



DRAFT CSMW Meeting Minutes
18 October 2011
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
USACE Lobby Conference Room
1455 Market Street

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 following the general sub-committee meeting
- ✓ **Nate** – Check on progress of posting of JALBTCX LIDAR data to NOAA website so others can access. ONGOING – Northern SF Bay is available and all of Southern CA should be posted by fall.
- ✓ **Nate** – Conversion of USACE reference database for incorporation into CSMW's searchable Access Database. ONGOING – Corps Library can post to National Corps Library Website with link from CSMW site - Coordination with CERES ongoing.
- ✓ **Chris** – Add new agenda item for July '11 meeting to have a discussion on disposal methodology (running into problems with disposal, particularly in the North Coast area) – ONGOING – Chris will add to upcoming agenda
- ✓ **Brad or Phil King** Give a presentation on the economic analysis of the Southern Monterey Bay study – PENDING – Will be placed on upcoming agenda.
- ✓ **Chris** – Follow-up with SWRCB regarding classification of clean sediments as pollutants in CA – ONGOING – PENDING – Chris in discussions with Jon Bishop
- ✓ **Susie/Heather** – talk with SPL and SPN Regulatory – STILL PENDING
 - Coordinate with the DMMT and DMMO – can we get more involved?
 - DMMT is concerned with the timeframe that they hear about Corps projects (too close to project time).
 - All projects (including Corps projects) must go through the DMMO, but that is not true with the DMMT.
 - Brian Ross thinks SPL Navigation needs to work more closely with SPL Regulatory.
 - DMMT Meetings held at same time as CSMW Meetings.
- ✓ **George Nichol** will look into the Noyo issue of inert vs. designated waste – STILL PENDING. Note: George has retired. Chris will discuss with Jon Bishop if necessary. **Brian Ross** will follow up with the State Board.
- ✓ **Nate** contact Clif to confirm the status of Coastal Armoring Layer on Webmapper – ONGOING. Chris acquiring funding for Clif to work on this task.
- ✓ **All** – Send Jim H. data/info for dredging activities at harbors/ports to be included in the low impact sustainable development matrix spreadsheet.

COMPLETED ITEMS:

- ✓ **Heather/Clif/Nate** – Humboldt Draft RSM Plan and the Draft Biological Impacts Analysis Reports uploaded to CSMW ftp site (requires login). – COMPLETED.



- ✓ **Chris** – Will set up a sub-committee to address Crescent City Marsh issues. – COMPLETED.
- ✓ **Steve** – Will send contact info for Solana Beach to ERG to include litigation examples. COMPLETED
- ✓ **Chris** – Will make contact with the PIER group – Chris made contact and scheduled meeting. COMPLETED
- ✓ **Chris** – Will follow up with George on West Coast RSM Authority – COMPLETED
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NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- ✓ **All** – Send comments on the BIA Reports and the Draft Eureka RSMP to Susie, Heather, or Nate by Oct. 12.
- ✓ **Chris** – Send out memo on BEACON to CSMW.
- ✓ **Chris** – Re-circulate to CSMW Jim Haussener's spreadsheet.
- ✓ **Chris** – Set date for Crescent City workgroup
- ✓ **USACE staff** – Set up presentations for DMMO and DMMT
- ✓ **Chris** – Speak to Jon Bishop re: Noyo issue of inert v. designated waste.
- ✓ **Chris/John Dingler** – confirm meeting place for next meeting.
- ✓ **All** – Send agenda recommendations for next meeting to Chris.

❖ **Welcome & Introductions – George Domurat.**

❖ **Review of Meeting Minutes from 9/21/11 – Chris Potter**

- Meeting minutes from 9/21/11 adopted.

❖ **Presentation and Discussion: Draft report on the social and economic effects of shoreline erosion and accretion for the state of California (Jeff Adkins, NOAA and Arleen O'Donnell, Eastern Research Group)**

- Part of the Army Corps' National Shoreline Management Study (NSMS) (see PPT presentation)
- Presenter question (Jeff): How can this effort be useful to the WCGA?
- Comment: Master plan concept originated from Assistant Secretary Baird's meeting with Army Corps HQ 10 years ago.
- Comment: System thinking is almost unique to the California Coast.
- Comment: Very little sand in SF. Consequently, we look at mud rather sand. LTMS is the guiding entity in SF Bay. Also, concerned with wetlands restoration. Lot of subsided lands. With sea-level rise, providing buffers will be increasingly important. Case study for SF Bay should be added to the report. BCDC is working on a RSM plan for SF Bay. USGS has shown that sediment coming into the Bay has decreased. System used to be sediment rich. Need to look at tributaries in terms of supplying sediment to the Bay.
- Presenter comment (Arleen): Don't have recommendation written yet. (see PPT slides).
- Comment: You need to be careful about overstating the state's commitment to retreat. The areas of the state that residents will push for giant seawalls.

- Comment: Inundation on the East Coast vs. erosion on the California coast.
- Comment: The Coastal Commission has become tougher on passing hard surfaces.
- Comment: Living shoreline in SF means something different from the coast. Pilot projects in SF Bay. Oysters in SF Bay don't form reefs.
- Presenter comment (Arleen): There is no other group in the nation like the CSMW. Social studies need some follow-up research.
- Question: Did you look at the Ports? Huge economic engines. Sediment is a huge consideration for the two large Ports and the smaller ports.
- Comment: The ports are using contaminated sediment for expansion. Other places sediment is placed on downcoast beaches. Southern Cal Ports have assembled a taskforce to deal with contaminated sediment. Each dredging project has a DMMP.
- Comment: Concerned that surfers are showing up as an important force but there isn't much science behind it. Phil King has done a number of studies on beach goers. Surfers and joggers are not captured in these studies.
- Comment: Chad Nelson is working on a dissertation about the economics of surfers.
- Comment: Need to differentiate "by-pass" vs. "nourishment".
- Comment: Need to look at SANDAG projects and Navy projects.
- Comment: Need separate out Corps projects, other federal projects, and state projects. Need to take on the 58% average head-on. We will get another whack at this section.
- Comment: OMBIL would not be reliable beyond a 2 to 3 years. Prior to that the numbers were fluffed off.
- Comment: The Coastal Commission has no official policy on armoring. Instead, it works on a case-by-case basis. In general, an armoring proposal has to meet a 4-parameter test.

❖ **Updates: Federal Agencies**

- Susie Ming and John Dingler provided separate federal updates via email.

❖ **Updates: State Agencies**

- **Coastal Commission**
 - No new public information on CEMEX.
 - Russian River estuary - estuary/beach breaching is being looked at.
 - Pacifica revetment: Lands end in Pacifica is probably the largest seawall (\$6 million) permitted by the Commission in recent history.
 - Lawsuit against USACE related to harbor dredging in San Diego harbor dredging. Deeper harbor allows deeper ships thus more erosion. City has sued the Commission (need to confirm).



- **BCDC**
 - Climate change policy was approved on Oct. 6th by the commission. 24-0-0 vote.
 - Comment: First time the state's climate change adaption policy was cited in regulations. That's why Save the Bay, Bay Planning Commission et al. were willing to go along with policy. The policy compromise doesn't box anyone in.
 - Anticipating get a state Sea Grant fellow to work on RSM. Specifically, the science strategy.
 - Working on a benthic recovery strategy with USGS as related to dredging.
 - SF Bay JV meeting dedicated to sediment issues.

❖ **Other Agency Updates, New Business, and Announcements**

- Nothing reported

Adjourn 12:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING
November 23, 2011
Conference call**



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