Notes for May 26, 2021

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)

Lisa Mangione (Corps Regulatory)

Larry Smith (Corps Planning)

Kirk Brus (Corps Planning)

Gabrielle Dodson (Corps Planning)

Kym Howo (Corps Planning)

John Goertz (Corps Coastal)

Allan Ota (USEPA)

Juliette Chausson (USEPA)

Carol Roberts (USFWS)

Maher Zaher (RWQCB)

Loni Adams (CDFW)

Janna Morimoto (POLB)

Kimbrie Gobbi (Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions)

Barry Snyder (Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions)

Stephen Campbell (Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions)

Announcements:

Larry Smith (Corps Planning): As discussed at the previous SC-DMMT meeting, an infestation of the invasive alga *Caulerpa prolifera* was detected near the Entrance Channel area of Lower Newport Bay. The Corps is not planning to dredge near the infested area at this time but will dredge an area south of China Cove (to 20 feet in depth, approximately 24,000 cubic yards of sand). This area is free of Caulerpa. The Corps is hoping to use the dredging contract to remove the Caulerpa infestation. Loni Adams (CDFW) asked whether Caulerpa was also found in Long Beach, and to the Corps' knowledge, it is only in Newport Bay at this time. CDFW also asked whether this would be added to the environmental assessment for the dredging project, and it will be added as an addendum.

Port of Long Beach Pier C, Berths C60-62 Maintenance Dredging Project

- Janna Morimoto (POLB) and Kimbrie Gobbi (Wood) presented an overview of the SAP.
- POLB will be conducting pre-project Caulerpa and eelgrass surveys.
- Purpose of dredging is to remove shoaling from Berths C60 and C62, with upland disposal.

SC-DMMT Questions:

- Allan Ota (USEPA): For Berth C62, can the core sampling location(s) be moved closer to outfalls? POLB response: The POLB will revise the sampling plan to move core(s) closer to the outfalls if closer sampling locations are accessible.

The SC-DMMT gave okay to proceed with sampling after POLB submits revised sampling location sheet for Berth C62.

Following the SC-DMMT meeting, a revised SAP, with updated sampling locations, was submitted by the POLB on June 4, 2021. Sampling is anticipated for June 16-17, 2021.