

**CSTF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DISTRICT OFFICE
12TH FLOOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
911 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CA
9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
APRIL 4, 2001**

ATTENDEES:

Jack Gregg (CCC), Maile Gee (CCC), Michael Lyons (RWQCB), Mark Gold (HTB), Mitzy Taggart (HTB), Steven John (USEPA), Dean Smith (LACO), Thomas Johnson (POLB), Steve Bay (SCCWRP), John Johnssen (HC), Kathryn Curtis (POLA), John Johnson (H/C), Burt Shephard (URS), Cynthia Erickson (URS), Lisa Hunt (URS), David Moore (MEC), Charles Dwyer (Corps), Jim Fields (Corps), Paul Johansen (POLA)

COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORTS

The Aquatics Committee progress report was given by Jim Fields. The aquatic capping project is scheduled to be on the May CCC agenda. The cement stabilization bench scale SOW is being prepared by Moffat Nichol and will be starting the project hopefully in the first part of May. Samples will be collected from Marina del Rey, the Ports and the LARE. The reagents proposed are cement, fly ash and kiln dust. A cement stabilization pilot project may be conducted pending results of the bench scale study. May be conducted on Port property with LARE dredged material collected during the capping project. The soil washing bench scale study will be conducted at the ERDC (formerly WES) facility. A literature search is currently being conducted to research use of air pressure, agitation, gravity washing techniques for chloride removal.

The Sediments Committee progress report was given by Steven John. The database project is on track and QA/QC has been started. The next Sediment Thresholds Committee meeting is scheduled for May 9th.

The Watershed Committee report was given by Michael Lyons. Law/Crandall has collected some stormwater samples for the study. The PAH data may be missing for some samples because the detection limits were set too high. Meeting on the LA SUSWMP rewrite was held at the RWQCB. Comments were that the RWQCB needed to add toxicity testing for the mixing zone at outlets (receiving water monitoring). The next meeting for the county permit rewrite will be April 9, 2001 at the RWQCB. The goal is to take the permit to the Board in July. Bacteria and nutrient TMDL's are due in December. Heal the Bay wants to add in bioassessment to tie monitoring to bioassemblages in freshwater.

The Upland Committee report was also given by Michael Lyons. A scope of work has been developed for the Marketing Survey. Comments are due by the end of the week. SCCWRP will develop the RFP.

The Implementation Subcommittee report was given by Maile Gee. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur in either the first or third week of May. Members are reviewing the consolidated dredging permit application and talking to their legal departments about how to adopt the use of the application in lieu of current dredging applications. Members are also reviewing the Interim Advisory Committee guidelines that establish the Dredged Materials

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Management Advisory Committee that will eventually replace the interim committee and will hopefully continue after the Strategy is adopted.

ACTA OFFSET PROJECT

The latest offset project proposed by ACTA is to dredge 50-60 cubic yards of material from the Port of LA (fish harbor). This work will be done in conjunction with one of the maintenance dredging projects. Heal the Bay would like to see Consolidated Slip dredged instead of Fish Harbor. The next meeting on the subject will be held on April 18, 2001 at the RWQCB.

COORDINATING WITH THE CORPS ON POLB LANDFILL PROJECTS

Steven John, Tom Johnson and Tony Risko lead discussions. Landfill opportunities may not be present during the Corps dredging cycles. POLB management is committed in principle to accept materials from Corps projects. POLB is projecting several million cubic yards of shortfall for fill materials. We need to get a schedule of the Port's landfill plans, but the Port's need to get funding of the projects approved before they can be sure of anything. Dredged materials from Marina del Rey and Ballona Creek projects will need to be placed somewhere. The Corps budget has been drastically cut, so no new projects will be started. It could take up to 10 years to complete the Ballona Creek work. The design work is being completed right now and should be available in December 2002. The Corps, Heal the Bay and LA County are meeting at the end of April to discuss the proposed sediment trap system, which will trap coarse-grained sediments prior to contamination with chlorides. Fine-grained sediments will still pass through, but the overall sediment volumes will be lower.

STRATEGY REPORT UPDATE

Maile Gee and Michael Lyons are currently working on an outline and preliminary draft of the Strategy. The draft will provide primarily background data as the data gaps studies are just getting started. A draft will be distributed for CSTF review prior to the Executive Committee meeting in July.

Next Task Force Meeting is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at POLA on May 22, 2001. The next Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 17, 2001.