



CSMW Meeting Minutes
18 April 2012
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Conference Call

STILL PENDING:

- ✓ **Chris** – Will reconvene the PPR sub-committee to discuss the RSM Top Ten Recommendations. ONGOING
- ✓ **Susie/Heather** – Will reconvene the Corps' PPR sub-committee to discuss Federal actions. ONGOING – will follow the general sub-committee meeting
- ✓ **Nate** – Conversion of USACE reference database for incorporation into CSMW's searchable Access Database. ONGOING – completion expected in a few weeks.
- ✓ **Chris** – Add new agenda item for future meeting to have a discussion on disposal methodology (running into problems with disposal, particularly in the North Coast area) – ONGOING – Chris will add to a future agenda
- ✓ **Brad or Phil King** Give a presentation on the economic analysis of the Southern Monterey Bay study – PENDING – Will be placed on future agenda
- ✓ **Chris** – Follow-up with SWRCB regarding classification of clean sediments as pollutants in CA – ONGOING - Email exchange with George and Eric – will revisit in the future with a presentation when new State Board representative is identified by Jon Bishop
- ✓ **Susie/Heather** – talk with SPL and SPN Regulatory – STILL PENDING – Joint Meeting possibly in April or May. Susie made contact with DMMT
- ✓ **Susie** to Coordinate with the DMMO for future meeting
- ✓ **Chris** will look into the Noyo issue of inert vs. designated waste – STILL PENDING. **Brian Ross** will follow up with the State Board. **Chris** to speak with John Bishop
- ✓ **Steve** Will send contact info for Solana Beach to ERG to include litigation examples. STILL PENDING
- ✓ **Chris** – Will set up a sub-committee to address Crescent City Marsh issues. – - ON GOING - Caltrans has not followed through – Chris will follow up with CALTRANS April
- ✓ **Brenda** – Review Redwood City case study – ONGOING. Nate to check with Brenda.
- ✓ **Mark Johnsson** – send Melanie Coyne's OC Nourishment Access Database & GIS files to Dave Cannon
- ✓ **Clif** – send contact info for local coastal permits (SD Co.) to Jon Warrick and Kristin Goodrich
- ✓ **Susie** – will set up joint meeting with DMMT for a Tijuana Study discussion (if preferred separately of joint CSMW/DMMT endeavor)
- ✓ **Leslie** – send CALTRANS contact info to Jon Warrick for use in Tijuana Study

COMPLETED ITEMS:

- ✓ **Chris** – follow up with OPC staff re: the applicability of the NSMS to the National Ocean Policy NOP Implementation Plan. Susie will follow up with OPC. DONE.



- ✓ **Chris** – follow up with Susan Brodeur re: CSMW public meeting at H2O. Chris followed up and there will be no CSMW H2O meeting (possibly a fall meeting instead). DONE.
- ✓ **Nate** – Check on progress of posting of JALBTCX LIDAR data to NOAA website so others can access. COMPLETE – 2009 JALBTCX CA LIDAR for Southern CA posted. Should Northern CA be posted as well?

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- **Nate** – check with Susie on DMMT discussion at May meeting
- **Chris** – add RBSPII discussion to future agenda
- **All** – Send agenda recommendations for May meeting to Chris

- ❖ **Welcome & Introductions – George Domurat and Chris Potter**
 - Katherine Coleman (new Deputy Secretary Assistant for Coastal & Ocean Matters) starting May 1st to take over George and Chris' duties
 - Previously held an RWQB position (EO Region 1)
 - Chris suspects her duties may not be applied directly to CSMW

- ❖ **Review of Meeting Minutes from 3/28/12 Meeting – Nate West**
 - Meeting minutes from 3/28/12 adopted

- ❖ **Army Corps 2012 Dredging Plan (Jessie Burton Evans)**
 - Humboldt Bar and Entrance
 - Essayons to start soon, delay due to funding shortfall

 - SF Main Ship Channel
 - 13 days dredging soon, material to be placed at SF-17
 - Richmond

 - Richmond Harbor
 - Inner Harbor: New Dredge Contract
 - Outer Harbor: dredging for 13 days in June
 - Request contractors to submit alternate sites

 - Pinole Shoal
 - Dredge for 10 days in June

 - Suisun Bay Channel
 - Place SF17, but there's a volume limit so SF11 alternately possibly

 - Oakland Harbor
 - Oakland inner harbor FY13 contract, not anticipating much shoaling
 - Outer Harbor contract in FY13 as well



- Redwood City and San Rafael dredging complete/ongoing
 - Require resources agencies approval of environmental window extension

Comment: How does process of granting extensions outside dredging windows work?

Response: Windows established with NMFS and FWS. When extension needed beyond November, need to consult with agency that has concern regarding subject species. Programmatic consultation in place now for over 10 years, so challenges are known and work within windows is attempted. Herring as a State window as well and incorporated in Consistency Determination (BCDC administers along with DFG). Least tern mitigation an issue. SPN finding extensions are often needed beyond the end of dredging windows. Formal extensions not often granted. Revised biological opinion expected this year to provide new windows. Relief expected regarding mechanical dredging operations where material placed outside Bay.

Comment: Plans to dredge Crescent City?

Response: Crescent City was dredged in FY11. Had to modify dredging due to Tsunami issues.

Comment: What dredge used to dredge Oakland Harbor?

Response: Paula Lee and one other. Coordination was needed with LA as MDR was using Yaquina.

Comment: Any consideration given to material taken outside Oakland Harbor?

Response: Outer harbor was mud, inner harbor was sand.

Comment: If mud was found, would you still take to LTMS site?

Response: LTMS is default placement site and federal standards are used, so any nuances were placed on the contractor to find a suitable alternate site.

Comment: Regarding dredge materials, typically clean or with contaminants?

Response: Typically we find suitable clean material.

Comment: What type of navigation updates are needed?

Response: FY updates and activities so we can plan for this and future fiscal year(s). From State point of view, budget needs to be aligned for future years so future dredge outlook is beneficial.

Comment: Mark Delaplaine had concerns regarding issues in Humboldt regarding entrainment issues

Response: Coastal Commission knows that material is typically placed in open water.

❖ **Discussion: Formation of Subcommittee to Address “Depth of Closure” issues (Nate West)**

- A Technical Committee needs to be set up to develop a white paper
- This is the EPA regulatory issue of beneficial reuse vs. disposal
- Issue of how to classify material as “beneficial reuse” along the CA coast

Comment: This was driven by the San Diego issue regarding the Essayons when it couldn't place in the nearshore.

Comment: What's the legal definition of beneficial reuse? Is it a fluid definition?

Response: Yes, it changes and we could prove in certain areas that placement would be only beneficial.

Comment: There was an assumption that since not placed in high energy areas, then not disposal.

Comment: Any discussion of offshore mud belts and impact? Using depth of closure could eliminate potential use of mud belts for beneficial reuse.

Response: No.

Comment: Depth of closure was historically based on surveys for grain size material

Comment: Patrick Barnard and Jon Warrick would like to be involved and have a lot of data.

- Nate will set up the Technical Committee; please send requests or recommendations for involvement on Committee

❖ **Update: San Francisco Open Coast RSM (John Dingler)**

- PWA had a stakeholder advisory group meeting following last CSMW meeting
 - Over 50 attendees
 - Posters and data presented
- PWA has received wave modeling data from Corps
- Sanctuary thinking of excluding the “donut hole” area of study area that isn't part of Sanctuary.

Response: Where is donut hole in relation to SF17?

Comment: Extension north of Pedro Point. SF17 isn't part of the Sanctuary. If “donut hole” is closed, then it would be a part of Sanctuary.

Response: A 2-yr bill shows the territory.

- PWA has talked with the NPS to get boundaries and ecological data
- Coastal Commission participated
- CALTRANS participated and provided right of way and highway data/input
- Daly City Water & Waste participated



- Pacifica General Plan meeting scheduled
- Public meetings May 3rd and 10th are being rescheduled to early June
 - Shouldn't affect deadline of Admin. Draft by end of July

Comment: Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting presented preference to include Half Moon Bay in this Plan, but should probably be included in the Santa Cruz Littoral Cell RSMP. We may include Southern San Mateo County in this plan through a SOW-modification, however.

Comment: GIS layers don't include SF17 so we need to add.

❖ **Update: National Shoreline Management Study (Susie Ming)**

- Discussion regarding level of scrutiny and detail of different parts of the NSMS Report.
- Susie and Heather talked to Rachel about a month ago and a preliminary draft will be sent to IWR likely next week. Draft document by end of May could be available for our review
 - Rachel is going on a different job detail soon
- Updated Table of Contents to be sent soon
 - We don't know which sections are being completed by which folks but an update at the next meeting would be beneficial

❖ **Crescent City RSM meeting planned for 4/25 (Chris Potter)**

- Purpose of meeting (3 PM on 4/25) is to gauge level of interest/commitment to fund an RSM Planning Effort in that region
- Meeting is an evolution of discussion on Crescent City Marsh with CALTRANS and DFG, among others
- This is an issue that needs greater Harbor District involvement, as they play the largest role.
- Richard Young is the Manager/Director organizing the meeting
 - Bob Sullivan, Dave Imper, among others, will attend

Comment: Harbor District may request a more myopic view of RSM based on issues in that region, much like a DMMT. We may need to ensure we include a more broad-based RSMP.

Response: RSMPS are for the good of the region and should include activities specific to that region.

Comment: Littoral cells in that region are relatively small and we may be able to compartmentalize issues on those levels.

Comment: How does littoral cell fall within the County boundary?

Response: Harbor is at the northern end of County near Klamath River Cell. Klamath River Cell extends into County by 1,000 feet.

Comment: Same governance issues are realized in Humboldt region



❖ Updates: Federal Agencies

Army Corps, LA District (Susie Ming)

- San Clemente Chief's Report was signed by acting Chief of Engineers

Comment: What does this mean regarding PED?

Response: PED can be started and includes a design document. Susie will check with the PM.

- Solana Beach and Encinitas Shoreline study
 - AFB (Alternative Formulation Briefing) Report and Conference scheduled for September 2012
 - Public scoping meetings are being held on May 2nd at SANDAG to re-issue NOP's and NOI's – email will be sent out

Comment: What is schedule for Public Review and does the study include structural solutions involving sand placement?

Response: Late fall likely and none of those solutions included.

- MDR
 - Currently dredging
 - 300k cy will go to Redondo Harbor near Topaz Groin
- Newport Harbor
 - Awarded and will start soon
 - Contaminated material goes to POLB and cleaner fine material goes to open ocean

Army Corps, SF District (Tom Kendall / John Dingler)

- Humboldt Bay DMMT
 - Being prepared for ATR (Agency Tech. Review)
- Eureka CRSMP Draft
 - Reviewed internally and comments will be sent to Moffatt & Nichol
 - John will present at Humboldt Symposium
- Ship Channel Dredging
 - To start in May
 - 5 year programmatic assessment – draft comment period closed
 - Coastal Commission has determined a consistency determination is not needed, so a negative determination is being prepared.
 - DPR completed
- Tom participating on Steering Committee in SF Bay (Conservancy leading/funding effort) for update due to climate change and starved sediments
- Legislative initiative to increase CAP 103 and 204 limits
 - Tom talked with a couple Sponsors regarding interest to raise limits and will check with Howard Marlowe as well



- Half Moon Bay / Pillar Point
 - No updates, still working on feasibility study
 - Bob Battalio could propose several alternatives through the RSMP

USGS (Jon Warrick)

- Tijuana Fact Sheet recirculated as it was previously sent with missing pages
 - Comments needed within a month
- Fine Sediment Session at H2O on the 30th
- Sand Provenance wrapping up soon
 - White Paper could be provided to CSMW
- Modeling sediment transport in SF Bay
 - 8 papers received thus far and 20 more expected and an update will be given in the fall.
 - Roughly 20 years have passed since a comprehensive update of data/work in SF Bay, Coast, etc. so this will provide a needed update

❖ **Updates: State Agencies**

Boating and Waterways (Kim Sterrett)

- No update on BEACON effort
- Provided copy of AMBAG Contract to Athenae Honore and should be a done deal
- Waiting to hear back from OST on their proposal to review BIA Report
- OC RSMP
 - State will help fund environmental portion of RSMP – Clif will provide SOW to Kim; State funds need to be encumbered by June
- SANDAG RBSPII
 - Mid-March awarded dredging contract to Great Lakes
 - SANDAG requested add'l money from State - \$500K was provided by locals

Comment: SANDAG was thinking of checking with the Conservancy for funds.

Response: They may but in the past they've declined. Steve has checked with Sam in the past and he's been concerned with the Board's declining to support RBSPII.

Comment: Did Imperial Beach provide funds?

Response: No, as they're short on funds. Kim suspects any additional sand will be placed in North County.

Comment: The funding gap is being minimized.

Comment: Air emissions issue?

Response: This was thought to be a \$500K - \$1M upgrade, but it's turned out to be about a \$100K upgrade, so not a big issue.



Comment: What's the timing for changing the work start date?

Response: There's a 30-day window for contract alterations.

Comment: What's the amount of sand added w/ the addt'l funds?

Response: About 110K CY will be added if all addt'l funds are raised

Comment: Are the costs broken down by only sand and dredging operations?

Response: Not sure, as dredging and pumping are assumed to be relatively equal in costs during operations.

Comment: Eureka could have sand to place if we could actually get someone to pay the incremental cost of transportation. Dredging costs are already covered and they dredge 1 M CY/yr

Response: That could be very difficult as Eureka is far away.

Comment: Chris will place on future agenda.

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Response: There's a 30-day window for contract alterations.

- San Clemente
 - PED agreement – waiting on language and may need to request a contingency for PED

Coastal Commission (Lesley Ewing/Mark Johnsson)

- No CEMEX Update

BCDC (Brenda Goeden)

- No updates

State Water Board

- No updates

Other State Agencies. SWRCB Representation? (Chris Potter)

- No updates

CGS (Clif Davenport)

- AMBAG has requested a Stakeholder advisory group meeting to go over environmental assessment and get PWA some input
 - We need to hold meeting prior to proceeding



❖ **Confirm date, location, and agenda for future meetings**

- Next Meeting: May 23rd, in-person, Los Angeles, location TBD
- Possible Agenda Items: LA Co. RSM Presentation, DMMT Discussion (check with Susie), SPN Dredging Issues, BEACON RSM, Santa Cruz Harbor Regulatory Issue
 - Susie and Chris will organize

Adjourn 11:40 AM

**NEXT MEETING
May 23, 2012
Los Angeles
Location TBD**



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