

Notes for August 23, 2023
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)
Antal Szijj (Corps Regulatory)
Larry Smith (Corps Planning)
Tiffany Armenta (Corps Planning)
Melissa Scianni (USEPA)
Jeremy Smith (CCC)
Jules Kelly (CCC)
Emily Duncan (LARWQCB)
Hossein Shahrokhnia (SARWQCB)
Leslie Hart (CDFW)
Todd Mitchell (Ventura Port District)
Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)
Peter Arth (Enthalpy Analytical)

Roll Call and Announcements: 10:00 – 10:10 AM

No announcements.

Project #1: 10:10 – 10:40 AM

- 1) Project name: Ventura Port District Maintenance Dredging Supplemental SAP
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation: Derek Lerma Rincon Consultants Inc. Representing Ventura Port District
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation): Regulatory
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend: Antal Szijj
- 5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR): Draft SAP
- 6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n): No
- 7) Documents provided (emailed, or FTP link): Draft SAP emailed to the SC-DMMT distribution list on August 18, 2023
- 8) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?): 30 minutes

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- The opening paragraph mentions suspended phase testing. This is probably just a cut and paste from another document. Please delete. Also, the material you want to test with amphipods is a little fine-grained compared to beach sand. It would be a different amphipod species because the species that is used for one would not do well with the other grain size type. You can use the LA-2 ODMDS reference site and take a sample there. Another option would be to assume the reference survival is 100%. If survival is 20% different or more, then the test would fail. If anyone knows of a fine-grained reference site, that can be used instead.

Derek Lerma (Rincon Consultants)- We could potentially collect a reference sample offshore of the location since that area is finer-grained.

Peter Arth (Enthalpy Analytical)- We know there can be a different survivability for amphipods with different grain sizes. Not sure of the sediment characteristics of the offshore site. Maybe we can look at historical data there.

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- We want to be careful about the grain size and species issue so you would not need to go back out and sample again. Also, please add a section on how you will do the analysis if it is a reference site or you are assuming 100% survivability.

Coordination will be done via email, which was okay with the agencies at the meeting.