

**CSTF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
PORT OF LOS ANGELES
425 SOUTH PALOS VERDES
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 16, 2001**

**SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2001 AT PORT OF LOS ANGELES, SAN PEDRO**

ATTENDEES:

Dennis Dickerson (LARWQCB), Jaime Kooser, (CCC), Steven John (EPA), Jim Fields (USACE), Mo Chang (USACE), Jessica Morton (CCC), Paul Johansen (Port of LA), Kathryn Curtis (Port of LA), Tom Johnson (Port of Long Beach), Rick Cameron (Port of Long Beach), Dean Smith (LA County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors), Guang-yu Wang (SMBRP), Steve Bay (SCCWRP), Mitzy Taggart (Heal the Bay), Cassandra Rutherford (LA County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors), Steve Cappellino (Anchor Environmental), George Piantka (URS), David Walsh (Port of LA), Carlos Baldenegro (Port of LA).

WELCOME:

Jaime Kooser welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORTS:

Aquatic Subcommittee: Pilot Projects

Aquatic Capping - The disposal of contaminated sediments from Los Angeles River Estuary (LARE) into North Energy Island Borrow Pit has been completed. 103,000 m³ were placed in the pit, and all monitoring of dredging and disposal was completed, despite an accelerated schedule from eight weeks to two and a half weeks. The data are still being analyzed, although preliminary results show no agreed upon tolerances were exceeded. The data will be tied into a GIS database being created. Capping of the contaminated sediment began in October and some has already been completed. The cap will amount to approximately 60,000 m³ of clean material once completed and will take about two weeks to complete. During that time monitoring will take place by MECAnalytical. The long-term monitoring of the site has still not been resolved and will require input from the CSTF.

Cement Stabilization – The mixing of the contaminated sediments with the binders has been completed and is currently undergoing compaction. Density measurements are also being done, and the material is at least 80% fines (silt). Four test batches were mixed; one of 2% cement, one of 6% cement, one of 2% cement plus 4% fly ash, and one of 2% cement, 2% fly ash. The 2% cement batch was originally planned to be 4%, but the material was too dry and dust was a problem when they mixed in the powdered cement. This batch will most likely prove to be an example of what happens if not enough binder is used. The 2% fly ash/2% cement mixture was also not compacting, it was still too rubbery. Completion of the project is anticipated the week after next. The pads of binded sediments will probably be left in place at the Anchorage Road site if they are not in the way, although the area will need to be graded to a smooth level. Laboratory results are expected by the middle of December.

Sediment Blending – This is largely a paper study, and draft outline have been submitted. Some information was provided by the Port of Long Beach. The studies are expected to

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be completed by the end of the year, and then pulled into a larger report being prepared by Anchor Environmental. The type of information in the report includes characterization of landfills and what types of materials are optimal for disposal in the landfills. Also being examined is how the types of materials we will be producing from dredging projects in the LA region will be accepted by these landfills and how much it will cost to get our dredge material to the quality being accepted by landfills.

Sediment Washing – The chloride rinsing has been going slowly because the LARE sediments used in the column leach test have a high silt content. Preliminary results suggest that a pulse flow rate method will work best, where water is flushed through the sediments, then the chloride is allowed to diffuse into the pore water, and then the sediments are flushed again, rinsing out the chlorides. The testing is anticipated to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Sediment Threshold Subcommittee – The sediment quality guideline database by EVS is completed and should be on the way to SCCWRP. It has been designed for three levels of integration: the first level has no integration among the different types of data, the second has integration at some levels, and the third has integration of all data. These different levels will allow for different uses and users, depending on their needs. The database will come with documentation, including a technical database manager's manual as well as a user-friendly manual. Next meeting (October 30, 12:30-30 at POLA) issues surrounding the use of the database will be discussed. The two questions brought up are: 1) can these numbers be used for decision making and 2) whether to proceed with just the analyses necessary for CSTF or to talk with and incorporate the needs of other interested parties, particularly watershed groups. Paul Johansen pointed out that these stakeholders are different from CSTF stakeholders and we might need to broaden our focus to accommodate them. Mitzy Taggart questioned whether there was actually enough data to address all the needs of the different potential users. Steve Bay said that we really don't know enough about the data right now to make that kind of assessment. Dennis Dickerson and Jaime Kooser pointed out that the state budget is anticipating cuts and that we are already behind schedule, and should probably focus on getting our work done. A discussion with Michael Lyons present will take place on the subject when he returns from vacation, possibly on October 30 at the Sediment Threshold Subcommittee meeting.

Upland Disposal/Beneficial Re-Use – Steve Bay reported that the RFP for the marketing survey on beneficial re-use has been posted and nine Letters of Interest have been received. SCCWRP is the contracting agency and held a Request of Proposal Conference to discuss this bid and document at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at SCCWRP's office in Westminster. A Response to Bidder's Questions has been posted on the CSTF website (<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/sediment/sdindex.html>). Mitzy Taggart of Heal the Bay, Kathy Anderson or Josh Burnam of the Corps, Steve Bay of SCCWRP, Michael Lyons of LARWQCB, and Jessica Morton of the California Coastal Commission are on the review committee for proposals.

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Watershed Management/Source Reduction – The issue of local watershed group activities and any potential CSTF involvement or overlap of interests was raised. The topic was brought up during the discussion of potential interested parties in the sediment quality guidelines database, but it became apparent through various CSTF members who also participate in watershed group activities (Guang-yu Wang is on the Board of the Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force, Rick Cameron is attending Dominguez Channel Watershed Advisory Council meetings) that there might be other areas of interest. The need to discuss how CSTF should interact and outreach to the watershed groups was identified. It has been a while since a Watershed meeting has taken place, so this is a topic of conversation for the next one, which will be scheduled soon.

Implementation Subcommittee – Comments on the Interim Advisory Guidelines and Consolidated Dredge Information Form (formerly called Permit Application) have been discussed and incorporated. The Information Form will likely be accepted by the Coastal Commission as a coastal development permit and a federal consistency determination/certification, as well as a Waste Discharge Requirement by the LARWQCB, and a dredging permit by the Corps and the Ports of LA and Long Beach.

MARINA DEL REY CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS TMDL

The Marina del Rey Contaminated Sediment TMDL meeting was held October 11, hosted by Sharon Lin of EPA. They are just initiating their study, and will be working in conjunction with LARWQCB to complete the TMDL by March 2004. Currently they have done some preliminary data gathering which suggests conflicting results (some testing showed no PCBs, other testing showed high levels). More sampling will likely be necessary. They are looking to gather all available data for the Marina del Rey area, and since the Ballona Creek Contaminated Sediment TMDL is also scheduled for completion in 2005, they will try and work on them together.

2001 ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The 2001 CSTF Annual Public Workshop is tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the Coastal Commission Public Workshop in Los Angeles on November 13. It will likely be earlier in the morning, although a final time and date have not yet been confirmed. The CSTF will have about an hour to present. The Corps (most likely Kathy Anderson) will give a presentation on the Pilot Projects, CCC, LARWQCB, and Heal the Bay will also likely present.

SUPERFUND ACTIVITIES AND THE MONTROSE SETTLEMENTS RESTORATION PROGRAM:

The Montrose Settlements Restoration Program has received \$140 million from Montrose Chemical Corporation et al. as part of a settlement for injuries due to the release of DDTs and PCBs into Southern California waters. Approximately \$30 million has been set aside

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for restoration of natural resources. EPA currently is soliciting suggestions for how to spend the funds obtained from settlement of the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund site case. Steven John mentioned he would contact the EPA representative to present to the CSTF, perhaps at the January Executive Committee meeting.

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project's Technical Advisory Committee is having a special meeting to discuss the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program with EPA Superfund staff. Members of the CSTF are invited to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

Third Progress Report – The Report has been drafted and is currently under review at CCC. It will be sent out to Management Committee members shortly for review.
Corps Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement – The Agreement will go to the local sponsors to be signed in the near future.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2001, 10 am to noon, at the Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro.