

Southern California Dredged Material Management Team (SC-DMMT)
February 22, 2012
Final Meeting Notes

I. Participating Agencies /Attendees:

- a. Michael Lyons (RWQCB – Los Angeles)
- b. Allan Ota[†] (EPA)
- c. Dan Swenson (USACE-Regulatory)
- d. Cori Farrar (USACE-Regulatory)
- e. Antal Szijj[†] (USACE-Regulatory)
- f. Loni Adams[†] (DFG)
- g. Larry Smith (USACE-Planning)
- h. Larry Simon[†] (CCC)
- i. Bill Paznokas[†] (DFG)
- j. Susie Santilena[†] (Heal the Bay)
- k. Chris Miller (City of Newport Beach)
- l. Bill Gardiner[†] (Newfields)
- m. Doug Shibu[†] (RWQCB-Santa Ana)
- n. Jana _____[†] (POLB)
- o. Joe Ryan (USACE-ED)
- p. Peter von Langen[†] (RWQCB-Central Coast)

[†] participating via teleconference.

II. Announcements:

- a. **Ocean side Dredging (POC: Larry Smith):** Sampling on-going, results expected in 2-3 weeks. The goal is to dredge in April/May. A draft EA with historic sampling data will be distributed in a week or two. SAPR will be distributed once it is received for review and a suitability determination. We will, at that point, request Coastal Consistency Determination concurrence and 401 Water Quality Certification. The final EA will contain the new sampling data.
 - i. Loni Adams requested the Corps assess effects on pismo clams.
- b. **SAP/R Guidelines (POC: Dan Swenson):** final revisions soon, hopefully ready for next meeting.
- c. **Ventura Harbor maintenance dredging RGP (POC: Antal Szijj):** public notice just circulated. Project already approved by RWQCB.

III. Project Review and Determinations

- a. **Harbor Island/ Linda Isle Project**

i. Corps comments (POC: Cori Farrar)

1. Report: City of Newport and Newfields will correct report summary table 1-1 to reflect accurate overdepth dredge amounts.
2. Mercury Issues: City's proposed exclusion area ("blue box") drawn around station HT-10 was determined adequate for EPA and Corps purposes. The area was deemed unsuitable for ocean disposal. The City has the option to do additional testing to discern a more detailed analysis of Hg sediment concentrations at that station since it exceeded the threshold that has been used by EPA for LA-3 of 1.0 mg/kg. The aim of such analyses would be to try to identify additional material that would be suitable for ocean disposal. Alternatively, the City would need to identify an alternate disposal site such as the confined disposal site at Port of Long Beach.
3. DDx Issues: DDE and DDD concentration were above the ERM in the test composites; however, due to consistent results of previous bioaccumulation testing with sediment concentrations in the same range, the SC-DMMT had determined further bioaccumulation testing was unnecessary. No additional comments were offered at this SC-DMMT meeting.
4. Suitability for Ocean Disposal: EPA stated that except for the exclusion area around HT-10 "blue box", all other material proposed for dredging would be suitable for ocean disposal.

b. Marina del Rey dredging update (POC: Larry Smith):

- i. Contract awarded, NTP issued, March 9 start date (1.1-1.3 million CY). Disposal currently planned for POLB. Optional beach nourishment at Dockweiler and Redondo not yet awarded.

IV. Other issues:

a. Grain size for beach nourishment discussion – use of cobble (POC: Larry Smith):

- i. Discussion participants were not opposed to the possibility of discharging cobble on beaches or in the near shore as long as the sediments matched the existing beach or nearshore sediments in terms of grain size.