

CSMW VTC – 8 September 2004

Welcome and Introductions - George Domurat & Brian Baird

- Action Plan to Governor for Ocean Policy
 - Established Ocean Council
 - Review period ended 2SEP2004
 - Public meetings were held
- CA Ocean Protection Act – will probably be passed soon (Oct. bills)
- Ocean Policy
 - What is the benefit?
 - Governor is very engaged
 - Baird scheduled to brief Governor in 3 weeks
- CSMW Comments – group needs to continue its work; needs to more clearly define “membership” (see below)
- It was suggested that the Corps fund a person to take minutes
 - Meeting minutes were approved for Feb. and March 2004
 - Corps will send out minutes for May, July, and September

CSMW Group Layout - Reconfiguring

- Need to have a vehicle to get the public involved
- An attachment of the proposed group layout was sent out by Domurat
- Will discuss proposed organization set-up with attorneys
 - Look into Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) compliance
- Perhaps start groups in mid-winter
- Congressional staffers have heard from the ports that they are interested
- Kick-off meeting will be open to everyone
- Need to talk with State Water Board
- How will the groups really work?
- Who will need to be at each of the meeting?
- Ultimate Accountability at top level – CA Resources Agency and the Corps
 - Corps – Division and/or District Commander has signatory responsibility
- Public advisory, for example CMANC, Surfrider, CalCoast
- Move technical group to the Master Plan?
- If too many people start coming to the meetings, could make agendas more defined
- Management Committee – decision-making group (policy discussions)
- Sub-committee to discuss structure – Lesley Ewing, Neal Fishman, George Domurat, Brian Baird, Clif Davenport
- Do meetings need to be held geographically?
- Draft Plan prior to meeting in November

Outreach Workshop – Lesley Ewing

- Individual recommendations are on the CSMW website

- Comments/recommendations were put into categories
 - They were then categorized by:
 - What CSMW is already doing
 - CSMW is not a part of, but are coordinating on
 - Important issue, perhaps CSMW should add
 - Not being adequately addressed, but is beyond the scope
- Need **goals** and a **timeline** so that people know what we're doing and where we're going.
- Original plan was to determine what information we have relating to:
 - Identify erosional hot spots
 - Need to be able to point to goals and objectives
 - How will we get funds?
 - We will hopefully be providing the data that state and local agencies can use to get funding
 - Need to have goals that point towards future action
- Kim Sterrett will form a sub-committee to look at goals and objectives
- TMDLs are a big issue
- Perhaps have as an agenda item for the next meeting – need to get EPA, State Water Board, Regional Water Boards involved
 - Clif stated that he contacted Regional Water Boards for Public Meetings – difficult to find people that had dealt with beach nourishment projects
 - Clif and Kim need to get something put together that Brian can send to the State Water Board to get them involved.
- Need to involve non-point source folks, not just regulatory agencies
- Want to put the Workshop summary on the website by 22 SEP

Economics Study – Phil King

- Study of the economics of CA beaches
- Looking at the micro level
- Benefits of moving sand and using it on the beach – looking at costs and benefits
- Recreational value of beaches
- Where should the sand go (in terms of benefits) instead of where it would go
- Benefit Cost Analysis completed for Ventura Harbor
 - Worked with Everest Consultants and USC
- Now working with state, look at Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties – look at all sources of opportunistic sand sources
 - Carpinteria, Goleta, Rincon Parkway
 - Economics Report is about 60% written (all data has been collected) – will send out for comments
- Want to look at San Diego, Orange, LA Counties
- Only 2 or 3 people looking at economic benefits
- Need to know economic benefits of beach nourishment

- 2 questions:
 - How much is XXft. of added beach worth? A Standard method that tells us how much added width is worth is needed.
 - Need to know more about attendance
 - Have locals count and need to rationalize techniques (lifeguard counts, car counts, etc.)
- Need to get an agreement on economic numbers – perhaps have an Economic Summit
- Corps has manuals on Economics of Beach Nourishment for the East Coast
- Regional Sediment Management program is looking at all the benefits of managing sediment

Master Plan Update – Clif Davenport

- Need to put a date on each revised schedule
- Release of state draft in Dec. 2005 – looking at minimum 2006 for final
- GIS Database Enhancement Project – Noble Consultants
 - Will develop shape files identifying erosional hotspots and potential future sediment sources – locations will be georeferenced
- USGS will have a data set of the wet/dry line of CA in 2005 (Sam Johnson)
- Literature Search – look at existing product – Can it be improved and are there additional categories that should be added during a Phase 2 of the project?
 - Need CSMW to provide thoughts on additional topics needed
 - Want to georeference the references and make the database searchable
 - Need ~\$40-70k and determine whether MMS will put in an equal amount
- State Project Updates:
 - Policy, Procedures, and Regulations – continuing to progress
 - SCOUP – almost ready to start (end of Sep.), Moffatt & Nichol has been selected; SANDAG will administer contract
 - Sediment Budget – working with Gary Griggs (currently doing fieldwork to try and shrink error bars on previous budgets) – expected completion June 2005
 - Biological Impact Analysis – received 1 proposal – may need to pare down scope because it is over the budget
 - GIS – Noble shape files for erosion hot spots

GIS Update

- Need structure for sub-committee
 - Need to make sure data from state activities can be put into the GIS

- Next meeting in Nov. – would like a presentation on how GIS will work for CSMW/Master Plan, where we are, and useful tools for the state.

Fate and Transport of Fines

- Sub-committee consists of Clif Davenport, George Domurat, Tom Kendall, Susie Ming, and Mark Johnsson
- Pared down to 2 proposals
 - Mud Budget – where will the fines go?
 - Fines from Portuguese Bend landslide – Kim has requested funding
 - 2 year project, completed by September 2006
- Brian Baird needs something by the end of 2005 – need to put information into implementation strategy
- Role of muds and fines in the littoral system – perhaps have an initial product that will give us a connection
- Post-Doc person to conduct the research has not yet been identified.

State Reorganization and Impacts – Steve Aceti

- DBW
 - draft reorganization plan doesn't mention beach nourishment programs
 - Harbor and Watercraft Funds – doesn't say who will get the money
 - It has been proposed that DBW become part of a larger Cal EPA agency
 - Currently DBW has their own special line of funding – could be jeopardized if agency is brought into Cal EPA
- Working with Heal the Bay to get them legislative hearing on a regional level once the 2005 session begins

Corps Update on Projects

- Master Plan status of funding
 - President's Budget \$32K
 - House \$200K
- Could link to the District website from CSMW once we have project pages on the site

Next Meeting is scheduled for 17 November 2004 in San Francisco at 9:30