

Notes for October 28, 2020
Southern California Dredged Material Management Team (SC-DMMT) Meeting
US Army Corps of Engineers - Los Angeles District (2 Pages)

Attendance (WebEx):

Stephen Estes (Corps Regulatory)
Emma Ross (Corps Regulatory)
Robert Smith (Corps Regulatory)
Kayla Toy (Corps Regulatory)
Amanda Wagner (Corps Regulatory)
Toni Nino (Corps Regulatory)
Larry Smith (Corps Planning)
Gabrielle Dodson (Corps Planning)
Kirk Brus (Corps Planning)
Kym Howo (Corps Planning)
Melissa Scianni (USEPA Region 9)
Bryant Chesney (NOAA)
Emily Duncan (RWQCB Region 4)
Shelly Anghera (Moffatt & Nichol)
Kim Garvey (Moffatt & Nichol)
Keven Wasylyshyn (Eagle Rock Aggregate)

Announcements:

Larry Smith (Corps Planning): Dredging at Channel Island Harbor has commenced.

Eagle Rock Facility Berth D44 Maintenance Dredging Project

Presenter: Shelly Anghera, Moffatt & Nichol

Overview: Eagle Rock Aggregates is proposing to complete maintenance dredging of the east portion of Port of Long Beach Berth D44.

- Field activity was conducted in March 2020
- The proposed project site is in Channel 3 in POLB (private property). Two large dolphins berth there and offload aggregate onto land. Last year Eagle Rock had to light load to get the bow about.
- The area was last dredged in 2013. Approximately 6,000 cy were dredged and placed into Middle Harbor.
- Currently it would require dredging of 1,100 cy to get to -44 MLLW. The advanced maintenance area would require dredging of 800 cy to get to -46 MLLW.
- 3 samples were taken in the dredge area, 2 samples in the advanced dredging area, and 2 samples outside in the knockdown area.
- All metals were under an ERM value, except for mercury (D44-G1).
- DDE also had occurrence above an Erm in D44-DA and D44-G1.

- During biological testing, amphipod had a toxic response so the rest of the testing was not completed. Based on the toxicity, the dredge material is not suitable for unconfined disposal (like the WASSS).
- As such, the proposed plan would be to conduct knockdown dredging to bring elevations to -44 MLLW and -46 MLLW.

Questions & Comments (paraphrased):

1. Unknown Caller: What methodology are you looking at?
 - a. Shelly Anghera: Have not decided that yet, but looking at an excavator.
2. Emily Duncan, RWQCB: What is the timeline for knockdown?
 - a. Shelly Anghera: As soon as possible.
3. Bryant Chesney, NOAA Fisheries: concerned about WASSS but not using WASSS so no longer concerned.
4. Carol Roberts, USFWS (comment provided via email): Given the recommendation to limit the activity to knock-down dredging, I have no comments on this proposal. I do, however, look forward to the opportunity to consider a broader solution to disposal of contaminated sediments for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and beyond in the Southern California region.

Suitability Determinations:

1. Melissa Scianni, USEPA: Agree that it is not suitable for WASSS, no objections for knockdown here, similar to adjacent area.
2. Emily Duncan, RWQCB: Request pre-filing meeting to move forward.