

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



LTMS Management Plan Workshop

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

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 22, 2000

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's Office
50 California Street, 26th Floor, San Francisco

****PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS FOR BCDC****

(If you arrive by BART or MUNI, exit at Embarcadero Street Station.)

A workshop regarding the Draft LTMS Management Plan will be held at BCDC's **new office** on June 22, 2000. Please come prepared to discuss your comments and questions. Please note BCDC's new address above; call (415) 352-3600 for directions.

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SUMMARY: LTMS MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKSHOP (March 9, 2000)

Agenda Changes

"Delta Reuse" agenda item postponed to next workshop

Allocation Strategy: Comments

Environmental groups comments (not captured in slide of input received by agencies on allocation strategy):
desire the elimination of disposal of dredged material in the Bay
the transition from Phase I to Phase II should be automatic if conditions decided on now occur

Allocation Strategy: Presentation by Agencies and Feedback on "Evaluation Framework"

The agencies presented a possible framework (evaluation framework) that would be used by the agencies in the future if LTMS in-Bay disposal goals were exceeded.

Proposed Evaluation Framework would consider:

- degree of exceedance
 - frequency of exceedance
 - projections for future disposal volumes
 - efforts to support beneficial reuses
 - success criteria:
 - "best dredging practices"
 - development and funding of beneficial reuse
 - intra-project coordination
 - load leveling
- coordination of monitoring
coordination of projects
disposal site management
regional planning

Process for Evaluation Framework would include phased review:

1. DMMO
2. mid-level managers
3. LTMS Management Committee

The review process would include these features:

- yearly report
- recommendations if there are exceedances
- ability to return to Phase I (voluntary reduction in in-Bay disposal) from Phase II (allocations)

Feedback by workshop participants:

- How do feasibility and practicability fit in?
- How do funding for Hamilton and stability and availability of COE funding for alternate disposal sites fit in?
- Factors (e.g. best dredging practices) should be clarified. How does this relate to allocation?
- Many factors (e.g. level of support for beneficial reuse, best dredging practices, coordination of monitoring efforts) are hard to quantify, should be made more objective.
- Would a facility's general support for beneficial reuse be counted in addition to actual disposal locations for its projects?
- What about 404(b)(1) alternatives analyses? Agencies response: yes, must be performed for each project, regardless of allocation.
- Regional Planning is key.

Options for Phase II Trigger

Alternative 1: Previously presented at several workshops and in LTMS EIS/R, with modifications based on feedback. Includes using 2-year average in evaluating in-Bay volumes, 5% contingency volume.

Alternative 2: Uses statistics, action limit=99.7%, warning limit=95%, caution limit=1 standard deviation.

Dredging community feedback: progress is being made; process is cumbersome, so "lean forward and work on process." +s: hearing/votes to trigger allocations, 404(b)(1) provision.

Work Group Updates

- (1) Management & Monitoring Plan: Next meeting April 17, 1:30pm at RWQCB
- (2) Sediment Quality Guidelines: Next meeting March 30, 9:30am at EPA

(3) Funding: Next meeting not set

Tentative Management Plan Schedule

Draft Management Plan released	June 2, 2000
LTMS workshop on the public draft	June 22, 2000
BCDC/RWQCB joint public hearing	July 20, 2000
Comment period closes	July 20, 2000
Final Plan released	September 1, 2000
BCDC/RWQCB vote on adoption of Final Management Plan	September 7, 2000

Bicycle Lot Items

San Francisco Airport expansion – how will LTMS deal with proposals?

Action Items

- Provide comments to the agencies on the allocation strategy by March 31: **All**
- Consider a special session on allocation strategy (in April?), if comments warrant, and on Delta reuse, if timely:

LTMS Agencies

- Provide copies of template letter and requests for federal funding: **Ellen Johnck**
- Interested parties may contact Steve G. for copies of BCDC funding letter: **All**
- Pursue legislator support for Delta reuse with Pat Johnston: **Ellen Johnck**
- Summit meeting with stakeholders to develop partnership on Delta reuse funding: **Curt Schmutte (DWR)**
- Prepare agenda for funding work group and distribute to participants: **Steve G.**
- Prepare standard statement on impacts and processes for dredging/disposal project proponents (CEQA): **each LTMS agency**
- Develop mechanism to identify projects having impacts from dredging: **LTMS agencies**

Meeting evaluation

+’s: handouts, feedback from dredging community

Δ’s: distribute info to be discussed before meeting; parking; noisy fan in room

Next Workshop: Thursday June 22, 2000 to discuss Draft Management Plan (released on June 2)

Time: 10:00am, meeting location to be determined.