

Existing Fees Within and Outside Bay Area

- 1. BCDC.** During beginning stages of LTMS, state legislation passed allowing BCDC to collect fee of \$0.10/cy for dredging and disposal projects with total sum of fees collected not to exceed \$650,000. In 1996, new legislation was enacted allowing BCDC to collect a \$0.07/cy fee for in-Bay disposal projects only; total sum of fees collected could not exceed \$210,000. Both fees used to fund BCDC's involvement in LTMS. Fees are no longer in effect.
- 2. Regional Water Quality Control Board.** Projects involving disposal of materials in waters of the State and thus are subject to Waste Discharge Requirements and/or require CWA 401 Water Quality Certification are assessed a fee. Fee based on volume of material discharged and/or the amount of staff time required. Fees for WDRs and Certifications range from \$0.05 to \$0.20/cy depending on volume.
- 3. Regional Monitoring Program (RMP).** Under current permitting requirements, projects involving in-Bay disposal are required to monitor to demonstrate disposal does not adversely impact water quality. Currently, permittees are given the option to: (1) provide a monitoring plan to collect samples during and after disposal event; or (2) participate in the RMP by way of a financial contribution. The contribution is based on a prescribed portion of the annual RMP budget—approximately \$400,000 per year—allotted to the dredging community, and currently works out to be \$0.22/cy.
- 4. State Lands Commission Fee.** Fee of \$850 assessed to cover staff time for processing permits; any fee collected that is unused is returned to permittee. In addition, a separate fee of up to \$0.65/cy is assessed for sand dredging projects where material is used for commercial purposes.
- 5. Puget Sound Dredged Disposal Analysis (PSDDA).** For projects involving aquatic disposal a fee of \$0.45/cy—with a minimum fee of \$2000—is paid to the State Department of Resources. Fees are used for site monitoring and management, and development of new monitoring methods. Disposal volumes of 300,000 cy triggers a monitoring event, which costs approximately \$135,000. Corps is not subject to fee but provides physical monitoring of non-dispersive sites.