



**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2002
10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
PORT OF LOS ANGELES**

Attendees

Jack Gregg and Jessica Morton, (CCC), Michael Lyons (LARWQCB), Jim Fields and Keith Ayers (USACE), Paul Johansen and Kathryn Curtis (Port of LA), Steve Bay (SCCWRP), Steve Cappelino and Sharon Snider (Anchor Environmental).

Subcommittee Progress Reports

Aquatic Subcommittee: Pilot Projects – The consultants are working on the pilot project report. The draft outline was sent out and comments received. Tom Wang of Anchor Environmental will be putting together a response to comments to address all questions not incorporated into the revised draft outline. There have also been some delays with the labs on the post construction data, so the estimated date for a draft of the report is sometime in the first part of May. Preliminary visual reports from the post construction monitoring with the sample cores that were taken indicate that there might be substantial mixing between the interface of the cap and contaminated material, as it was visually difficult to differentiate. Labs results will be required to confirm. It also appears some consolidation occurred during coring with vibracores in the cap material. An SPI camera survey was conducted to look at the outer edges of the cap to check the coverage and grab samples were taken to analyze for the tracer that was used during placement of the contaminated material.

The need to develop a detailed long-term monitoring plan for the cap was identified at this point, and prior to next meeting information will be sent out on the existing program with the intention to discuss it at the next meeting. The budget will need to be determined, it is suggested that CSTF will pay for the first two years and additional funding, possibly from the Corps, will be sought for the third year and beyond. The proposed schedule for the long-term monitoring plan includes a draft plan by the end of March, with a Request for Proposals out in May, and monitoring to occur from June to August.

Turbidity and resuspension issues in association with dredging will also need to be discussed in order to determine if we need to conduct more studies for the long-term management plan. Tom Wang has prepared a white paper that looks at these issues. This will be available within the week for review and further discussion.

Sediment Threshold Subcommittee – The last Sediment subcommittee meeting gave an update on the database. Issues still needing resolution include completing statistics on toxicity data and completing the dredge fate information table. Some information has been received but the table

is still incomplete. The data being submitted have also not been linked to studies in the database and some work is needed to match existing information with the new data.

The Sediment Quality Guidelines (SQG) project is being put together by Steve Bay of Southern California Coastal Waters Research Project (SCCWRP). A Technical Advisory Committee is being formed, with the following proposed members: Chris Ingersoll (USGS), Ed Long (ERL Environmental, formerly of NOAA), Walter Berry (EPA), Todd Bridges (US Army Corps), and Stephanie Sterling or Dave Kendall (Puget Sound/PISDA). These members will be coordinated in the next two weeks. The steps for proceeding with the SQG project include: 1) getting feedback on the database, 2) moving forward with the dredge fate information table, 3) improving the querying capabilities of the database interface (Peggy Myre from EVS will be in attendance at the next meeting to facilitate), and 4) analyzing the database to determine what data are available to work on for the SQGs. Peggy Myre will also be working on the User Manuals for the database, and they should be available by the end of May. An RFP for the SQG project is anticipated to be necessary sometime in March after the above are completed.

Upland Disposal – This subcommittee has been established as appropriate for discussions on the market survey for beneficial reuse currently being conducted by GeoSyntec. At the last meeting they presented a progress report and got feedback on the appropriateness and feasibility of their approach. The next phase will be a presentation of a draft version of their report. Their approach so far has focused primarily on the market for treated contaminated sediments, and is looking at four different pathways for entering the market; soil brokering, landfills, products (fill, aggregate, topsoil) and projects (brownfields, pits, mines). Some key problems identified include the liability associated with the contaminated sediments if it enters into a free market (the cradle to grave responsibility of the generator) and the classification of the material as ‘waste’. The possibility of having the material classified as a ‘beneficial reuse’ material, and the example of reclaimed water and the market failure because of regulatory constraints was also discussed.

Watershed – A Total Maximum Daily Loading (TMDL) progress report was given by the Regional Board at the last meeting. Several waterbodies of CSTF concern are listed as impaired for sediments by the Regional Board under Section 303 (d) of the Clean Water Act, including Marina del Rey, the LA River Estuary, and Dominguez Channel. The potential for linking up with the TMDL process was discussed, although they are on a different time schedule, with a consent decree with environmental groups over the next several years. TMDLs for most of San Pedro Bay are not due until 2004, which gives plenty of time for interested parties to participate fully in the process.

A land use model on Dominguez Channel that will parallel a model being developed by SCCWRP for the Los Angeles River is being funded by some members of the CSTF, and others (Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, SCCWRP, the Regional Board, and WSPA). At the next meeting on February 27 Ken Schiff from SCCWRP will be present and a discussion on the stormwater quality database will take place.

Implementation – A final version of the draft Annual Report was submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. With their approval and a signed cover letter, it will go be published and go to the Legislature and Governor. The Master Dredging Permit Application and Instructions, along with the Advisory Committee Guidelines, have been revised and are ready to be used in a trial run by an applicant.

Data Gap Studies

The deadline for using CSTF funds for any projects is in March 2003. At the next Management meeting the subcommittees will present status reports identifying any more studies or issues they

feel that need to be investigated for the long-term management study. Accounting for past expenditures and projected plans will also be presented. So far studies that still need to be initiated include the investigation of turbidity and resuspension issues, the stormwater quality database, and the long-term monitoring for the CAD site.

US Army Corps Ballona Creek Activities

The Corps has made some preliminary site identifications for sediment traps/debris basins in Ballona Creek as part of their effort to reduce the shoaling at the mouth of the Creek and the Marina del Rey navigational channel. Final sites have not been selected and are under investigation.

Consolidated Slip

A CSTF Advisory Committee meeting will take place on February 20 to discuss moving forward with addressing the clean up of Consolidated Slip. This site is generally regarded as one of the most contaminated in the Port of Los Angeles, and clean up has been held up for several years while it was involved in litigation with the EPA and Montrose Chemical Corporation. A settlement was reached, and funds for the clean up are currently being identified. So far approximately \$425,000.00 is available from a settlement with Equilon, and another \$450,000.00 has been identified from the EPA. It appears that there is further need for characterization of the extent and magnitude of the contamination, and historical data are being gathered.

US Army Corps Dredged Material Management Plan Feasibility Study Update

The Corps is still waiting from signatures from the City of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles. Without these signatures no funds will be released to begin work, and if the signatures are not obtained, a delay of several months is anticipated to rewrite the PMP so that they could go ahead with the work with just the County of Los Angeles as a signatory agency.

Closing

The next meeting is April 23. Subcommittees will present status reports on any remaining issues that need to be addressed in the coming year.