

**CSTF AQUATIC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**  
**MARCH 25, 2002**  
**10-12 POLA**

The March meeting of the CSTF Aquatic Subcommittee was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the offices of the Port of Los Angeles. The meeting attendees are presented on the attached sign in sheet. The two primary topics of discussion were to review the draft work plan for the CAD site long-term monitoring plan (LTMP) and to review the white paper on effects of resuspended sediments from dredging.

**Draft LTMP Work Plan Review** – Steve Cappellino of Anchor Environmental presented an overview of the work that has been completed thus far to prepare a draft work plan for the long-term CAD site monitoring. A meeting was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> to review the goals for the program and specific types of data that might be needed. From the information gathered at that meeting, a draft work plan was prepared and circulated for review. The group reviewed comments from several CSTF members and decided how to best modify the program. A summary of the major comments provided and results from the related discussions occurring at the current meeting are presented in the attached table. Other, mostly editorial related comments were received and will be incorporated into the next version of the work plan. The next step is to finalize the work plan so that SCCWRP can prepare an RFP for hiring a contractor to begin the work. The work plan should be finalized by mid-April.

**White Paper on Effects of Resuspended Sediments from Dredging** – Anchor Environmental staff prepared a white paper to summarize the literature that they had in hand related to effects of resuspended sediments from dredging projects. This was done to assist the CSTF in deciding if further research was needed to study dredging BMP effectiveness in the region. The white paper did not include much local data from port-sponsored monitoring events, instead focusing on studies conducted elsewhere.

The group spent approximately 45 minutes discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the white paper and concluded the following:

- All agreed that the paper was useful, but needed to be expanded.
- The majority of the data does not show significant effects at suspended solids concentrations typical of dredging events.
- A new study conducted in the Great Lakes actually shows chronic enhancement resulting from dredge material.
- The ports have significant amounts of local water quality monitoring data that need to be incorporated.
- More bioaccumulation discussion is needed. WES is conducting a new study to look at bioaccumulation in a laboratory setting that could be useful.
- Better understanding of spatial and temporal info is needed.

All agreed that the next steps would be for the document to be modified to address the above concerns and then resent to the entire CSTF for review and acceptance. The port

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representatives agreed to compile and bring with them to the next meeting lists of the monitoring data that could be added to white paper.

The next meeting was set for April 22 from 10-12 at the POLA