

Agenda for January 28, 2026

**Southern California Dredged Material Management Team (SC-DMMT)  
November-December Meeting**

**(SLO, Santa Barbara, Ventura, L.A., Orange, San Diego Counties)**

**US Army Corps of Engineers - Los Angeles District**

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**Roll Call and Agency Announcements: 10:00 – 10:05 AM**

**EPA:** Present

**WB:** Present

**CCC:** Present

**USFWS:** Not present

**NMFS:** Present

**CDFW:** Present

**Project #1: 10:05 – 10:50 AM**

**1) Project name:** Point Mugu Sand Management Investigation

**2) Applicant's name & affiliation:** Captain Daniel W. Brown (NAVFAC/Naval Base Ventura County), represented by Nick Buhbe (Mission Environmental)

**3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation):** Regulatory

**4) Corps project manager who will attend:** Antal Szijj

**5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR):** SAPR

**6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n):** Y

**7) Documents provided (emailed, or FTP link):** email

**8) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?):** 45

**Discussion:**

EPA: Sample depths are the same as last time- around 2-3 feet?

Applicant/agent: Correct. Target depth was 10ft/3m - wanted to obtain a representative sample of the material that were able to sample.

EPA: The Western area and Eastern area have different issues. How sure would be that the deeper material is the same as on the surface?

App/Agent: Sediment is dominated by fine to very fine sand consistent with previous sampling. The deeper material was difficult to sample but would probably have similar characteristics to the upper part of the sample, based on a review of the regional/littoral cell dynamics. There are no point-source pollutant sources along the open coast, and [West Borrow Area] material was 'clean', consistent with prior investigation.

CCC: Difficult to provide suitability determine for sediments that are located deeper than that which was sampled. Why could not sample deeper?

App/Agent: Used vibracore - with various sediment recovery techniques – though because of sediment characteristics, recovered cores were challenging to interpret, for example exactly to which depth sediments were recovered (due to open coast swell, compaction, and ability to recover etc.). Tried different locations within the area, different variations of vibracoring (e.g., different frequencies, slow/fast deployment), but achieved similar results after a certain depth.

EPA: Agrees with CCC- difficult to give suitability determination for sediment situated deeper than what has actually been tested. However, DMMT has in the past permitted underlying materials under a 'Tier 1' provision when those materials can be assumed to match quality of overlying materials. Western cores may have issues with grain size in deeper strata (e.g., gravel lenses), while Eastern area with links to Cayucos Creek may have issues with DDT in cores in deeper strata. (CCC concurs for most part).

CCC: Also have concerns with chemistry in the Western area fines. Fines are not preferred for Beach nourishment.

App/Agent: Not recommending Navy to use sediment too much deeper than what was tested (under Tier 1), but could potentially expand dredge prism to obtain volume needed for nourishment to depth already tested for? Use results from larger area tested in 2023?

EPA: East Borrow Area is not on the table without additional assessment due to DDT/proximity to Calleguas Creek [CCC concurs] ...For West Borrow Area, applicant needs to assess older data and evaluate justification for specific dredge prism dimensions based on both datasets, and evaluate 2023 data for compatibility with the revised beach compatibility envelope.

**Determinations:**

EPA, CCC, WB: revise SAPR with more information – may require another meeting. Agree to communicate via email.

USFWS and CDFW: no further comments.