



**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2003 10:00 AM TO 3:00PM
Port Of Los Angeles, Main Building
425 S. Palos Verdes St.**

Meeting Notes - Consensus and Action Items
(Consensus items in italics, Action items underlined)

AGENDA

I. Welcome & Introductions 10:00-10:20 am

- * Review agenda
- * Review "expectations"

II. Ground Rules 10:20-10:30 am

- * Facilitated dialogue
- * Desired outcome - consensus on Ground Rules

III Goal and Purpose 10:30-10:50 am

- * Facilitated dialogue
- * Desired outcome - consensus on Goal and Purpose

IV Topics 10:50-11:20 am

- * Facilitated dialogue
- * Desired outcome - consensus on list of topics/issues and general schedule

V Process to address Issues 11:20-11:45 am

- * Facilitated dialogue
- * Desired outcome - consensus on steps and needs to address topics/issues

Lunch Break- 11:45-12:45

VI Presentations

A. Cement Stabilization/Beneficial Reuse 12:45-2:00 pm Michael Lyons

- * Presentation (15 minutes)
- * Clarifying questions
- * Facilitated dialogue
- * Desired outcome - Common understanding of efforts to date, identification of issues/concerns and input on whether this alternative is realistic for LA Region

B. Effects of Resuspended Sediment from Dredging Operations 2:00-2:45 pm

Steve Cappellino

- * Presentation (15 minutes)
- * Clarifying questions
- * Facilitated dialogue
- * Desired outcome - Common understanding of efforts to date, identification of issues/concerns and input on next steps.

VII Wrap Up 2:45- 3:00 pm Harry

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- * Review consensus and action items
- * Identify next steps (e.g., meeting frequency and duration)
- * Meeting evaluation

I. Introduction

Initial Expectations of the Participants

- Learn as much as possible –
- Understanding of framework for next 6 months.
- L.A. DMMP and CSTF strategy – understand how they tie together.
- See range of opinions on direction of strategy.
- Where are conflicts?
- Need representation by environment groups and participation
- Open and frank discussion - reveal agendas or goals?
- Outline decision-making strategy.
- Identify areas of consensus.
- Direction on pilot project outcomes.

II. Ground Rules

Consensus was reached on the following:

Ground Rules

- *Raise hand to be recognized*
- *Focus on the issues, not personalities*
- *Focus on future, not past*
- *Everyone contributes, no one dominates*
- *Respect other views*
- *Be constructive (be prepared)*
- *Use consensus approach*

III. Goal and Purpose

Consensus was reached on the following:

Goal

The goal of this Task Force is to develop a long-term management strategy for the dredging and disposal of contaminated sediments found in coastal waters of Los Angeles County.

Purpose (of facilitated Management Committee Meetings) WORKING DRAFT

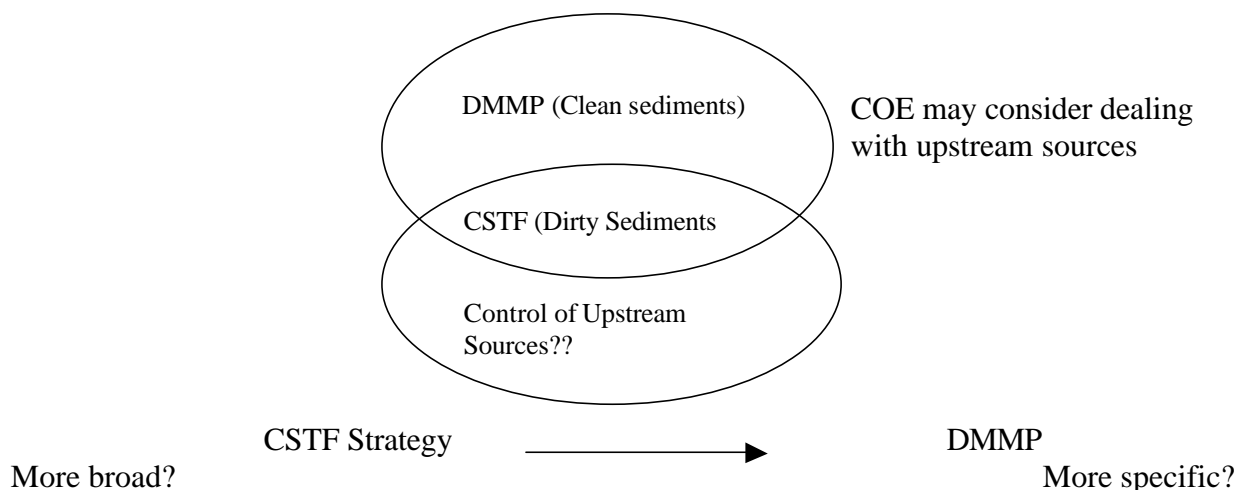
*To collaboratively identify and review key topics and issues (including source control).
To reach consensus on a range of acceptable* disposal or reuse alternatives for the LA Region and determine factors to be considered for making decisions for specific contaminated sediment removal projects and to determine the content of the draft strategy..*

** Acceptable needs to be defined.*

The Concept of adding objectives was proposed and consensus reached on the following:

OBJECTIVES

- *Support watershed management for dealing with upstream sources*
- *Promote Beneficial Reuse of contaminated sediments*
- *Coordinate effectively with DMMP (see graphic below)*
- *Address economic and environmental concerns*
- *Streamline regulatory process*
- *Unified multi-agency policies i.e.for determining Not suitable*
- *Evaluate sediment quality guidelines and their use.*
- *Make broad/general recommendations on source control and other regulatory programs based on sediment quality (at sink) i.e. use of database*
- *Promote multi-user disposal sites (regional)*



IV Topics

Topics for Future Management Committee Meetings – Consensus Reached On Broad Topics.

- *Pilot Project and Market Survey Results Discussion*
- *Sediment and Stormwater Database – What does it tell us? (Source Control)*
- *Use of Local Sediment Quality Guidelines*
- *Is CAD Alternative acceptable? (Use of CAD Monitoring Results)*
- *Decisions on Use of Various Dredging Disposal Alternatives in the LA Region*
- *Environmental Controls on Dredging Operations*
- *Balancing Beneficial Reuse and Disposal of Dredged Material*
- *Framework for Strategy*
- *Streamlining Regulatory Process*

Action-All Participants – Provide comments on list of topics-how to frame as issues and the sequencing of those issues – send comments to Jack within 2 weeks (March 11).

In addition the following concept was proposed (to be revisited at next meeting)

A Proposed Concept for the CSTF Strategy

- Develop a Toolbox of Alternatives that are feasible or “pre-approved”
- Develop an Approach/Framework for making decisions

V. Process for Addressing Topics/Issues

Consensus was reached on the following:

- *Explain/frame topic and issues*
- *Provide information to participants in advance*
- *“Issue Paper” format*
 - *Background*
 - *Options – (pro’s and con’s)*
 - *Unresolved issues*
 - *Relationship to strategy – where does it fit in.*
- Provide opportunity to identify and comment on other issues before meeting (by email?), (Consensus not achieved)
- *Invite key parties to specific “topic” meetings.*
- *Use subcommittees to help frame issues or to provide factual presentations and action items on issues.*

In addition the group focused on Environment Group [and Resource Agency] Participation.

Questions

- What are incentives for them?
- Focus on Heal the Bay or other environment groups?
- Resource constraint or “position” – avoid being co-opted?

Options for the CSTF Management Committee:

1. Proceed without environmental groups and provide future opportunity to comment
2. Emphasize “opportunity” and how can we address your concerns?
 - Focus on “Heal the Bay” and Resource Agencies.
3. Provide Incentives [?]
4. Pay for attendance? (No Consensus – Revisit later, COE can pay for resource agencies but not environmental groups)
5. Emphasize – participation is “non-binding”

Factors:

- Effective?
- Timely?
- Add to credibility of effort

Action Item - Jack will draft letter to “Heal the Bay” and resource agencies incorporating 2, 4, 5 and either signed by, all of Executive agencies or EPA.

VI. Presentations

A. Issue Paper on Cement Stabilization/Beneficial Reuse -Michael Lyons

Issue paper and handout

Unresolved Issues

1. Given the relatively high cost of cement stabilization, would any of the agencies that currently perform dredging be likely to adopt this disposal alternative (e.g., Port of Los Angeles, Port of Long Beach or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)?
 - -Suggested answer –No Consensus reached: Cement stabilization may be economically feasible under some circumstances in the L.A. area especially is sold for beneficial reuse or to avoid a more costly alternative.
2. Would the regulatory agencies allow unrestricted use of cement-stabilized sediment, which would facilitate sale for re-use in the soil broker market?
 - Regulatory agencies may be able to consider broad “restricted” use if
 - defined use
 - don’t know testing criteria are developed
 - approved handling site
3. Do we need to acquire land (or barges) for a temporary or permanent treatment facility, and can we afford this?
4. Are the costs for monitoring feasible?
 - Don’t know. Long-term monitoring will add to costs.
5. Are typical contaminated sediments in the Los Angeles region amenable to this type of cement stabilization?
 - L.A. material is generally suitable by “cement stabilization” with some exceptions, i.e. organics
6. Is stabilization reversible in long-term, especially under load?
 - Don’t know. Corps (?) will investigate information from other long-term cement stabilization projects.
7. How many companies can provide cement stabilization services?
 - Port and Corps staff seemed to think that many companies could provide cement stabilization services, but that the mixing equipment would need to be obtained.
8. What if the sediments have high levels of organic contaminants?

Next steps for cement stabilization:

1. Consider the opportunity to use cement stabilization when COE dredges L.A. River and Marina Del Rey for intended use in Port fill. – for now include as recommendation in strategy.
2. Look at stability and monitoring (long term) concerns and how they were addressed in other parts of the county.

Action – COE will follow-up on stability and monitoring (long term) concerns and how they were addressed in other parts of the country in DMMP.

B. Issue Paper on Effects of Resuspended Sediments – Steve Cappelino

Steve presented a detailed presentation to aquatic subcommittee 2 weeks ago, so this was a quick summary of that presentation.

- The paper summarized all data nationally and locally
- Found suspended solids near dredging operations ranged from 50 to 150 milligrams per liter nationally
- Local data shows a smaller range of suspended solids data
- Looked at specific local studies on effects.

Conclusion – typical suspended solids levels near dredging operations are orders of magnitude less than levels of concern and most of the data is within range of background suspended solids levels.

Action Items -

Steve Cappellino and Jack Gregg - Put study of the effects of resuspended sediments [and the power point presentation?] on CSTF website..

All - Revisit this issue at March meeting.

VII. Wrap up

Topics for March 25, 2003 Management Committee Meeting

- *Framework for Strategy & Coordination with the DMMP*
- *Pilot Projects (?) Marketing (?)*
- *? Revisit Resuspension*

Participants:

J. Michael Lyons, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Jack Gregg, California Coastal Commission

Tom Johnson, Port of Long Beach

Jim Fields/Kathy Anderson/Mo Chang, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Jessica Stoudenmore, City of Long Beach

Paul Johansen/Kathryn Curtis/John Foxworthy, Port of Los Angeles

Steven John, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Steve Bay, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

Steve Cappellino/Tom Schadt, Anchor Environmental

Ying Poon, Everest Consultants

Omer Kadaster, Brown and Caldwell