

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



SUMMARY OF COMMENTS, DECEMBER 3, 1998 LTMS MANAGEMENT PLAN SCOPING MEETING

The following summarizes comments from the scoping meeting of December 3, 1998, regarding preparation of the LTMS Management Plan and the potential strategy for allocating in-Bay disposal site use which would involve: 1) giving medium and Corps dredgers three-year disposal allotments with the option to trade and/or bank "credits;" 2) in-Bay disposal site exemptions for small dredgers and contingencies; and 3) possibly an in-Bay disposal site user fee.

Save S. F. Bay Association

- Strategy/allocations should be historic average rather than between average and highest volumes as proposed by LTMS staff (i.e. at beginning of transition in-Bay disposal limit should be 2.3 mcy per year instead of 2.8 mcy, as proposed.)
- Need to clarify definition of "feasibility" for disposing material outside of the Bay. If economic wherewithal is used to determine feasibility and in-Bay disposal remains least expensive option then majority of material will continue to go into Bay.
- Proposed strategy favors dredgers and does not "favor" the Bay in that it still allows in-Bay disposal.
- Need to develop alternatives to in-Bay disposal that are financially-feasible to use. Potential mechanisms for developing alternatives include disposal site fees.

LTMS Agencies

- Any fees collected could also be used to monitor SFDODS and in-Bay disposal sites.

Port of S. F.

- To develop alternatives to in-Bay disposal funding, legislation, and, possibly, more staffing would be necessary. New governor may be receptive to facilitating development of Upland/Wetland/Reuse (UWR) sites so lobbying efforts should be increased in 1999.

Benicia Marina

- Proposed transition time (approximately 12 years) does not recognize time delays due to litigation which could arise.
- Expressed concern about possible loss of any existing in-Bay disposal sites in future.

Levine-Fricke

- One way to make UWR use financially feasible would be by reducing tipping fees which might be accomplished through purchase of sites by public entities (e.g. Coastal Conservancy).

Corps of Engineers

- Noted importance and potential difficulty in distinguishing banked volumes from any new allotments given through course of transition under proposed strategy.
- Noted importance of accounting for project delays during transition under proposed strategy.

Topics for Future Meetings

- Dredging and disposal endangered species windows
- Port of Oakland's proposed Middle Harbor restoration project using dredged material and how to address in long-term management plan and possible *San Francisco Bay Plan* amendment process.
- Volume disposal targets at in-Bay disposal sites and possible daily, monthly, or annual limits throughout Bay.
- Specific incentives for disposing and/or reusing material out of the Bay in the future (e.g. fees, etc.)