



CSMW Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2012
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Chris Potter** - Future agenda items/presentations for:
 - August meeting
 - **Revisit Crescent City RSM status; literature search and data collection efforts**
 - Curt Storlazzi – fine sediment in Santa Cruz Harbor
 - Regional Beach Sand Project II (RBSP II) discussion – Moffatt Nichol (Chris Webb)
 - Brad Damitz or Phil King - economic analysis of the Southern Monterey Bay study – likely this fall
- **Chris Potter**– Still need representation from (Still Pending)
 - SWRWCB
 - Ocean Science Trust
- Chris Potter – follow up on Klamath Dam removal process monitoring (Still Pending)
- **Chris Potter/John Dingler** - Suggestions for CSMW forum for Del Norte discussion with new executive director (Still Pending)
- Nate West – Conversion of USACE reference database for incorporation into CSMW's searchable Access Database. ONGOING – draft webpage complete; completion expected in a week or two (site could be live/publicly accessible)
- **Chris** – Follow-up with SWRCB regarding classification of clean sediments as pollutants in CA – ONGOING - Jon Bishop and Dominic Gregorio (new state water board ocean wetlands)
- **Chris Potter/Susie Ming/Heather Schlosser** – Will reconvene the PPR sub-committee to discuss the RSM Top Ten Recommendations (Still Pending)
- Chris/Jim – Make contact w/ West Coast Governors Agreement re: RBSP II.
- Susie – check w/ George on whether Donut Hole Exclusionary Zone Incorporation letter should come from CSMW or Corps.
- All – send comments to Chris re: white paper for Donut Hole incorporation
- All – send comments to Susie re: linkages of LA Co. RSMP to LA Co. Long Term Sediment Plan
- Chris – check on need for State input on WRDA Bill per Sen. Boxer's statements Steve mentioned (through Howard Marlowe)
- All – send comments to Steve on Boxer's WRDA Bill
- Clif will review old emails to get Marine Corps POC for Steve re: RBSP II



COMPLETED ITEMS:

- **John Dingler** to find name/owner of that dredge (Portland District dredge w/ pumpout & Tier II capability); John noted after the meeting the dredge is the BE Lindholm, owned by Weeks Marine.

❖ **Welcome and Introductions (George Domurat & Chris Potter)**

❖ **Review of Meeting Minutes from 7/25/12 Meeting (Nate West)**

- Meeting minutes not adopted as Steve has questions/comments

❖ **Discussion: NOI re: revision of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary boundaries to include the San Francisco Pacifica Exclusion Area (John Dingler)**

- Chris and John posted Federal Register of Intent and Sanctuary Laws & Regs. to website
- MBNM Sanctuary was created in 1993 for the 3 reasons outlined in the NOI
 - Main ship channel through SF Bay and offshore regions directly south of Bay entrance and waters offshore excluded due to past expectations of pollution from dredge disposal discharge; area known as the Donut Hole between within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
 - This is no longer an issue

Comment: Initial reasons for exclusion did not include concerns over placement of clean sand in the Donut Hole

- Public meetings are identified in the NOI and comments due October 10
- CSMW should submit comments; items of comment include:
 - Dredge and Placement “Grandfathered In” activities
 - These activities would’ve had to occur in the past in the Donut Hole
 - Placement sites that lie in the Donut Hole to be Grandfathered In
 - SF8 & SF-17

Comment: Strategically, CSMW may want to comment on plans for managing the littoral cell. CSMW may want to stay away from discussing political benefits for the MBNM Sanctuary in expanding.

Comment: EPA’s comments will focus on other items besides only exemptions for SF17. Discussions of disposal and beneficial use site differences will be primary comment points. Reg’s. will be critiqued.

Comment: Grandfathering of sites at Santa Cruz only applied to same precise location (i.e. areas a few hundred feet from past activity weren’t included).



Comment: Policy implications shouldn't be magnified in our letter.

Comment: How do the Coastal Commission, DFG view issue?

Response: Sanctuary doesn't want aquaculture in nearshore. DFG concerned but Sanctuary has jurisdiction, making State Regulations somewhat irrelevant.

Comment: 1984 MOU between Sanctuary and USACE giving the MBNMS political override over any Corps permit in the Sanctuary.

Comment: SF Coast RSMP could identify sites to be used beneficially within the Exclusionary Zone.

Comment: Coarse sand within bar could potentially be used for beach nourishment.

Comment: Cliff discussed w/ Maria Brown Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and she mentioned some sites could be used as beneficial use areas if designated by EPA.

Response: Beneficial use designation only done for reuse, not waste, under Clean Water Act. There is no beneficial use designation. Maybe we could say there are some specific provisions for the Exclusionary Area.

Comment: How would you coin areas under Clean Water Act?

Response: Could state in terms of beneficial "reuse" purposes, either environmental or beach nourishment. Other materials besides sand can be reused for other purposes. Brian will provide a write-up of this comment discussion.

Comment: Reason the Sanctuary may expand is so the public has coastal access to use the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary should try to include the entire watershed for the expansion to make sense and optimize public benefits

Comment: A Corps letter could be written/submitted. New action item will be whether a letter will come from only the Corps or from the CSMW.

Comment: If subject letter doesn't work out, EPA recommends individual agency letters reference the CSMW. Also, a brief white paper by the CSMW may make sense.

Comment: Will this impact management of Ocean Beach?

Response: Activities that impact overlap of boundaries already occur.

Comment: Send comments to Chris for a potential white paper. Susie will check with George on a whether letter should come from Corps, possibly with white paper attached.



Comment: Either an act of Congress or an agency letter would likely need to make this happen.

Response: It's noted that Congress is involved with issues like this but no position. The America's Cup Race could be used as a reason to move this forward; Brian Baird is involved.

Comment: Activities near Ocean Beach could impact these areas w/in the Sanctuary.

Comment: The expansion is not a done deal as an EIS is required.

❖ **Discussion: LA County Long-Term Sediment Plan: CSMW comments and potential Coastal Conservancy pilot project (Nate West/Sarah Flores)**

- Nate attended LA County's Long-Term Sediment Plan Roundtable discussion at the LA River Center on July 26th
 - Tim Brick (Managing Director of the Arroyo Seco Foundation) led the discussion and requested input on the Long-Term Plan
 - Nate requested the CSMW's involvement in the process w/ regard to getting beach quality sand to the coast
 - Tim was receptive to the idea and agreed to have a call with some CSMW/CA Sediment Master Plan team members, however, call has not yet been set up
 - Anyone interested in participating in a potential discussion should contact Nate or Chris
- A few items of note from the presentations/discussion:
 - LA County's Long-Term Sediment Plan currently identifies no positive impacts to beaches and has had no/minimal past contact w/ State coastal sediment taskforce and/or CSMW
 - 82+ M CY of sediment to be removed over next 20 yrs in LA Co. dams/debris basins (162 total)
 - Placement site capacity ~11.6 M CY
 - ~\$30-60 / CY
 - Total cost to remove/place \$3-5 B
 - Comment Period closes on August 28th
 - Susie sent link to report to the CSMW listserv if anyone prefers to submit comments on behalf of the CSMW:
(<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/lacfd/sediment/stplan.aspx>)

Comment: One debris basin out of those listed on the map looks like it could be used for coastal reuse.

- Coastal Conservancy in process of drafting a comment letter; general scope of letter is climate change and sea level rise
 - They are looking at potentially including other agencies as part of letter



- Another pilot project (similar to the Tijuana Study) as part of the Long-Term Plan could assist in identifying beneficial reuse possibilities
 - Potential project would be placing sand in a stockpile area or closer to coast and then using beneficially. This would potentially require funding from CSMW.

Comment: USGS is looking for new locations to do pilot studies as follow-up to Tijuana Study.

Comment: The DFG's lack of biological monitoring concerns in the past could be an avenue.

Comment: Send comments to Susie on linkages to LA Co. RSMP

Comment: Funding source will be needed to move forward on this.

❖ **Updates: Federal Agencies**

- Army Corps, LA District (Susie Ming/Nate West)
 - Solana-Enc. Feas. Report
 - ATR (Agency Technical Review) complete; report sent to HQ for Policy and Compliance Review, then document can be released for public review (estimated release date late October/early November)

Comment: Is there a 2:1 BCR requirement (based on past OMB discussions)?

Response: Susie will check on this.

Comment: Howard Marlowe called Steve and Senator Boxer is working on a WRDA Bill, but would need input from the State. Chris hasn't heard anything on this but will check on it.

- Dredging
 - MDR awarded
 - Redondo Beach
 - Nearshore placement ongoing
 - Newport Beach Harbor ongoing
 - San Diego Harbor
 - Awarded to Great Lakes
 - May take material to Coronado

Comment: SANDAG possibly wanted Great Lakes to do dredging; bid \$2,180,000; estimate \$2.9 M. Steve Aceti asked Chris Potter if he has had a chance to discuss with the West Coast Governors Alliance the issue of keeping a large dredge busy on the West Coast. Chris said he would



talk to someone at the WCGA about forming a subcommittee to do a feasibility study.

- San Clemente Feasibility Study
 - HQ reviewing and working towards a design agreement for PED
 - In hands of OMB, who will decide whether to put it forward in budgeting

Comment: Has the Corps been privy to Boxer's WRDA Bill?

Response: Yes, but haven't heard of any discussions of San Clemente in connection.

- Army Corps, SF District (John Dingler)
 - Ocean Beach
 - Essayons dredging ongoing
 - 187,000 CY vs. usual 320,000 CY
 - Eureka RSM
 - John waiting on response from MN.
 - Moss Landing
 - Dredging to start next week; 12,500 CY taken to SF14
 - SF Coast RSMP
 - Requested revised SOW for meetings in Pacifica, as understanding lacking in that region
 - May subcontract to ABAG; DBW would need to fund

❖ **Updates: State Agencies**

- Boating and Waterways (Kim Sterrett)
 - SANDAG
 - Attorneys working on wording for AMBAG vs. City of Monterey for the SMBay Environmental work
 - OC RSM
 - Waiting for input on draft env. SOW from Susan Brodeur
 - BIA Report
 - State can't sole-source contract to OST
 - DBW will interagency the funds to the Coastal Conservancy, who will send to OST for direct award
- Other State Agencies
 - CGS
 - CSMW website has been updated extensively w/ RSM documents/info



❖ NGO Updates

- CalCoast (Steve Aceti)
 - Gov's reorganization plan took effect July 4th but won't take effect until July 2013
 - Steve has spent time lobbying to pull DBW out of Parks
 - There is no way Governor is going to undo GRP
 - Will cost State money, but no bill will pull DBW out of State Parks
 - CalCoast will hold meeting early fall to strategize
 - Budget trailer bill died yesterday, as many members didn't understand DBW's Beach Restoration Program
 - Steve has had trouble moving DBW and retaining funding for BR Program because all new Program's will be reviewed next session and possibly moved anyway

Comment: Funding from boater's tax being used less for harbor/marina construction. Jim and Steve to discuss.

- Send questions to Steve on Boxer's WRDA Bill
- SANDAG's RSMP includes Camp Pendleton
 - Steve would like to get sand there dredged and moved downcoast
 - Clif will get in touch with Shelby Tucker to get Marine Corps POC for Steve
 - SANDAG doesn't want to work w/ Camp Pendleton but Steve notes there is a lot of sand that could be used beneficially here
- Sustainability Forum in Long Beach last week
 - Coastal Commission will provide a white paper on managed retreat next week as preferred adaptation to SLR
 - Many comments including where would retreat stop and funding sources
 - Coastal Cities Issues Group (CCIG)
 - Steve – Coastal Commission and CCIG holding a one-day workshop in San Francisco in December
 - Steve trying to find out what happened to Beach Programs in GRP Process and he may need to sue in order to get records from Assembly Committee on GRP.
- CMANC (Jim Haussener)
 - State Water Plan Report
 - Jim discussed Sediments chapter in Sacramento last week
 - Chris discussed w/ DWR Staff
 - WCGA staff may request data from CSMW
 - State Project Funding Congressional Discussions
 - Earmarks, WRDA Bill discussed by Boxer recently



❖ **Confirm date, location, and agenda for future meetings**

- Agenda Items for September Meeting (Chris Potter)
 - Next meeting September 26th, in person
- Public Meeting this Fall? (Chris Potter)
 - Possibly at ASBPA
 - Susie will follow-up w/ MN
- WCGA meeting next week
 - WC staff (Action & Coord. Team) trying to get Committee Chairs involved and on same page
 - Topics include NOAA Funding and Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning

Adjourn 11:30 AM

**Next Meeting
September 26th
San Francisco USACE Office
Lobby Conference Room
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