



CSMW Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2012
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Teleconference

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 – To be scheduled for future meetings
- **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); Chris contacted Harbor District last month but no reply; **John** will take this on with Richard Young.
- **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)
- **Susie** – check w/ George on whether Donut Hole Exclusionary Zone Incorporation letter should come from CSMW or Corps – ONGOING (See Agenda Item Below).
 - **Nate** will work on a letter w/ John Dingler, Chris, and Susie. Steve Ortega should be contacted to help w/ process.
- **All** – send comments to Susie re: linkages of LA Co. RSMP to LA Co. Long Term Sediment Plan. No comments received thus far. **Comment period for Coastal RSMP closes October 12th**. County is placing link on their site to our CRSMP. Meeting will be coordinated.
- **Chris** – check on need for State input on WRDA Bill per Sen. Boxer’s statements Steve mentioned (through Howard Marlowe). Still pending. Jim will be having discussions for increased collaboration between state and Ngo’s. Senator Boxer is in favor of WRDA bill. Several other Senators throughout the country are pushing for this as well. Only the Senate would endorse a potential WRDA bill, but House does not want to portray themselves as pushing for project earmarks.
- **All** – send comments to Steve on Boxer’s WRDA Bill.



- **All** – send recommendations for POC's to Nate for Morro Bay RSMP Scoping Meeting
- **Susie and John Dingler** will prepare a memo re: pros and cons of CSMW participating in funding LCP updates
- **Nate** – follow up w/ Brian Ross on draft initial guidance paper re: Beneficial Use Re-Definitions
- **Nate** – prepare draft letter to be sent from CSMW to Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary for our involvement in the scoping/NEPA process for expansion.
- **Brenda** will alert Chris when draft Water Plan is available
- **Mark Johnsonn** will check w/ Greg Benoit to see if Coastal Armoring layer will be updated
- **George, Steve, Chris, Jim, Jessie-Burton Evans, Eric Braun** – form subcommittee for dedicated West Coast Dredge availability white paper.
- **Jim** – send PIANC/COPRI Conference info
- **Chris** – contact BCDC re: room availability for Oct. 17th meeting

COMPLETED ITEMS:

- **Clif** will review old emails to get Marine Corps POC for Steve re: RBSP11
- **Nate West** – Conversion of USACE reference database for incorporation into CSMW's searchable Access Database. COMPLETE – draft webpage complete; link posted (or to be posted shortly) to CSMW webpage. Future RSMP references should be submitted and incorporated in the to-be-expanded and updated references database

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

❖ **Review of Meeting Minutes from 8/22/12 Meeting (Nate West)**

- Meeting minutes approved for posting

❖ **Discussion: Modification of Scope for San Francisco RSMP (John Dingler/Susie Ming)**

- John noticed disparity between understanding of public between SF and Daly City region
 - Resulted in a mod. of the SOW for additional meetings at Pacifica/Daly City
 - PWA suggested they assist both Cities in preparing their LCP amendments
 - John isn't sure CSMW should be involved in the LCP updates and we should have future discussions on this



- CSMW should discuss w/ ABAG re: their opinion for our involvement; John will contact Athenae to see how their recent Board Meeting went on the subject issue

Comment: Leslie notes LCP's are being updated for climate change issues already. Strategic Growth Council had funding opportunity to assist. Funding updates could be an issue as RFP's for LCP efforts not part of the CA Sediment Master Plan intent.

Comment: Another intent of the RSMP's were for adoption of plan recommendations into LCP's.

Comment: In terms of the Corps funding this, we should have future discussions as this involves more memos.

Comment: Chris notes a draft memo noting pros and cons should be distributed to the group. Susie and John Dingler will prepare a memo.

❖ **Update: Depth of Closure Subcommittee (Nate West/Chris Potter)**

- Brian prepared draft initial guidance and submitted to ERDC for comment; Tanya Beck and Julie Rosati provided comment. Brian to incorporate and send to CSMW listserv for comment
 - Brian recommends that a CA policy document have two parts.
 - "Rule of thumb" closure limit following the SCOUP guidance for permitting projects when site-specific info are lacking; and,
 - A formula and approach for calculating a more precise closure depth for any location using site-specific wave climate data.
 - Once CSMW reaches concurrence on the appropriate approach, EPA and USACE can start the guidance drafting process.
- Bill O'Reilly and Michele Okihiro (Scripps) could present at next CSMW meeting

Comment: In terms of the Corps funding this, we should have future discussions as this involves more details.

❖ **Discussion: Potential Morro Bay CRSMP Public Meeting in October (Nate West)**

- Nate coordinating stakeholder meeting for last week of October at Morro Bay Harbor District, who will host
 - Potential dates October 29, 30, 31 in the afternoon
 - Nate will present CSMW and RSMP background and Eric Endersby will present local issues
- Morro Bay National Estuary Program and County (Env. Planning) have indicated interest
 - Send recommendations for stakeholder workshop attendees to Nate

❖ **Discussion: Comment letter re: MBNMS expansion to the San Francisco-Pacific Exclusion Area (John Dingler/Chris Potter)**

- George discussed w/ Jim Haussener and a letter from only CSMW could be difficult in terms of obtaining signatures.
- SF District will comment separately. Will request certain alternatives be examined through NEPA process.
- Coastal Commission, State Parks would not endorse a letter from CSMW. CA NRA could obtain Secretary's signature w/in a week.
- Past example of CSMW-submitted letter was the MLPA letter. Tom Kendall noted that past discussions with the Sanctuary have indicated they'd like us to be part of the scoping team. Nate will draft letter.
- Due date is October 10th. Federal Register for comments will be re-sent.
- CSMW's position will affect other agency commenters.
- Doug George believes requests for coordination between CSMW and Sanctuaries could be successful.

❖ **Sediment Master Plan PM Report (Clif Davenport)**

- CSMW submitted comments on DWR Water Plan Chapter
- OC RSMP
 - GIS and Draft Re-Submittal forthcoming
- LA Co. RSMP
 - GIS and additional SOW mod. tasks forthcoming (SOW mod. recently awarded)
 - Meeting w/ City Managers will be set up for mid-October
- OPC recently completed bibliography reference for all coastal sediment references for SF Bay. Will be released this fall.
- Final CEQA Document for sand mining to be submitted in October (Sacramento). BCDC needs to issue new permits for sand mining. Sand transport processes need to be presented for Commission to make informed decision.
 - Meeting November 1st at San Francisco Ferry building (no agenda yet)
- LTMS Twelve Year Review of Plan completed in stages in March, June (beneficial reuse), cost and contracting, and a fourth meeting in November (agenda TBD); Review results to be posted to website. 4 quarterly stakeholder meetings will be complete in November
- State Water plan including chapter on sediment now
 - Brenda will alert Chris when draft is available as CA NRA and CGS submitted comments
 - Chapter added for beneficial use for habitat
- Eureka RSMP being updated w/ CSMW comments; obtained GIS data from beach visits; John hasn't heard from Dilip
- Crescent City RSMP – no updates



- CSMW Website
 - Reference database updated
 - Spatial Data posted
 - Webmapper effort being updated by Corps. OPC data to be incorporated.
- Coastal Commission Coastal Armor Layer
 - Mark Johnsson will check w/ Greg Benoit to see if it'll be updated; CSMW should contact Greg for recommendations/requests on coastal armor layer

❖ **Updates: 1) DBW's Beach Restoration Control Program and Public Beach Restoration Program; 2) Recent Policy Decision by OMB re: cost benefit ratio (CBR) on federally-funded shore protection projects (Steve Aceti)**

1) DBW's Beach Restoration Control Program and Public Beach Restoration Program

- Steve attempted budget trailer bill near end of 3rd session; purpose was to state that the Public Beach Restoration Fund could be funded. Bill didn't match term limits. Too many inquiries received. Bill will be reintroduced in December.
- West Coast Dredge Availability
 - Dredging industry potentially funding feasibility study to examine dredge availability on West Coast; could alternatively be funded by CSMW (i.e. Master Plan)
 - Federal Reg's. describe dredge rules, however, Corps has been sidestepping these regs.
 - John Dingler notes that the Essayons cost is a factor and there is a dredge presence on the West Coast; not expecting Essayons to be retro-fitted for pumpout capability. Dredge covers entire West Coast.
 - Yaquina can cover shallower water placement than Essayons. SF District studying whether they could reduce unit cost of dredging by combining Oakland and Port of Richmond dredging projects.
 - Private vs. Federal Dredging interests must be considered
 - Dredge study was previously done and concluded not in State's interest to fund a dredge. Steve recommends CSMW should (w/ the help of the WCGA) take this on and identify dredge capability/availability for CA.
 - Committee should include George, Steve, Chris, Jim, Jessie-Burton Evans, Eric Braun. Goal of committee is to identify how a dredge could be dedicated to the West Coast so we don't have to pay excessive mob/demob and acquisition costs for dredges from further distances.

2) Recent Policy Decision by OMB re: cost benefit ratio (CBR) on federally-funded shore protection projects

- OMB
 - Steve requested update from Howard; change hasn't been made yet



- George heard rumors from CERB but no updates
 - 2.0 B/C ratio rumored as a new minimum for funding storm damage reduction project implementation activities
- Corps planning to revise Review
- At recent Sustainability Conference in Long Beach, white paper on climate change was mentioned by Coastal Commission. No release yet (date TBD).
 - Guidance paper on SLR will cover LCP's (update guidance), Coastal Dev. Permits, and will be released for public comment for longer than usual; should be on December agenda

Comment: OPC and NOAA Coastal Services Center coordinating workshop using funds from Packard Foundation for symposium October 26th. Gary Griggs briefing will focus on CA aspects of results of SLR & Climate Adaptation Strategy. Opportunity to discuss who else is developing SLR guidance and how guidance could be implemented. No conference website but Sarah will send registration information. Mission Bay Campus of UCSF recommended as a potential location instead of Presidio.

❖ **Update: Agency and NGO Updates**

FEDERAL UPDATES

- Army Corps, LA District (Susie Ming/Nate West)
 - Solana-Enc. Feas. Report
 - AFB (Alternative Formulation Briefing) being held this Friday.
 - Division review conference of report prior to Public Release for comment. Estimated release date late October/early November
 - San Clemente Feasibility Study
 - Report forwarded to Congress, includes letter of position from OMB and ASA (Assistant Secretary of Army)
 - Congress will review package and gauge inclusion in potential WRDA Bill; note that WRDA Bills can take several years and can be delayed, so no construction date estimate
- Army Corps, SPD (George Domurat)
 - Past Dredging at Mission Bay
 - Corps guidelines are least cost-most env. acceptable placement alternative



- George would like to further discussions re: env. acceptable locations; if sand isn't placed in preferred locations, then is it really most env. preferred location?
- CERB in Jacksonville recently held and discussed issues re: placement and suitability issues
 - CERB could meet in SF in June, where we could request this be discussed

Comment: How does RSMP play in the Corps planning process?

Response: This should be added to the discussion

- USGS (Jon Warrick)
 - Sediment Review paper of sand dispersal from Rivers being prepared by Jon and Patrick Barnard
 - Presentation could be held next month
- National Park Service (Tamara Williams)
 - Sand moved at Ocean Beach recently

STATE UPDATES

- Boating and Waterways (Kim Sterrett)
 - SMBay RSMP Env. Contract (AMBAG)
 - Reassignment of Agreement to City of Monterey
 - 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
 - DFG
 - No Updates
 - State Parks
 - No updates

NGO UPDATES

- CMANC (Jim Haussener)
 - Harbor Maintenance Trust Issues meeting upcoming



- Equity in LA and Long Beach issues; tax for purposes on west coast vs. east coast
- State Project Funding Congressional Discussions
 - OMB meeting upcoming

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

- Agenda Items for October Meeting (Chris Potter)
 - Next regular meeting will be October 17th in San Francisco at (potentially) BCDC Offices – Chris will contact BCDC
- PIANC/COPRI Conference upcoming; Jim will send info
- Fall public meeting: Chris and Susie will identify a fall meeting and location likely in November

Adjourn 12:05 PM

**Next Meeting
October 17th, 9:30-12:30 PM
BCDC Office (tentative location)
San Francisco**



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