

SUBJECT: October 2003 Meeting of the Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup

1. The subject meeting was held in the South Pacific Division Office on 8 October 2003. An attendance list is attached.

2. Coastal Sediment Master Plan Status and Activities –

a. **Developing Website:** Project Manager (Clif) coordinating with USACE (George) to combine efforts, determine best picture for front page, introductory paragraphs, list of contacts, overall framework for the site. Initial conceptual version hoped for by end of October.

b. **Policies, Procedures and Regulations (PPR):** Contract signed by Sandag, at DBW, needs DGS approval. Neal and Clif currently evaluating present Scope of Work and needed qualifications for contractor team. Neal may need to take project to SCC Board for approval on December 11 (?), 2003, and we expect to have analyst team selected by that time. Expect project startup in December 2003 or very early January 2004.

c. **Public Workshops:** Contract signed by Sandag, at DBW, needs DGS approval. Expect Steve Sachs (Sandag) to begin preparatory work with Lesley and Clif in November. Mock public meeting may be part of CSMWs December video-meeting. First workshop expected to be scheduled in January 2004.

d. **Economic analyses:** Project underway under Kim Sterret's oversight. Final report expected by May 2004.

e. **Regional Opportunistic Program:** Contract signed by Sandag, at DBW, needs DGS approval. Contractor could start by November. However, two issues need to be resolved before proceeding: 1) Can CSMW use funds, saved through USACE taking on more of GIS/IMS funding, for the proposed effort, and 2) Can CSMW fund acquisition of regional permits that may come under review by CCC. Kim Sterret investigating #1 and will write up rationale for the project for discussion by the group. [Whether issue #2 can be resolved in favor of proceeding with the entire project is unclear at this time; if issue #1 is resolved in favor of proceeding, then Task 1 of the project could conceivably proceed while Task 2 (obtaining permits) is resolved]

f. **GIS Development:** USACE working with their contractors to develop draft architecture for the project by November, 2003. Starting in December 2003, the GIS contractors will begin working with contractors from other parts of the Master Plan to establish protocols for bringing the data being collected by those other contractors into the GIS.

g. **IMS Development:** USACE looking to establish host site for the IMS during November 2003.

h. **Literature Search:** Currently looking for qualified contractor(s) to conduct research into areas/topics identified in the draft Scope of Work. Hope to have research team onboard sometime during December 2003. Syd Brown looking to see if feasible to have personnel from DPR conduct study.

i. **Compatibility Study efforts:** Potential studies identified as result of CSMWs turbidity/compatibility workshops being reviewed and ranked by CSMW folks in attendance at 10/08/03 meeting. Ready to distribute to workshop attendees as soon as green light given to do so. Once appropriate studies are identified, CSMW can move forward on obtaining contractors to conduct the work.

3. The Washington and Sacramento Scenes –

- a. The Resources Agency Strategy for Action on Shoreline Erosion is still draft. May be part of the new governor's program.
- b. The Ocean Science Trust is a 501(c)(3) and will continue. Some trustees, like Brian, serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Resources and may change with the new Governor.
- c. Brian Baird is the state's delegate to the Coastal States Organization and will be attending a CSO meeting later in October.
- d. SB 837 will expand the Conservancy's watershed role into the marine environment.
- e. State will be putting in \$21 million to CODAR for hardware. George Domurat is part of the SF team that is setting up stations. There is another team at Scripps. CODAR can provide real time data on surface currents. Scripps will add instrumentation to help track sediment transport.
- f. ASBPA and ACC have merged and kept the name ASBPA. Harry Simmons, mayor from a coastal town in North Carolina, is interim president. Last year, ASBPA supported funds for the CIAP Program. This year, ASBPA is supporting beneficial reuse of dredge material, an increase in the Corps' continuing authority and other issues. (Details are provided in periodic messages from Howard Marlowe. Contact Steve Aceti or Howard Marlowe to get on this list.)
- g. The OMB still will not release an analysis of the financial benefits of beach nourishment.
- h. Lois Capps is heading the House Coastal Caucus; there are efforts to start a similar caucus in the Senate.
- i. The Corps is expecting some funds this year for RSM and the National Shoreline Inventory. WRDA 03 is not likely to get through the Senate. The new reorganization for the Corps was called USHCE 2012, but is starting, not in 2012, but October 2003. Each region is developing Implementation Plans this month. Divisions will become HQ Forward. There will be Regional Business Centers that will control the money, and Districts will do the technical work. Expertise and specialties will be shared throughout the whole Corps, rather than having Districts rely only on in-house staff.

4. CSMW Website, Master Plan Website, GIS/IMS Website –

- a. Web site needs maintenance. We will be using this site soon to release drafts of the master plan and many of the master plan products as they are developed. Need to decide where the site will be – COE or DBAW.
- b. Susie is checking on an e-site or something that the CSMW participants could use to share working drafts, plan meetings, etc. This site may be an overload to some of the people on the CSMW list since every time there is a new posting, the participants will be sent an alert. Susie and George will send around a list of people who are on CSMW and try to sort out who should be part of the e-site.
- c. Parsons is doing a general GIS site and then a more detailed pilot or demo for Ventura County. The system architecture will be completed, in draft, within the next few weeks. The first draft of the GIS will be completed by the end of this calendar year.
- d. The GIS analysis to optimize the use of dredge material (Ventura County Pilot) will be completed also by the end of 2003.
- e. For the sub-tasks of the Master Plan, the contractors need to work soon with the GIS group to make sure there is data compatibility. The system architecture will set some limits on data that will be collected, for example, it may not go further than 60 or 80 miles inland and any relevant data from further inland will be provided as an input at that limit.

5. SF District Activities -

- a. East Cliff Drive – Final EIR. Going to the Coastal Commission in November or December for Consistency Review.
- b. Hook Area in Santa Cruz also has a project
- c. Cliff Drive Capitola has a project
- d. Aromas Gulch
- e. Ocean Beach (No information on main project). For next dredging effort in the Navigation Channel, the Corps may do a demonstration and place material closer to Ocean Beach shoreline.
- f. Pajaro River
- g. Mission Creek

6. LA District Activities –

- a. Susie Ming provided handout summarizing SPL coastal activities.

7. National Shoreline Management Study –

- a. Going to regional study phase. Possible workshop in the spring.

8. 227 and RSM –

- a. RSM: Waiting for money. Next week, the LA District will host a workshop (for other Corps people only) on West Coast Risk Assessment
- b. 227: A contract has been awarded to ASR to take the Ventura site to 100% design. Proposal for Carlsbad may follow soon.
- c. SF Bay has a 227 project to do a timber cribbing shore protection, and coordinate with Navy to study response to ship wake.

9. Next meeting. December 3, 2003. Meeting will be by VTC in LA, SF and Sacramento District Corps offices.