



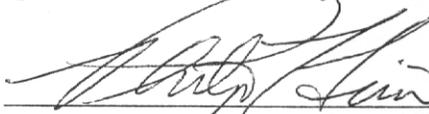
LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

SMALL DREDGER PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS (SDPAA) FOR DISPOSAL OF MAINTENANCE DREDGED MATERIAL IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

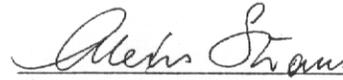
The LTMS Management Committee hereby adopts the attached "Small Dredger Programmatic Alternatives Analysis (SDPAA) for Disposal of Maintenance Dredged Material in the San Francisco Bay Region." The LTMS agencies developed the SDPAA to further streamline and simplify the permitting process for the dozens of projects in the "small dredger" class as defined in the LTMS EIS/EIR and Management Plan.

The LTMS Management Plan calls for substantially reduced in-Bay disposal, and substantially increased beneficial re-use of dredged material over time. However, due to their size, depths and types of facilities, there are special constraints on the range of practicable alternatives available to the projects in this class. At the same time, small dredger projects cumulatively account for a relatively small percentage of the region's dredging and disposal activity. The SDPAA programmatically evaluates alternatives to unconfined in-Bay disposal for nearly five dozen small dredger projects presently active in the region. It concludes that, given present circumstances and the existing range of alternatives, continued in-Bay disposal is appropriate for most of these projects. The LTMS agencies will review and update the SDPAA evaluation as appropriate when new alternatives become available to small dredger projects.

The SDPAA addresses the LTMS agencies' regulatory requirements for evaluation of alternatives, for covered small dredger projects. As long as dredgers can satisfy the agencies that they continue to meet the "small dredger" definition and that there has been no significant change in the range or practicability of alternatives for their project, the SDPAA will remain valid for them and project-specific alternatives analyses will not be required.

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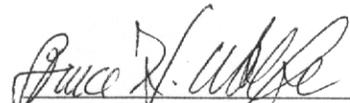
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