

**Notes for September 22, 2021**  
**Southern California Dredged Material Management Team (SC-DMMT) Meeting**  
US Army Corps of Engineers - Los Angeles District (4 pages)

**Attendance (WebEx):**

Stephen Estes (Corps Regulatory)  
Antal Szijj (Corps Regulatory)  
Amanda Wagner (Corps Regulatory)  
Jerry Hidalgo (Corps Regulatory)  
Leison Bernstein (Corps Regulatory)  
Toni Nino (Corps Regulatory)  
Lisa Mangione (Corps Regulatory)  
Robert Smith (Corps Regulatory)  
Crystal Huerta (Corps Regulatory)  
Kirk Brus (Corps Planning)  
Larry Smith (Corps Planning)  
Kym Howo (Corps Planning)  
Joe Ryan (Corps Coastal)  
John Goertz (Corps Coastal)  
Doland Cheung (Corps Coastal)  
Luis Sepulveda (Corps Engineering)  
Melissa Scianni (USEPA)  
Brian Ross (USEPA)  
Carol Roberts (USFWS)  
Chris Dellith (USFWS)  
Emily Duncan (RWQCB)  
Loni Adams (CDFW)  
Cassidy Teufel (CCC)  
Alexis Barrera (CCC)  
Cody Stults (City of Ventura)  
Robert Hearne (City of Ventura)  
Todd Mitchell (Ventura Port District)  
Janna Morimoto (POLB)  
Dylan Porter (POLB)  
K.J. May (Oxnard Harbor District)  
Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)  
Richard Parsons (Rincon Consultants)  
Jorge Tomas (Pacific Maritime Group)  
Dan McCoy (Weston Solutions)  
Kimbrie Gobbi (Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions)  
Barry Snyder (Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions)  
Stephen Campbell (Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions)  
Chris Osuch (Anchor QEA)  
Jack Malone (Anchor QEA)

**Announcements:** Our final regularly scheduled DMMT meeting of 2021 will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We plan to poll agencies in November regarding availability for a meeting in early December.

## **Ventura Harbor Project**

Presentation provided to the DMMT.

Discussion:

1. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Were there discussions between the Corps and Ventura about placement of sediment?

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- Yes, we are still operating under the existing permit conditions. Discussions are ongoing.

2. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- When will the permit be amended or reissued?

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- The existing permits are up for renewal in January 2023. The RWQCB would prefer to align their permit with that of the Corps.

Response from Emily Duncan (RWQCB)- We just amended their current permit to align conditions and dates with the Corps' permit.

3. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Elevated levels of DDT or DDE were observed in DMMU E and D.

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- We do not intend to dredge DMMU E or D, but hopefully sediment sampling this year will help determine whether those levels were outliers.

Response from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Those two areas have not been dredged recently?

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- No, the most recent dredging occurred there in the early 2000's.

Response from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Please ensure you take sediment samples from DMMU E and D in the same locations as last time. For these two areas, you should provide individual data and full biological testing before those areas can be designated for beach placement. Please check back in with the DMMT once those data are available.

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- Understood.

4. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- When considering composites B and E and the bathymetry of B1, it is located adjacent to DMMU E and is all the same shoal. Why were the boundaries between B and E drawn the way they were?

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- This area has been developed a lot lately. We can redraw the boundary to add that part of B to E and add a second sampling location.

Response from Brian Ross (USEPA)- B and E will need more biological testing, so more samples would be good.

5. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Please add methods to Table 6 and add QA/QC procedures for the lab test.

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- We will add those to the SAP.

Note: DMMT agreed that the SAP could be resubmitted via email.

### **Ventura Keys Connecting Channel Project**

Presentation provided to the SC-DMMT.

Discussion:

1. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- In Table 5, please confirm that biological testing is not needed and add a QA/QC section.

Response from Brian Ross (USEPA)- Grain size is in the introduction, but please add it to Table 5 as well.

Response from Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- We will add those to the SAP.

Note: DMMT agreed that the SAP could be resubmitted via email.

### **Port of Long Beach Berths C60-C62 Maintenance Dredging Project**

Presentation provided to the DMMT. There were no comments from the USEPA, RWQCB, CCC, CDFW, Corps, or USFWS.

### **Port of Hueneme Berths 1, 2, and 3 Dredging Project**

Presentation provided to the DMMT.

Discussion:

1. Comment from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Why was there one core location but two grab samples from 1 and 2?

Response from Chris Osuch (Anchor QEA)- There was only one core sample because there is a limited amount of material at 1 and 2. There were two grab samples because we take one grab sample every 500 feet or so.

Response from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- What were the volumes for 1 and 2?

Response from Chris Osuch (Anchor QEA)- Approximately 1,700 cubic yards.

Response from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- Looking at bathymetry, is that coming from the high spots?

Response from Chris Osuch (Anchor QEA)- It is likely from the high spots.

Response from Jack Malone (Anchor QEA)- It should be noted that elevation changes are minimal here.

2. Comment from Cassidy Teufel (CCC)- What is the timing of this project? If the sediment is completely clean, we may be supportive of beach placement.

Response from K.J. May (Oxnard Harbor District)- The grant was just awarded, so I assume the permitting process will take approximately one year. The project would likely commence about a year from now, possibly in 2023.

Response from Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- If full biological testing is required, please meet with the DMMT again for discussion.

Response from Emily Duncan (RWQCB)- As you get closer to applying for permits, please schedule a pre-filing meeting with us and copy the Corps.

3. Comment from Crystal Huerta (Corps)- Will you be submitting applications in approximately one year?

Response from Jack Malone (Anchor QEA)- No, in the near term, but we expect the permitting process to take approximately one year.