

Southern California Dredged Material Management Team (SC-DMMT)
September 28, 2011
Final Meeting Notes

I. Participating Agencies /Attendees:

- a. Michael Lyons[†] (RWQCB – Los Angeles)
- b. Allan Ota (EPA)
- c. Dan Swenson (USACE-Regulatory)
- d. Larry Smith (USACE-Planning)
- e. Susie Santilena (Heal the Bay)
- f. Kathryn Curtis (POLA)
- g. Andrew Martin[†] (Anchor QEA)
- h. Jack Malone[†] (Anchor QEA)
- i. Andrea Krumpacker[†] (Westin Solutions)
- j. Matt Arms (POLB)
- k. Bill Paznokas[†] (CDFG - San Diego)
- l. Jason Lambert (USACE-Regulatory)
- m. Chris Miller (City of Newport Beach)
- n. Bill Gardiner (Newfields)

[†] participating via teleconference.

II. Announcements:

III. Project Review and Determinations

a. RGP 54 Renewal – SAPR and Suitability Discussion – Project Proponent: City of Newport

i. Corps comments (POC: Cori Farrar, Jason Lambert, Dan Swenson):

- 1. RGP last reauthorized in 2005.
- 2. Authorized depth: -7 ft MSL plus 1 ft of overdepth
- 3. High Hg found at stations A-1 and 2-4.
- 4. For A-1 (15th Street Dock), City proposed a reduction in exclusionary zone to radius of 200 ft. EPA accepted this proposal for ocean disposal; however, Corps stated a wider radius (425 ft, out to station 1-3) would be required for beach nourishment (dry beach) until data were provided showing acceptable Hg levels at some closer distance to station A-1.
- 5. For the area west of Balboa Bridge (station 2-4), the City proposed an exclusion area east midway to the bridge and west to the Bayside Yacht Basin; however, EPA and the

Corps recommended the exclusion area extend east to the bridge itself, until data were provided showing acceptable Hg levels at some closer distance to station 2-4.

- ii. **EPA comments:** see EPA positions discussed above.
- iii. **RWQCB comments:** none.
- iv. **Coastal Commission comments:** none.
- v. **Other agency comments:** none.

IV. Other issues:

- a. **Discussion topic: Distinguishing between CSTF and DMMT agenda items/projects:**
 - i. Conclusion*: all dredging and sediment disposal/beneficial reuse projects located within Los Angeles County and within tidally-influenced waters, excluding projects with 100% upland disposal or less than 1000 CY of dredging, be assumed to be CSTF projects, unless a specific reason is provided on why this would not be the case (in which case the reasoning would be shared with CSTF and SC-DMMT members for comment).
 - ii. *Coastal Commission did not attend this meeting, and their position on the above criteria are not yet known.
- b. **Discussion topic: Draft SAP/SAPR Guidelines:**
 - i. The group discussed comments previously provided by Anchor QEA, Westin Solutions, and POLB), as well as comments provided by POLA and others during the meeting.
 - ii. Once revised, the next draft version will be submitted for a final round of SC-DMMT/CSTF comment, then circulated as a public notice.