



LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

SAN FRANCISCO BAY LTMS SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS WORK GROUP MEETING

Teleconference

Thursday, October 29, 2009

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

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| Renee Ananda – Port of Oakland | Jessica Hamburger – BCDC |
| Carolynn Box – BCDC | Ellen Johnck – Bay Planning Coalition |
| Jessie Burton-Evans – USACE | Kristin Joseph – Cooper Crane |
| Len Cardoza – Weston Solutions | Peter LaCivita – USACE |
| Katie Chamberlin – Anchor QEA, L.P. | Rob Lawrence – USACE |
| Beth Christian – RWQCB | Steve Lowe – Port of Oakland |
| Mark D’Avignon – USACE | Debra O’Leary – USACE |
| Leora Feeney – GGAS/FAWR | Imee Osantowski – Port of Oakland |
| Vicki Frey – CDFG | Shelah Sweatt – USACE |
| Brenda Goeden – BCDC | Dave Woodbury – NMFS |

DISCUSSION OF PROJECTS

Brenda introduced the table’s color codes and began the project-specific discussion. Table color codes were defined as follows:

- Purple – Projects with a high chance of not being completed this year.
- Pink – Projects with a chance of not being completed this year.
- Yellow – Projects that have been delayed until 2010 or later.
- Green – Projects either already completed or with a high chance of being completed this year.

Alameda Ferry Project (pink). The group noted that the sediment to be dredged as part of this project appears to consist of hard-packed sand. The agencies have previously informed the applicant that the material was unsuitable for Alcatraz and suggested other options, including sand mining. The issue remaining is that two mounds of hard-packed sand exist on either side of the approach channel and pose potential navigational safety issues for the new ferry set to arrive in April. The group discussed concerns with potential impacts of the proposed project on longfin smelt, and the most recent interactions that have occurred between different agencies and the applicant. In summary, the agencies support the applicant using a clamshell dredge, dredging in March (to allow time for a take permit if needed), and either using SF8 or an upland disposal site for the dredged material.

BP Richmond Terminal (yellow, now green). The agencies believed this project was delayed until 2010 but recently learned that the applicant wants to try to dredge this year. The USACE noted that they had just received the dredging operation plan from the applicant. While it doesn't appear that the project will have trouble being completed in time, the fact that the applicant changed plans so late in the season means that the agencies need to prioritize this project to ensure it can be completed this year. This project will be changed from yellow to green status.

Benicia Marina (green). This project only needs a permit from BCDC; at the time of the meeting, BCDC anticipated being able to issue their permit within a couple days.

Brickyard Cove HOA (pink, now green). This project has not yet been completed; however, the agencies are confident that it will be completed this year and supported changing its status from pink to green.

California Maritime Academy (yellow). The applicant for this project now wants to complete dredging of a portion of the marina this year, not in 2010. Dredging of only a portion of the site is proposed, as a disposal site has not been identified. While the applicant is trying to get the details worked out, it does not look likely that this project will be completed this year. Ellen volunteered to give the applicant a call to let them know that the schedule and details do not look promising to dredge this year.

Chevron Long Wharf (pink, now green). Debra reported that it appears as though this project will be completed this year and that using Hamilton has been going well for them. This project will be changed from pink to green status.

Glen Cove Marina (purple, now pink). According to this project's dredging operation plan, the applicant can complete half of the dredging this year. As such, the authorizations will permit half of the dredging to occur this year. The group discussed the chance that operations may be delayed by the applicant until next year, in which case they would not dredge this year at all. Kristin noted that the contractor had not yet mobilized and was waiting for a crew, but that they should be starting as early as the week of November 2. The contractor is planning to dredge the turning basin and fairways this year. This project's status will be changed from purple to pink.

Greenbrae Marina (purple). The agencies noted that they had not heard from this applicant since March and had only recently learned that they want to dredge this year. Fortunately, their testing was nearly complete; it was determined that a small portion of the material needs to go upland (due to mercury) and the remainder will go to SF11 for disposal. BCDC may need to amend their permit depending on its expiration date, although the applicant believes it is not expired. As the USACE owns the tidelands surrounding the project, the applicant needs to obtain a lease license from them. The applicant needs to have all supporting documents to BCDC by Wednesday, November 5, so the permit can get in front of the commission in time for a November permit issuance.

Marina Vista HOA (purple). The agencies noted they received an application for this project in late October. Rob noted that the timing of dredging is not an issue for this project as the work window runs from June to January, but the timing of dredged material disposal is an issue. Dave said he would write a letter extending the window for this project.

Oyster Point Marina East Basin (pink). The group discussed the project schedule. The contractor (Salt River) wants to start dredging tomorrow as they are in the area. Brenda noted that BCDC needs the project's production rate to issue their DOP.

Paradise Cay HOA (pink). The group discussed the project schedule and potential conflict with the Oyster Point project regarding equipment. Jessie said she would call Pat and convey the group's concern with the project's production rate as well as the fact that they are unlikely to receive an extension from CDFG.

Pinole Shoal Channel (pink). The project is waiting for a CM, which Brenda will write and get to the applicant soon.

Redwood City (pink, now yellow). The group discussed that this project is not likely to occur this year, and that its status will be changed from pink to yellow.

ESA CONSULTATION ISSUES

- Dave noted that he is seeking a replacement to work with the LTMS as he transitions into his new role focused solely on green sturgeon critical habitat. The group then discussed individual consultations versus programmatic consultations. Dave informed the group that until a take prohibition is made, he doesn't see anything more than a paragraph on green sturgeon critical habitat included in NMFS's consultations.
- Rob asked Dave whether Coho can be removed from consultations. Dave replied that he is working on this issue, but that the species can be removed from consultations.