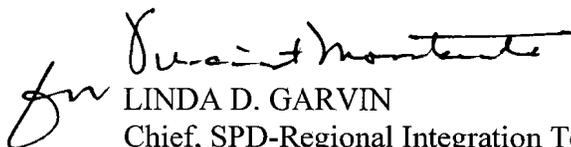
3. The preliminary cost estimate for the California Coastal Sediment Master Plan feasibility study included in the 905(b) analysis is indicative of a large, complex study. In the development of the project management plan and feasibility cost sharing agreement, the district will need to work with the sponsor to scope the feasibility investigations to properly account for past studies as detailed in the 905(b) report, and reflect both Federal and non-Federal budget limitations. If possible, the study should be structured to provide for interim, usable products should future funding become an issue. In addition, we recommend coordination with sediment master planning efforts ongoing in the North Atlantic and South Atlantic Divisions, to potentially reduce costs and avoid duplication of effort. Although the result of this study is a master plan and not a construction project, it seems there could be a significant follow-on maintenance component to the plan, to ensure that the collected data and developed databases remain current and useful to the anticipated spin-off studies. These potential Operations and Maintenance activities should be addressed in the feasibility report.

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4. Submission of the model feasibility cost sharing agreement is not required, provided no deviations are requested. The district should plan to convene an in-progress review meeting early in the study to ensure the study is focused and tailored to meet the specific objectives. Based on results of the in-progress review, the project management plan may need to be revised to better define the depth of analysis required and/or refine study constraints.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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