

***STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS***

***START INNOVATIVE COASTAL MANAGEMENT EFFORT***

***WITH SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WORKSHOP ON MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2004***

Beach and sea cliff erosion are important issues along the coasts of the San Francisco Bay area; so is too much sediment in coastal wetland, lagoons and harbors. The State and Federal governments are recognizing that these problems are closely connected, and that solutions ought to be integrated.

An innovative new planning effort called the CALIFORNIA COASTAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN is being initiated by the State of California Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Sediment Master Plan will develop an implementation strategy for regional approaches to managing sediment up and down the state's 1000 mile coastline. The goal will be to integrate management actions for problems related to lack of sediment (e.g. beach erosion) and problems related to excess sedimentation (e.g. deterioration of habitat quality in wetlands and restrictions on shipping in harbors).

**One of a series of statewide workshops to solicit public input on the Sediment Master Plan will be held in San Francisco from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Benicia Room, lower level of the Hiram Johnson Building located at 455 Golden Gate Avenue between Polk St. and Larkin St. in San Francisco. Transit access is from the Civic Center Bart Station.**

**This Workshop is being hosted by the Ocean Beach Task Force, the San Francisco Department of the Environment, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.**

The Workshops will be an opportunity for organizations and people involved and interested in the San Francisco Bay area coast to learn about the Sediment Master Plan and provide comments and local insights to the state and federal governments. Since work on the Sediment Master Plan is in process, input provided now can help make the Master Plan responsive to local issues and needs.

The Sediment Master Plan is a great opportunity to build on previous cooperative coastal efforts with the state and federal governments. Much more needs to be done to address beach erosion problems, as well as to continue efforts to preserve and enhance our priceless wetlands and retain the efficiency of our ports and harbors. The Sediment Master Plan process will allow local and regional entities to develop efficient, effective solutions in partnership with state and federal agencies.

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