

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



Workshop Notice

**Long Term Management Strategy for the Placement of Dredged Material in
the San Francisco Bay Region**

Wetland Creation/Beneficial Reuse Sediment Screening Guidelines Revision

**Thursday, November 14th, 2002, 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600, San Francisco**

The inter-agency Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO), a component of the Long Term Management Strategy for Disposal of Dredged Material in the San Francisco Bay Region (LTMS), invites interested stakeholders to attend an informational workshop on efforts to revise Sediment Screening Guidelines for Wetland Creation and Beneficial Reuse. The Coastal Conservancy has provided grant money to fund the review of existing guidelines and develop regionally appropriate screening guidelines. As part of this process, the DMMO would like to present preliminary results of the review and consult with stakeholders on the proposed approach to guideline revision.

An important goal of the LTMS is the increased use of dredged material as a resource for wetland restoration, levee repair, and other beneficial reuse options. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has published two sets of sediment screening guidelines for beneficial reuse in the past decade; however many of the guidelines default to generic levels derived from a national database. **The DMMO has recognized that it would benefit the region to develop sediment screening guidelines based on regional testing results to ensure appropriate environmental protection and minimize testing costs.**

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The Project

Germano & Associates has been contracted to evaluate existing guidelines, involve stakeholders, and revise screening guidelines for beneficial reuse. Their proposed approach is to compile regional sediment characterization data into a database and develop procedures for the DMMO to update guidelines as more regional data become available. They will deliver a revised set of guidelines, a database, and evaluation procedures to maintain guidelines in the future. This workshop will be an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the project approach and provide input to the process during the design stage.

Desired Outcomes

The primary purpose of the workshop is to develop a group of informed stakeholders who can contribute to the early design process and development of a procedure to maintain regionally-based sediment screening guidelines for beneficial reuse of dredged material.

Stakeholders Will Gain

- Information about the purpose and nature of the database and guideline evaluation process, including four sets of technical procedures:
 - sediment testing
 - basis for guidelines
 - assessment of guidelines
 - database content
- The opportunity to give feedback on the design, approach and application of guidelines to beneficial reuse of dredged material in wetland restoration projects.

The workshop is not intended solely for regional experts on sediment quality; understanding the application of the guidelines is as important as the science behind them.

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Process	Presenter/Leader
1:30-1:35	Welcome to Workshop		DMMO Host
1:35-1:45	Review of purpose of workshop and desired outcomes	Presentation and Q&A	Germano & Associates Team
1:45-2:00	Sediment testing and screening guidelines – relevance to beneficial reuse	Presentation and Q&A	Germano & Associates Team
2:00-2:30	Evaluation procedures for assessment of guidelines – predictive accuracy	Presentation and Q&A	Germano & Associates Team
2:30-2:40	Break		
2:40-2:50	Database content – proposed database for screening guidelines	Presentation and Q&A	Germano & Associates Team
2:50-3:20	Application of screening guidelines to beneficial reuse – issue identification	Group discussion	Germano & Associates Discussion Leader
3:20-3:30	Summarize project approach and record feedback from stakeholders	Group discussion and consensus	G & A Discussion Leader and DMMO Host