

## ISSUE PAPER ON FUNDING FOR THE LTMS AND RELATED EFFORTS

**Question.** How can adequate funding to implement the LTMS be assured in the future and what relevant policies and/or actions should be included in the LTMS Management Plan? For the August 11, 1999 workshop, the interested parties should come prepared to discuss and/or propose potential funding options and/or relevant policies and actions that could be included in the LTMS Management Plan

**Background.** To date, funding for the LTMS program and related efforts has been obtained through a variety of sources. Participation in the program by the primary LTMS agencies has been funded through federal and state sources, and, in the case of BCDC, between 1991 and 1998 additional funds were obtained through dredging and disposal fees, which were instituted through state legislation. Various funding sources have been used to support other aspects of or related to the LTMS program. For example, planning costs for facilitating implementation of upland/wetland/reuse (UWR) projects have been obtained through the California Coastal Conservancy and the CALFED program (e.g. for the Hamilton Wetland Project in Marin County). Other costs related to the LTMS program have come from Bay dredgers to support the efforts of the Regional Monitoring Program for the Bay run by the RWQCB.

**Issue.** In the future, funding will be needed to implement and attain the long-term goals of the LTMS, such as bringing on-line and operating UWR projects. Also, funding will be needed for improved management of dredging and disposal, such as long-term management and monitoring of disposal sites, operation and expansion of the DMMO, public participation and education, legislative efforts, technical studies and analyses, development of the Regional Implementation Manual (RIM) for sediment testing, and 3- and 6-year reviews and revisions of the LTMS Management Plan as well as amendments to the San Francisco Bay and Basin Plans, as needed. Possible funding mechanisms and/or actions to support on-going and future LTMS efforts are identified below:

### **Mechanisms (potential and existing or previously-used):**

- Federal and state government general operating funds. (Existing or previously-used)
- Additional federal funds obtained via National Economic Development plan process, and Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. (Existing and Potential)
- Existing authorities e.g. WRDA, Section 204 provisions , Section 1135. (Existing)
- CALFED. (Existing)
- Other grant or non-profit funds. (Potential)
- Permit fees related to dredging and disposal activities. (Existing)
- Fines collected via regulatory agency enforcement actions. (Potential)
- New state or regional tax. (Potential)
- Mitigation funding. (Potential)
- New user fee on in-Bay and/or ocean disposal. (Potential)
- State regional dredging trust: through loans to, among others, privately-owned, multi-user UWR. (Potential)

**Potential actions to support:**

- Develop equitable mechanisms to fund use of UWR and other LTMS costs.
- Come to agreement on a strategy to implement.
- Implement strategy including any needed legislative initiatives, changes to cost sharing arrangements and lobbying, as appropriate, for funding.