

Agenda for July 23, 2025, and Minutes of the meeting

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

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

Project #1: 10:10-10:40

- 1) Project name:** Kellogg Beach Annual Sand Replenishment Project
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation:** Tim Barrett, Port of San Diego
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation):** Regulatory
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend:** Robert Smith
- 5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR, Other):** Continued approval of source material.
- 6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n):** Yes
- 7) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?):** 30 mins

Project #2: 10:40 – 11:10 AM

- 1) Project name:** San Luis Rey Sediment Removal
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation:** USACE
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation):** Regulatory
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend:** Andrew McLarty, Rachel Hawes, Thomas Sentner, Bob Phan, and Robert Smith

- 5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR, Other): Tier 1 Exemption Request
- 6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n): Yes
- 7) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?): 30 mins

Project #3: 11:10 – 11:40 AM

- 1) Project name: Oceanside Block 5 & 20 Development Project
- 2) Applicant's name & affiliation: Adam Pevney, Ryan Companies
- 3) Project type (Regulatory/Navigation): Regulatory
- 4) Corps project manager who will attend: Robert Smith
- 5) Purpose/topic (draft SAP, revised SAP, SAPR): Draft SAP
- 6) Request for suitability determination? (y/n): No
- 7) Time needed (15, 30, 45 min?): 30 min

Wrap Up & General Discussion: 11:40- 11:45

Minutes of telcon DMMT meeting held on July 23, 2025

Max Roseman opened the meeting as the person running the DMMT meeting and reminded everyone to place their name and affiliation in the Chat box. Robert Smith from Corps regulatory took notes of the DMMT meeting and Max welcomed others to take notes for each of the actions shown in the agenda. Melissa Scianni from EPA was not on for the Project #1 meeting but had sent out an email stating that unfortunately, she was going to miss the DMMT this month which had coincided with the SF District DMMO and they had that conflict this month. In her email she said that since DMMT only has nearshore projects and no ocean disposal projects, she needed to prioritize attending the SF DMMO. In her email she said she didn't have any objections to the projects on the agenda and deferred to the other DMMT agencies for suitability determinations. No persons from the USFWS were present.

Max then asked if anybody had any agency announcements and there were no agency announcements.

Persons in attendance included the following persons and the roll call:

Corps of Engineers: Rachel Hawes, Max Roseman and Robert Smith from Regulatory, Darrell Buxton, Thomas Sentner, Andrew McLarty, Larry Smith, Victoria Gartman, Valaria Varanian, Bob Phan, Tiffany Bostwick, Tiffany Armenta, John Myers, Luis Sepulveda, Joe Ryan

EPA: Melissa Scianni attend Project Nos. 2 and also sent an email prior to the July DMMT mtg. that she had no objections to the projects on the agenda and deferred to the other DMMT agencies for the suitability determination.

U.S. Navy: Jan Granade, NAVFAC

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS): Andrea Dell'Apa

City of Oceanside: Jayme Timberlake

Cal. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: Leslie Hart

California Regional Water Quality Control Board: Allan Monji

CA Coastal Commission (CCC): Jeremy Smith, Jules Kelly

Port of San Diego (Port): Tim Barrett, Eileen Maher, Zeke Coleman, Gabriella Kalbach

Other consultants: Chris Gilleg, Marine group; Marisa Swiderski WSP, Zachory Urabe and Brian Leslie GHD

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Max turned over the first presentation for Project Nos. 1 to Tim Barrett from the Port. Tim described the Port's project scope which was the Kellogg beach nourishment project approval of the previous approved permit and previous SAPR from 2020 for two upland sites the Port had used in 2021 including the East County LLC sand source site and the Palm Valley site in Mexico where sand had been trucked into the site. Tim had a powerpoint presentation that he presented how the beach coastline at Kellogg Beach near Lawrence Street in the Point Loma area of the Port of San Diego (POSD) has naturally eroded in recent years and is being considered for beach replenishment via clean upland source sand fill material being placed on the project site for a three year renewal of the permitted sand sources and suitability determination (SUAD) which included approval of the previous grain size and chemistry testing done.

Tim asked what the process was for reapproving the SUAD as the Corps has permitted the Kellog Beach Nourishment project in 2021 using the 2020 SAP that was approved by the CRWQCB with a 401 WQC with Mike Porter, EPA coordination with Allan Ota, and thru the Port's Master Plan Coastal Development Permit. Sand from the Palm Valley site in Mexico was placed in 2023. After presenting the project Tim asked for any comments on extending the 2021 SAPR and SUAD another three years. Allan Monji asked which sand source site was used in 2023 and Tim stated the Palm Valley site in Mexico. Robert agreed to call Tim and explain the process after the call.

Max then asked the agencies for their re-approval of the 2020 SAP and SUAD and the agencies responded as follows:

CCC: Jeremy Smith had no comments.

CRWQB: Allan Monji said he was ok with the permitted project given the project had been permitted with a Section 401 WQC by Mike Porter who was now retired.

CDFW: Leslie had no comments.

NMFS: No comments.

EPA: Melissa, who was not on the call, had said she didn't have any objections to the projects on the agenda (including this action) and deferred to the other DMMT agencies for suitability determinations in her email issued to the DMMT group.

Corps: The Corps re-approved the SUAD and SAPR site in a letter to the Port issued on Jul 23, 2025.

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Andrew McLarty from the Corps said that the 2016 SAPR had concluded that the sediment at the project site is clean, and that the watershed hydrology had not changed upstream of the project site with no substantial change to sediment migration.. Also, he said that an additional 50k cy of surficial sedimentation had occurred in Area 2025B and an additional 20k CY of scour and erosion has occurred to Area 2025A and that the net gain of sediment for the entire project is 30k cy: with a loss of 20k cy in 2025A and a gain of 50k cy in 2025B as shown in Figure B1 of the SAPR. He also said that they had briefed EPA (Melissa Scianni) and she had agreed that there would no need for testing with a SAPR addendum and that a Tier 1 exclusion could be used as the Corps had also discussed with EPA before the July DMMT.

Andrew also then presented the powerpoint slide show for the DMMT group for the San Luis Rey Sediment Removal Project. Andrew was supported by Bob Phan for processing the previously approved 2016 SAPR with a new request for a subsequent Tier 1 exclusion from further testing under the Inland Testing Manual. Andrew stated that per the last DMMT telcons the Corps had determined that up to 250,000 cubic yards (cy) would now be dredged with up to 200,000 cy of suitable material could go to the beach and the other site would be the Miramar landfill. Also up to 100 k cy consisted of topsoil with high organic content and fines would be unsuitable.

Bob Phan then stated that the 2016 SAPR could still be used given that the Corps had done 98 core samples, and that the contaminants of concern (DDT, Chlordane, Arsenic, and other metals) were well below ERM limits shown in the SAPR and the net gain site changes of 30k cy of new material to the project area were minor since 2016. Bob also indicated that the SLRR levee system and H&H model indicated that there was levee breaching and that the 2017 Lilac fire and 2007 Poomacha fire did not lead to more contaminated sediments since 2016.

The Corps also indicated in the powerpoint slide show that during sediment removal, sediment will be sorted and stockpiles created and tested prior to disposal and that beach compatible material will be taken to the beach and non-beach compatible material will be disposed of at a landfill. The Corps then requested that the DMMT allow the Corps to use the 2016 SAPR to prepare for a sediment removal contract, pending funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2026 or 2027 without additional testing now. However, Andrew said the Corps would require validation of beach compatibility prior to beach placement.

Max then asked the agencies for their comments of the SAPR and Tier 1 request and the agencies responded as follows:

CCC: Jules Kelly from the CCC stated that she was ok with the Tier 1 request but wanted the Corps to submit a Tier 1 document request for review and she had spoken to Melissa. Andrew responded that the Corps would do a memorandum with conformance testing

with meetings to be built into the process. Jules also said that the Corps would need to review the Corps CZMA compliance for the stockpiling change to the Corps CZMA compliance document.

CRWQB: Allan Monji asked about the timing for excavation and beach placement and the Corps responded they were planning on a 2026-2027 construction award or two construction seasons. Allan also discussed how cities are coordinating and the Corps said it would be about a 6-month coordination duration.

Leslie from CDFW commented that grunion may be an issue from March 1st to August 1st and Jayme Timberlake from the City said that the beach area where the sand would be placed is now rocky substrate and no grunion habitat would be present with no sandy areas.

Max then asked if there are any more comments and there were none, so he then asked for the agency approvals and each agency responded as follows:

CDFW: Leslie stated she had no comment.

CCC: Stated they had no objection to the Tier 1 request but would wait until they get the Tier 1 document for their review.

NMFS: No comments.

EPA: Melissa, who was on the SLRR call, had said she had no objection to the Tier 1 request and didn't have any objections to the projects on the agenda (including this action) via an email she had sent that had deferred to the other DMMT agencies for suitability determinations in her email issued to the DMMT group.

CRWQCB: Allan Monji said he would wait until they got the Tier 1 document before he could give their approval.

Corps: Andrew stated he would submit the Tier 1 document asap to the DMMT agencies.

Max then took a 10-minute break.

Project #3: 11:10 – 11:40 AM

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Zachory Urabe and presented the action to the DMMT which was for the use of two new development sites east of the Oceanside pier for beach fill at the City's Opportunistic beach site south of the pier. He said the testing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) outlined a sampling approach to evaluate the physical and chemical compatibility of export materials to be generated from the construction of the proposed Oceanside Block 5 & 20 Project (Project) for beach nourishment along the City of Oceanside's (City's) eroding shoreline. The Project is located approximately 600 ft east of the Oceanside Pier and Pacific Ocean (Figure 1 of draft testing SAP). The Project proposes the demolition of the existing Block 5 and Block 20 parking lots and redevelopment with two mixed-use residential buildings; an 8-story structure on Block 5 and a 7-story structure on Block 20. Both buildings will include one level of below grade parking. The proposed cut depths for the construction of the project range from 18 to 19 ft below ground surface (bgs), approximately 33.2 ft (MLLW), and is anticipated to generate up to 70,000 CY of export. However, up to 50,000 CY of this material is expected to be considered beach-compatible. Prior geotechnical studies suggest that layers of undocumented fill of up to 5 ft. may be present at the two sites.

Max then asked for agency comments and Jeremy from the CCC asked did the project require 3 ft. of the top layer of undocumented fill to be removed and Zachory said yes but then Brian from GHD said that based on the boring logs it may be a finer point to be redone. Jeremy also briefly mentioned that the project may be subject to SCOUPE requirements. Robert then issued a few comments which he later followed up with an email concerning that the testing SAP needs to reference and comply with LA DMMT guidelines and where is the project description? Also, he asked if the City and Zachory said they had approved the project under their City of Oceanside Opportunistic Permit and Robert asked when and if so, include a copy of the permit and Corps permit nos. in the testing SAP and statement that City has approved the project under their Corps permit. Robert also had the following comments that was later sent in an email.

- 1) Figure 2 needs to show 1st Street, and we need a cross section on Figure 2 that correlates to the cross sections in Figure 6 and Figure 7 or have another separate cross section that goes with Figure 2.
- 2) Undocumented fill needs to be shown in cross section and is the top 3 ft. or 5 ft. of undocumented fill being taken to an upland?
- 3) Will any silts/clays/rock/gravels to be proposed for beach nourishment as they should be excluded?
- 4) Confirm whether 50kcy or 70kcy is to be placed on the beach?
- 5) Will the proposed borings go below the excavation depths at both Block 5 and 20 site and where is that shown in SAP?
- 6) Figures 6 and 7 have question marks and needs to be clarified or removed.
- 7) Under Section 3.2 Figure 10 there are two OB5-3 cores and needs to be renumbered and I would add another boring to northern corners for both Block 5 and Block 20 excavation sites given adjacency to railroad.
- 8) Redo Table 7 to comply with LA DMMT guidelines as analytes and ERMs are missing and what does exceeds ERL and ERM shown in Table 7 mean?
- 9) Please include archiving of core samples in testing SAP and ensure that compositing complies with DMMT guidelines.
- 10) Change Corps address in Section 5 to current address and under EPA remove Allan Ota and replace with Melissa Scianti who was not present for the DMMT in July 23, 2025 for this testing SAP action for EPA and include EPA email received that EPA is good with the testing SAP. Also include POCs and addresses for NMFS, CRWQCB, NCTD, and CCC in Section 5.
- 11) Under Section 3.7.3 please include SOPs in testing SAP or as appendices and ensure lab testing complies with LA DMMT guidelines.
- 12) Results Section should comply with LA DMMT guidelines.
- 13) Testing SAP needs to be revised and resubmitted for next DMMT call in August 2025 or before if agencies are good with approvals via email and we get City approvals from the City or the consultant for the City.

Max then asked if there were any more agency comments and there were none and so he requested agency approvals which were as follows:

CDFW: Leslie stated she had no comment.

CCC: Jeremy said they would defer to the Corps.

NMFS: No comments.

CRWQCB: Allan Monji said he had no comments.

EPA: Melissa, who was on the SLRR call, had said she had no objection to the projects overall on the agenda (including this action) via an email she had sent that had deferred to the other DMMT agencies for suitability determinations in her email dated June 21, 2025.

City of Oceanside: Jayme said that Allan Ota is no longer the EPA POC as he has retired.

Zachory agreed to make revisions to the testing SAP and resubmit to the Corps/DMMT group as needed.