

CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS TASK FORCE  
SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 15, 2002

Attendees:

J. Michael Lyons, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Jack Gregg/Maile Gee, California Coastal Commission  
Tom Johnson, Port of Long Beach  
Jim Fields/Kathy Anderson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Jessica Stoudenmore, City of Long Beach  
Paul Johansen, Port of Los Angeles  
Steven John, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Steve Bay, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project  
Steve Cappellino/Danielle Cappellino, Anchor Environmental  
Mark Gold, Heal the Bay  
Ying Poon, Everest Consultants  
Alan Alcorn, Moffatt & Nichol Engineers  
Cathy Beauregard-Court, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
George Piantka, Essentia Management

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements (Michael Lyons, Jack Gregg)

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. Following introductions, Jack announced that Maile Gee would be returning to work part-time for the Coastal Commission on CSTF issues.

Discussion Of Strategy Report And DMMP (Michael Lyons, Jack Gregg, Kathy Anderson)

Senate Bill 2088, which extends the CSTF's deadline for submittal of the long-term management plan to the legislature by two years (plan now due by January 1, 2005), was approved by the legislature and has now been signed by the governor. SB 2088 does not provide any funding for Coastal Commission or Regional Board staff activities during the two-year extension period. The Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach generously volunteered to contribute \$100,000 each to fund one staff person for each year for approximately one fiscal year. Michael reported that \$1 million has been spent on the Data Gaps contract to date. The contract ends in June 2003, but we need to spend the rest of the money by April 2003, including the funds available to complete the additional studies identified in the Anchor Sediment Resuspension White Paper. The group discussed the next report to the legislature on the status of the CSTF and decided to update the Strategic Report by March/April of 2003 and forward that to the legislature. It was acknowledged that the Report would not be complete, but would show the extent of CSTF progress to date. Kathy Anderson reported that the Federal Cost Sharing Agreement has been signed and that the Corps has requested the funds to begin the F3 - Existing Conditions Report. The group agreed that a meeting of the Implementation Committee should occur in November to coordinate the schedules of the CSTF Strategy Report and the Corps' Dredged Material Management Plan.

Public Workshop – November Coastal Commission Meeting (Jack Gregg)

The group discussed the scheduling and decided to move the public workshop to the next Los Angeles area CCC meeting in January 2003. This year's November meeting was scheduled for San Diego rather than Los Angeles. Speakers and an agenda need to be identified for the January Workshop.

Consolidated Slip Activities Update (Michael Lyons)

The CSTF agreed to fund additional sediment sampling in Consolidated Slip and Dominguez Channel Watershed up to a maximum of \$200,000 to supplement the EPA sampling program to verify levels of DDT remaining in the waterways. We added deep cores within Consolidated Slip, as well as additional stations and additional analytical parameters (trace metals and other organics). Samples were collected in October 2002 by CH2M-Hill and the data should be available for review by the end of the year. AMEC collected fish from Consolidated Slip in October for tissue analyses; this work is being funded by Port of Los Angeles.

At this time, EPA does not anticipate cleaning up Consolidated Slip sediments. However, the Los Angeles Regional Board plans to move forward with a clean-up plan. State Board approved the expenditure of \$2.5 million from the State Cleanup and Abatement Account for this purpose. The Regional Board sent out "13267 letters", requiring current and past permit holders with discharges to the Dominguez Channel to submit information regarding the nature and volume of these discharges. This information will be evaluated to guide cost recovery from potential responsible parties.

#### Subcommittee Progress Reports

*Aquatic Disposal and Dredging Operations Subcommittee (Jim Fields):* The pilot projects have been completed and a draft summary report with four appendices is being completed. Report will be presented at a meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the Corps will send out the Executive Summary 1 week prior to the meeting. The report will be available on CD at the meeting. Long-term monitoring is to start this week, including hydrographic survey and the first cores. CRG will be the analytical laboratory and Furgro-McLellan will be the hydro consultant. Funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> year looks good for the long-term monitoring. The Anchor Environmental Sediment Resuspension White Paper is out and comments will be discussed on November 12<sup>th</sup> after the Pilot Studies Report. Straw-man recommendations will be sent out 1 week prior to the meeting. The CSTF needs to coordinate with the Port of Long Beach on their upcoming projects to conduct studies of Best Management Practices as recommended in the White Paper.

*Sediment Thresholds Subcommittee (Steven John):* This subcommittee met last week regarding the database that is largely complete. It will be ready for posting on websites in early November. The question remains to be answered as to how much interaction with the database public users should be granted at this stage. We still need resolution on the long-term management of the database, which must be decided by the Management Committee. The analyses of the Sediment Quality Guidelines will be available in 2003 for the Strategy. Final recommendations are due in March 2003. Discussion of the implementation of the Sediment Quality Guidelines needs to be started. A preliminary report of the Analyses will be available on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002.

*Upland Disposal and Beneficial Re-Use (Michael Lyons):* Geosyntec is finalizing the Beneficial Reuse Alternatives Report, which should be available in approximately 3 weeks (late Nov./early Dec.).

*Watershed Management and Source Reduction (Michael Lyons):* There are currently six priority studies underway. The watershed data is being entered into the database. Another meeting is needed soon to discuss the progress of the studies and the database.

*Implementation Subcommittee (Jack Gregg):* The Consolidated Dredging Permit has been approved by the CCC, the RWQCB and the EPA. Ralph Appy has finalized the Advisory Committee Guidelines for review. The use of the NEIBP as a potential CAD site will be revisited after the beginning of the year. A meeting will be held by year-end to revise the DMMP and CSTF Strategy production schedule.

#### Next Meeting

We will meet next on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Prior to this meeting we need to identify speakers and agenda for January Workshop.