

**Summary: Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW) San Luis Obispo County
CRSMP Workshop**

Date: 9/19/13

Location: Morro Bay Harbor District Community Center

9:10 AM - Meeting was convened by John Dingler from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. John provided the group with some information on his background.

9:15 AM - Round of introductions of those attending (attendance sheet attached).

9:20 AM – John, Clif, and Chris (CSMW Team) talked about the purpose of the meeting:

- Here to discuss why and how a coastal regional sediment management plan (CRSMP) might be completed for SLO County, and provide background on similar CSMW efforts in other parts of the state’s coastline.
- Need to determine if a plan is needed for the entire county or just a portion of it.
- Development of the California Sediment Master Plan (Phase 1) is scheduled to end in 2015
- Second phase will include more implementation, pilot projects, etc.
- The CSMW is not only concerned about the nearshore and coast, but the watersheds as well. (John showed CSMW’s brochure schematics on sediment problems and road to solutions)

9:25 AM – John’s presentation (attached)

10:45 AM – Following the end of his presentation and a break, John kicked off a general discussion.

CSMW team made the following points:

- We need local partners and commitments. Need an entity with appropriate jurisdictional authorities to guide Plan development with a local or regional governance perspective and an eye towards implementation of the Plan (“regional partner”).
- CSMW can provide resources (e.g., consultants, funding) to assist the governance entity in gathering the information needed for strategies developed in the Plan.
- CRSMP is a guidance document. The community decides what actions and strategies are appropriate for the region.
- We need a letter from the County or other appropriate governance body that welcomes our involvement and commits to the role of regional partner.

Attendees Input:

Steve McGrath with the Port San Luis Harbor district would support and could provide a letter. Steve could only speak to the harbor issues though. The harbor has significant sedimentation

issues in the harbor and launching sites. There can be safety issues especially with SONGS nearby. Have permits for dredging for 250,000 cubic yards per year. The Harbor District is very interested in a regional approach.

Drew Brandy (Port San Luis Harbor District commissioner) would like to get started on the movement of sand from San Luis Harbor. What does he need to do to make this happen?

- John's response is that we are interested in developing a plan to assist local agencies such as the Port in managing its sediment problems.

Steve Devencenzi with SLOCOG indicated that his organization has historically been narrowly focused on transportation. His board, however, might agree to expanding its mission.

Kevin Drabinski (State Assembly staff) asked about adjacent CRSMPs' littoral cells.

- Drew indicated that Pt. Sal is an area that needs attention because of sand retention.
- Question was also raised about transport around Pt. Conception (to the south),
- - Clif responded that there is some conflicting information about sand going southward around Pt. Conception. Littoral cell boundaries are based on 1960s information, and there are undoubted some information gaps.

John asked the group for feedback on the geographic scope of the plan. Clif added that we shouldn't get too hung up on the littoral cell being the boundary of our efforts as in other parts of the state we had worked with regional partners using multiple littoral cells for the Plan area.

Kevin indicated that he would listen to constituents for support. If communities indicate that they are in support, then the assembly member would presumably provide support.

Joy Fitzhugh with the SLO County Farm Bureau expressed concerns sediment originating from agriculture is reaching the shore. Some of this sediment is polluted and thus a concern. Also, the agriculture community is trying to minimize the soil lost by erosion. As the amount of lost sediment decreases, the amount reaching the coast (sand and fines) will diminish. As a result, more non-riverine sand sources will have to be identified. (*Note: this is an issue for the Southern Monterey Bay coast because the river under discussion is the Salinas*).

- Peter von Langen with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board responded that the issue is mostly with fine-grained sediment and that best management practices can address the source of the problem.

Pete Riegelhuth from Caltrans indicated that he would relay what he learned today back to his management. Of primary concern is the fact that Caltrans needs to address sea level rise (SLR) in many places and the agency is already spending a lot of money on responding to SLR. He also pointed out that TMDLs require that they reduce erosion. Morro Bay is infilling with sediment faster than it should be. Caltrans would be interested in the CRSMP effort because of the potential for SLR adaptation and infrastructure protection.

Steve pointed out that some of the issues go beyond the Santa Maria River. Consequently, should we consider expanding the scope of the CRSMP?

11:20 AM – Wrap-up. John indicated that we would be following up with a number of the attendees by phone and by email. He also emphasized that we need written commitments from local agencies and other partners before the state and federal government allocate additional resources going any further with the project. To this end, the CSMW would like to meet with County policy makers, say at a SLOCOG meeting.

11:30 AM – Meeting adjourned

List of Attendees for San Luis Obispo County CRSMP Workshop - 9/19/13

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