

Notes for September 27, 2023
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)
Theresa Stevens (Corps Regulatory)
Gerardo Salas (Corps Regulatory)
Larry Smith (Corps Planning)
Kirk Brus (Corps Planning)
Doland Cheung (Corps Planning)
Joseph Ryan (Corps Engineering)
Caleb Lodge (Corps Engineering)
Luis Sepulveda (Corps Engineering)
Christopher Hayward (Corps Engineering)
Susie Ming (Corps Programs & Project Management)
Melissa Scianni (USEPA)
Carol Roberts (USFWS)
Sandy Vissman (USFWS)
Emily Duncan (LARWQCB)
Claudia Tenorio (SARWQCB)
Hossein Shahrokhnia (SARWQCB)
Jeremy Smith (CCC)
Jules Kelly (CCC)
Leslie Hart (CDFW)
Kat Prickett (POLA)
Andrew Jirik (POLA)
Hugo Cisneros (POLA)
Chris Miller (City of Newport Beach)
Michael Sinacori (City of Newport Beach)
Kim Garvey (Moffatt and Nichol)
Alan Alcorn (Moffatt and Nichol)
Jorge Tomas (Pacific Maritime Group)
Peter Arth (Enthalpy Analytical)
Ken Kronschnabl (Kinnetic Environmental)
Andy Martin (Anchor QEA)

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

Larry Smith (Corps)- Caulerpa was recently found around the Coronado Cays area of San Diego Bay. A pre-construction survey for eelgrass under Regional General Permit 63 for dock repairs resulted in the discovery. The Southern California Caulerpa Action Team is coordinating a response that includes the Port of San Diego.

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- USEPA is working on the Site Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP) for the LA-2, LA-3, and LA-5 ODMDS. This needs to be completed every 10 years.

The update should be available in October. No major changes from the last SMMP are anticipated.

Project #1: 10:10 – 10:40 AM

- 1) Project name: POLA Berths 167-169 Maintenance Dredging Project
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation: Port of Los Angeles
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation): Regulatory
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend: Theresa Stevens
- 5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR): SAPR
- 6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n): Yes
- 7) Documents provided (emailed, or FTP link): SAPR and presentation emailed to the SC-DMMT distribution list on 22 September 2023
- 8) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?): 30 minutes

Sandy Vissman (USFWS)- We have no questions or concerns with the proposal.

Theresa Stevens (Corps)- We have no questions or concerns with the proposal.

Project #2: 10:40 – 11:10 AM

- 1) Project name: P-224/P-226 Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Navigation Channel Additional Dredge Area
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation: Lt. Liam Arellano, U.S. Navy (Presenter: Ken Kronschnabl, Kinnetic Environmental, Inc.)
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation): Regulatory
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend: Gerry Salas
- 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 and presentation emailed to the SC-DMMT distribution list on 22 September 2023
- 8) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?): 30 minutes

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- On the sampling map, please make sure the core is taken a little more into the shallower area where there will be a deeper cut. Please obtain the analyte list for the tissues from USEPA, the Corps, and the SC-DMMT for that.

Jeremy Smith (CCC)- Please confirm the depth range of the nearshore placement area.

Ken Kronschnabl (Kinnetic Environmental)- The contours are on the map but it is not showing numbers.

Alan Alcorn (Moffatt and Nichol)- It shows from -20 to -30 foot MLLW contour.

Jeremy Smith (CCC)- Please make sure the material is being placed above the depth of closure.

Larry Smith (Corps)- What is the timeframe for dredging?

Alan Alcorn (Moffatt and Nichol)- The Navy will coordinate and it will probably be in the November or December timeframe.

Larry Smith (Corps)- We may have a dredge out in Surfside around that time. The nourishment project is starting in October and will probably last through February.

Project #3: 11:10 – 11:40 AM

- 1) Project name: Surfside-Sunset Beach Stage 13
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation: Corps Civil Works
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation): Navigation
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend: Larry Smith
- 5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR): Potential expansion of the current suitability determination
- 6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n): Yes
- 7) Documents provided (emailed, or FTP link): Figure emailed to the SC-DMMT distribution list on 25 September 2023
- 8) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?): 30 minutes

Carol Roberts (USFWS)- This area is shallower but it is further from the southernmost extent, does that change cost?

Larry Smith (Corps)- We will run a pipeline to the beach and the distance does not change much so it will not have much effect.

Chris Hayward (Corps)- The depth change would be enough to change the bid.

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- If I recall, there was some silt and clay at the bottom of the cores. I was wondering if, when you send the suitability report, if you can get good material for beach placement.

Luis Sepulveda (Corps)- The cores that Melissa is referring to are just outside of the area proposed for dredging. They are not inside the red box proposed for dredging.

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- When you send the report, please identify which cores you are referring to. Also, do a weighted grain size average down to -10 feet MLLW.

Jeremy Smith (CCC)- Please show the original dredge plan area and the new area.

Larry Smith (Corps)- The original area is too deep so we are moving over to the new area. The depth would have required extensive equipment modifications that resulted in an overbid by the contractor. The area was delineated to avoid areas where cores showed a higher fines content.

Chris Hayward (Corps)- The red box was tested for future reference, so we wanted to expand.

Melissa Scianni (USEPA)- They did not request the suitability determination for the area in the red box. Also, there are some more fines around that area. It was not planned to be used until the future.