

**CSTF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
PORT OF LOS ANGELES
425 SOUTH PALOS VERDES
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001**

**SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2001 AT PORT OF LOS ANGELES, SAN PEDRO**

ATTENDEES:

Tom Johnson (POLB), Rick Cameron (POLB), Kathy Anderson (Corps), Steve Cappellino (Anchor), Josh Burnam (Corps – Regulatory), Steven John (EPA), Jessica Morton (CCC), Mitzy Taggart (Heal the Bay), Jim Fields (Corps), Ross Boudreau (Moffatt and Nichols), David Moore (MEC), Nick Buhbe (AMEC), Barry Snyder (AMEC), Leo Rebele (Hart Crowser), Ralph Appy (POLA), Kathryn Curtis (POLA), Cassandra Rutherford (LA County), Dean Smith (LA County DBH), George Piantka (URS).

WELCOME:

Michael Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jack Gregg introduced the Coastal Commission's new task force coordinator, Jessica Morton.

SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORTS:

Aquatic Disposal/Dredging Operations – Jim Fields reported on the four contaminated sediment pilot projects the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on with the CSTF.

- 1) CAD - The Confined Aquatic Disposal site at the North Energy Island Borrow Pit has received 103,000 m³ of contaminated material from the Los Angeles River Estuary. The contaminated material is currently undergoing consolidation and after some smoothing (there is some surface variation of less than one meter) will be capped with an even layer of clean capping material. The date for capping is estimated to be in late October/early November. CSTF funds will be used to conduct long-term monitoring for the first two years, and the Corps will seek funding for Year 3 monitoring. We need to develop a scope of work and issue an RFP for this task, probably by spring 2002. Although monitoring will continue for several years, we expect to evaluate the project after 3 years to determine whether the confined aquatic disposal pilot project could be termed a success. MEC Analytical conducted the monitoring during disposal of the sediment, condensing a planned 8-week sampling program into 3 weeks, due to the rapid completion of dredging by Manson. David Moore reported on their efforts. All physical information has been collected and analyzed for quality and they are waiting on the results of the chemistry tests. Data will then be submitted to Sanders and Associates for placement in the GIS database being developed. Anchor Environmental will be analyzing the data for the Task Force. A sediment profile imaging survey was also conducted at the site to determine the vertical profile of the sediment.
- 2) Cement stabilization – The site for the test was changed to Anchorage Road, due to cost and scheduling constraints associated with using the Port of Long Beach site. Rather than using material dredged from the Los Angeles River Estuary, as originally proposed, dredged material is being used from the Port of Los Angeles' maintenance dredging storage facility at Anchorage Road. The pilot project is underway, as debris has been sorted out of the sediments and material has been separated into four containment cells of 850m³ each for mixing with different concentrations of binder material. The different treatments are: two cells will be mixed with

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just cement at concentrations of 4% and 6%; two cells will be mixed with fly ash and cement at concentrations of 2% cement and 4% fly ash, 2% cement and 2% fly ash. The contaminated material will be mixed with the binders the first week of October and after 28 days for compaction, will undergo final testing.

- 3) Sediment washing – Tests are still being conducted by ERDC (formerly Waterways Experimental Station). Expected end date is the end of September. Two trial tests are being performed; passive washing (a diked facility containing contaminated sediments is flooded with water and drained); filter press and agitation (centrifugation).
- 4) Sediment blending – Meetings were held with Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach staff to refine the scope of the project. The literature survey is underway, and an outline has been drafted by Anchor Environmental L.L.C.

Upland Disposal/Beneficial Re-Use – Michael Lyons reported that draft RFP for the marketing survey on beneficial re-use has been sent out for review (comments were due September 18). SCCWRP is the contracting agency and will be holding 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. Mitzy Taggart of Heal the Bay, Kathy Anderson or Josh Burnam of the Corps, Steve Bay of SCCWRP, Michael Lyons, and Jessica Morton of the California Coastal Commission are on the review committee for proposals.

Watershed Management/Source Reduction – Ken Schiff of SCCWRP presented a description of the stormwater sampling plan at the July CSTF Executive meeting. The study is about two-thirds complete, with 300 samples collected, sampling eight different land uses. The additional necessary sampling will occur during the 2001-2002 winter season. Ken Schiff will provide an initial report for review by the subcommittee in October/November. The Dominguez Channel Watershed Advisory Committee has held several meetings, which are attended by some members of the Task Force. One focus of the DCWAC is to develop TMDLs for metals, which could conflict with Task Force efforts to develop sediment quality objectives. We should strive for a closer interaction between the CSTF and DCWAC.

Sediment Thresholds – The Sediment Thresholds subcommittee meeting of September 12 was canceled due to security measures after the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington DC. Steven John reported that approximately 80% of the highest priority sediment quality data have been incorporated by EVS into an electronic database and they are currently working on incorporating other electronic databases into theirs. The next issue is how to use the database to develop sediment quality guidelines, which will be discussed at the September 25th subcommittee meeting.

Implementation – Jack Gregg reported that the dredging permit application form and advisory committee guidelines have received comments from reviewers and these are currently being added. Final drafts will be submitted to members of the CSTF Management committee when completed. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

THIRD PROGRESS REPORT:

The third progress report is currently being drafted, covering the accomplishments of the CSTF during 2000 and 2001. A tentative "List of Accomplishments" will be forwarded to the Management committee for review. A draft Report will be available by mid-December 2001 for review prior to the January 2002 Executive committee meeting.

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2001 ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The 2001 CSTF Annual Public Workshop is scheduled in conjunction with the Coastal Commission Public Workshop in Los Angeles on November 13. It was suggested that the City of Long Beach participate in the presentation for the Commission. Further discussion of presentations will take place at the next Management committee meeting in October.

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 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. EPA also has designated Consolidated Slip (part of Dominguez Channel) as a Superfund site, due to DDT contamination from stormwater runoff from the Montrose Chemical Corporation site in Torrance. Ralph Appy, Port of LA, plans to write a letter to EPA asking them to consider cleanup of Consolidated Slip under the Settlements Restoration Program. David Moore mentioned that the Remediation Technology Development Forum is looking for a demonstration site to test innovative cleanup methods, so the Task Force might be able to partner with them to conduct a cleanup of Consolidated Slip. The Los Angeles Regional Board has \$400,000 available from settlement of an enforcement action that has been targeted for use in such a cleanup. The Regional Board also might be able to request funds from the State Cleanup and Abatement Account to help fund this activity. The CSTF will work closely with EPA to move forward with a cleanup project.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2001, 10 am to noon, at the Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro.