Project Management Plan (PMP)

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

San Francisco District

Regional Dredged
Material Management
Plan (RDMMP)

ISSUES RELATING TO ECONOMICS, SOCIAL STUDIES AND POLICIES

JULY 16, 2020

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

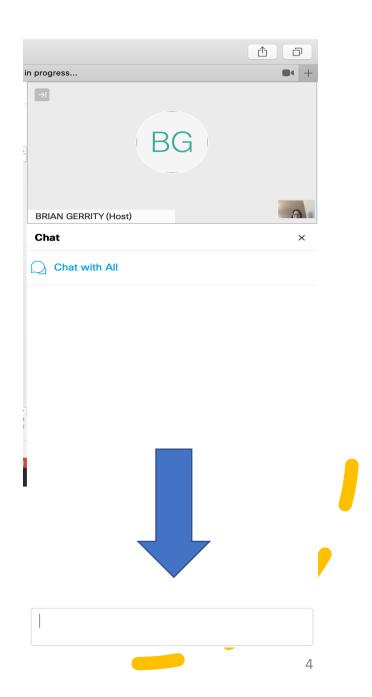
- Using the Chat Box
- Muting and Unmuting Mikes
- Change in Agenda

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- We want to ensure your participation is recorded.

PMP PLANNING MEETING 4

ISSUES RELATING TO ECONOMICS, SOCIAL STUDIES AND POLICIES JULY 16, 2020

TOPIC	AGENDA ITEMS	START TIME
HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS		8:30 AM
OVERVIEW Stu Townsley	 Summary of PMP Meeting Objectives Overview of Meeting Theme 	8:35 AM
WELCOME Stu Townsley		8:40 AM
CHARRETTE PROCESS	 Introduction of Speakers and Facilitator Team Explanation of Charrette Process Review of Meeting Protocols Questions Regarding Charrette Process 	8:45 AM
COMMENT OVERVIEW Tawny Tran	Introduction of Comments to Be Discussed	8:55 AM
COMMMENTS RELATING TO LTMS GOALS BREAK	 Discussion on Comment 1 Discussion on Comment 2 Discussion on Comment 3 	9:05 AM 9:25 AM 9:45 AM 10:05 AM
COMMENTS RELATING TO EFFICIENCY ADDITION OF NEW COMMENTS	 Discussion on Comment 1 Discussion on Comment 2 Discussion on Comment 3 Open List for Addition of New Comments Discussion on New Comments 	10:15 AM 10:35 AM 10:55 AM 11:15 AM
CLOSING STATEMENT Stu Townsley	Discussion on New Comments	12:25 PM

WELCOME

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Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, San Francisco District

OVERVIEW

STU TOWNSLEY

Deputy District
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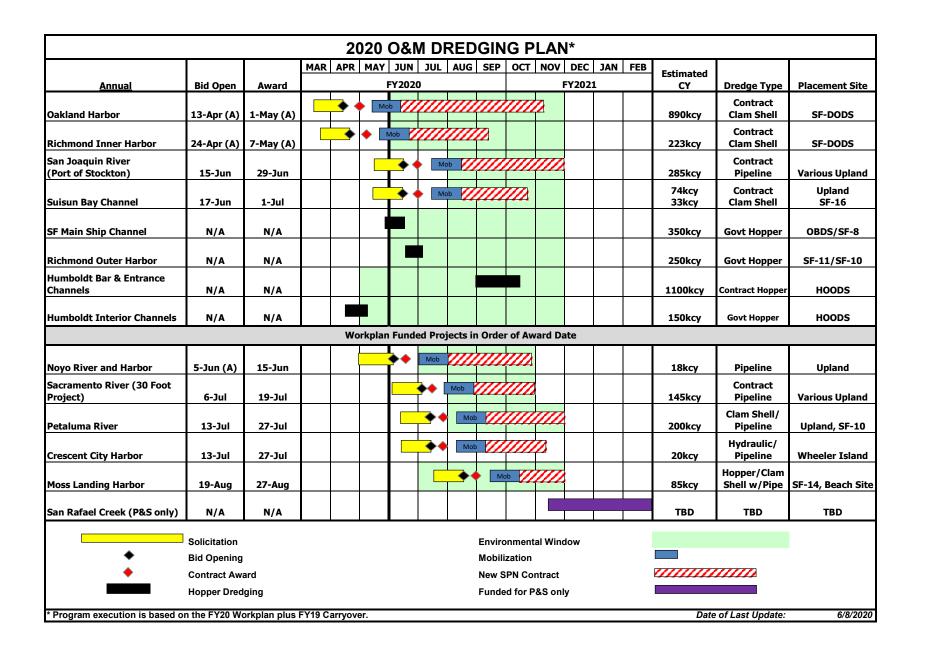
- SUMMARY OF PMP
- MEETING OBJECTIVES
- OVERVIEW OF MEETING THEME

San Francisco District – Dredging Mission



Environmental and institutional backdrop

- NEPA: 10-year (2015-2024) Environmental Assessment, 29 May 2015
- Endangered Species Act (ESA): BO
- Clean Water Act (CWA):
 - Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA):
 - Consistency Notification from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
- Long Term Management Strategy:
 - Framework for placement in the bay with a target of no more than 20% in Bay
- Federal Standard:
 - The least costly dredged material disposal or placement alternative (or alternatives) that is consistent with sound engineering practices and meets all federal environmental requirements, including those established under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act.



The San Francisco Bay Regional DMMP Effort Update



Key Issues

- USACE dredging supports a wide array of goods moving throughout the Bay, 70% of which is commercial and 30% of which is fuel.
- Dredged material in the Bay is an important resource because material is mostly clean.
- Selection of future placement sites.
- Bringing visibility to shallow draft harbors.

Regional DMMP

- Comprehensive approach.
- Focus on addressing dredge material placement issues.
- Improve environmental compliance based upon best available science to inform environmental restrictions/limitations.
- Emphasis on resiliency, especially due to uncertainties with climate change and sea level change.

- Introduction of Speakers/Facilitator Team
- Charrette Process
- General Protocols
- Questions Regarding Charrette Process

SPEAKERS

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San Francisco District

Stu Townsley

Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, San Francisco District

Tawny Tran

Project Manager, Regional Dredged Material Management Plan (RDMMP)

Brian Gerrity

Lead Planner, RDMMP

THE FACILITATOR TEAM

Priscilla Ouchida

Facilitator

John Guenza

Facilitator

Libby Claggett

Note Taker

Joe Schwennesen

Timer / Note Taker

Today's Discussion

- Discussion on comments previously submitted by stakeholders in response to draft PMP relating to physical processes.
- Provide stakeholders with an opportunity to add new comments relating to physical processes.

Different Than a Public Hearing

- The Charrette is different than a public hearing.
 Provisions will not be adopted today.
- All comments made in today's discussion will be considered in the development of the PMP and will become part of the project administrative record.
- Stakeholder comments will drive today's conversation.

Empowering Stakeholders

- Focused Planning Workshop
- Provides each stakeholder with an opportunity to submit comments.
- Ensures issues and concerns are understood, considered, and reflected in options for the PMP.
- Includes diverse stakeholders to explore options for the PMP.

STAKEHOLDERS THAT SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON PMP

NAME	ORGANIZATION
RICHARD ARIANA	San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
AMY HUTZEL	California Coastal Conservancy
ZOE KELMAN	Private Citizen
ERICA MAHARG	San Francisco Baykeeper
KRISTIN CONNELLY	East Bay Leadership Council
JAN WARREN	Private Citizen
BRIAN ROSS	Environmental Protection Agency
ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN	California Regional Water Quality Control Board
BRENDA GOEDEN	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
EDWIN DRAPER	Port of Oakland
RENEE SPENST	Ducks Unlimited
DAVE HALSING	South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
AL FRANZOIA	California State Lands Commission
KEVIN BUCHAN	Western States Petroleum Association
PASHA MCALLISTER	Chevron
ROY MATHUR	Shell 20

STAKEHOLDERS THAT SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON PMP

NAME	ORGANIZATION
SCOTT DUSTERHOFF	San Francisco Estuary Institute
ANNE MORKILL	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ARTHUR FEINSTEIN	Sierra Club
BRIAN SWEDBERG	Port of Sonoma
BRUCE JAFFE	United States Geological Survey
BILL WELLS	California Delta Chamber of Commerce
CHRIS POTTER	California Natural Resources Agency
CHRISTINA MCDOWELL	Tesoro
DARREN HOWE	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
DAVID LEWIS	Save the Bay
DON SNAMAN	Port of Redwood City
GARY LEVIN	Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation
J. C. KRAUSE	Dutra Group
JEFF WINGFIELD	Port of Stockton
JIM LEVINE	Montezuma Wetland Restoration
SHANNON ALFORD	San Francisco Port

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S MEETING

NAME	ORGANIZATION
BRENDA GOEDEN	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
MAUREEN DUNN	Chevron
BRIAN HUBINGER	Chevron
ERIN HANDFORD	City of Vallejo
PAUL KELLEY	City of Vallejo
CHRIS POTTER	City of Vallejo
DAVIS TERRANCE	City of Vallejo
JIM HAUSSEUR	California Marine Affairs & Navigation Conference
RYAN HERNANDEZ	Contra Costa County Water Agency
STEVE CHEW	Curtain Maritime
WILL WALGREN	Dutra
JIM MURCHISON	Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.
GEORGE SMITH	GBR Smith Group
SCOTT BODENSTEINER	Haley & Aldrich
JIM MCNALLY	Manson Construction

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S MEETING

NAME	ORGANIZATION
PETER DAHLING	Marathon Petroleum
DILIP TREVIDI	Moffatt & Nichols
BRIAN NAGY	Nimitz Group
KEENER BAILEY	Nimitz Group
EDWIN DRAPER	Port of Oakland
JAN NOVAK	Port of Oakland
RENEE SPENST	San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
MEL ORPILLA	U.S. Representative Mike Thompson (CA-5)
NATE BENTHAM	U.S. Representative Mike Thompson (CA-5)
SARABETH GEORGE	Waterboards

Key Protocols

- The meeting will be recorded. Your participation in this meeting serves as express consent to be recorded and monitored during the meeting.
- Participants are asked to actively listen.
- Participants are asked to refrain from personal attacks.

Request to Speak

- In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, each organization or speaker will be limited to 2 minutes of speaking time per comment.
- If time allows, speakers will be provided additional time to speak after other speakers have had an opportunity to speak.
- We appreciate your yielding to the next speaker when your two minutes have expired.

Request to Speak

- To speak on a comment, participants should submit a request to speak through the Chat Box.
 - EXAMPLE: Harry Potter would like to speak.
- Speakers will be recognized in order that requests to speak are submitted through the Chat Box.
- The Facilitator will recognize your turn to speak

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- When the Facilitator recognizes your turn to speak, enter Star 6 (*6) to UNMUTE your mike.
- Facilitator will notify the Speaker when the twominute speaking time has expired.
- After your time has expired, enter Star 6 (*6) to MUTE your mike.

New Comments

- After previously submitted comments have been discussed, stakeholders will have an opportunity to submit new comments for discussion.
- New comments submitted for consideration at this meeting must (1) relate to the RDMMP PMP, (2) fall within today's subject matter of Physical Processes, and (3) not relate to aspects of the PMP that are purely legal and cannot be discussed.

Legal Disclaimer

The following Legal Disclaimer applies to comments relating to aspects of the PMP that are purely legal and cannot be discussed:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to directly respond to comments currently being litigated and believes the merits of these issues are more appropriately left for the court to decide.

Chat Box

- All participants may use the Chat Box to submit a statement or question.
- When submitting a statement or question through the Chat Box, please identify yourself by name and organization.
- Only clarifying questions about a comment will be addressed. Questions relating to what will or will not be in the PMP will not be addressed.

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS THROUGH THE CHAT BOX.

PLEASE IDENTIFY
YOURSELF WHEN
ENTERING A COMMENT
OR QUESTION THROUGH
THE CHAT BOX.

WHAT SURPRISING THING HAVE YOU BEEN STOCKING UP ON THAT ISN'T TOILET PAPER?

COMMENT OVERVIEW

TAWNY TRAN
PROJECT MANAGER,
RDMMP

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENTS

- LTMS GOALS
- EFFICIENCY

DEVELOPMENT OF COMMENTS

- USACE received many comments from a wide variety of stakeholders, and the charrette topics reflect the variety of comments received.
- In most cases there were several comments relating to similar topics (e.g sea level rise). For each topic area, USACE staff has selected comprehensive, representative comments to reflect the entirety of thoughts received from all stakeholders who provided written comments on that topic area.
- If you do not see listed here the exact comment you submitted, it is likely because your comment was similar to and is encompassed by a comment selected to represent the topic.



COMMENTS RELATING TO LTMS GOALS

- 1. USACE needs to incorporate the goals established by the LTMS and Management Plan into the RDMMP PMP. The LTMS and Management Plan represent interagency coordination for a 50-year period. The LTMS is not mentioned enough in an appropriate way throughout the PMP.
- 2. USACE should beneficially reuse 40% of the dredged sediment but instead USACE plans to dump dredged material at in bay disposal sites or deep ocean disposal sites. USACE should honor the commitment to LTMS and reuse the 40 percent.
- 3. Study sediment transport flows and mechanisms to help evaluate the carrying capacity to better understand future dredging needs for USACE. Need to reevaluate whether or not the LTMS 20% in bay placement limitation and 40% ocean disposal allowance is the most environmentally sound approach.

COMMENTS RELATING TO EFFICIENCY

- USACE needs to take the lead in identifying future placement sites for dredged material beneficial reuse. Find closer sites to dredging to lower costs while also helping respond to sea level rise.
- 2. Concern regarding efforts dedicated to RDMMP could diminish efforts towards maintaining ongoing O&M projects.
- 3. Better narrative about the need for resource agencies to participate in the process and a narrative about the possible staffing issue in the region as this could be a constraint relevant to all the agencies.

COMMENTS RELATING TO LTMS GOALS

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- THERE ARE THREE COMMENTS RELATING TO LTMS GOALS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY STAKEHOLDERS
- THERE WILL BE A 20-MINUTE DISCUSSION PERIOD ON EACH COMMENT.

LTMS GOALS

- USACE needs to incorporate the goals established by the LTMS and Management Plan into the RDMMP PMP. The LTMS and Management Plan represent interagency coordination for a 50-year period. The LTMS is not mentioned enough in an appropriate way throughout the PMP.
- **Context:** The long term management strategy represents an interagency coordination program regarding dredging and sediment management and the LTMS group and goals play an important role and should be considered more in the PMP.

LTMS GOALS

- USACE should beneficially reuse 40% of the dredged sediment but instead USACE plans to dump dredged material at in bay disposal sites or deep ocean disposal sites. USACE should honor the commitment to LTMS and reuse the 40 percent.
- Context: Current LTMS goals state that 40 percent of dredged materials should be reused beneficially.

LTMS GOALS

- USACE needs to study sediment transport flows and mechanisms to help evaluate the carrying capacity to better understand future dredging needs for USACE. There is a need to reevaluate whether or not the LTMS 20% in bay placement limitation and 40% ocean disposal allowance is the most environmentally sound approach.
- Context: Potential need to reevaluate the current LTMS standards.

BREAK

10 Minutes

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SCREENS IN 10 MINUTES.

WE WILL PROMPTLY RESUME WITH COMMENTS RELATING TO EFFICIENCY

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EFFICIENCY

Comment 1

 USACE needs to take the lead in identifying future placement sites for dredged material beneficial reuse. Find closer sites to dredging to lower costs while also helping respond to sea level rise.

 Context: To help beneficial reuse fit within the Federal Standard, USACE must research more sites that could help lower the costs of beneficial reuse, in order to help combat sea level rise.

EFFICIENCY

Comment 2

 There is concern regarding efforts dedicated to RDMMP could diminish efforts towards maintaining ongoing operations and maintenance dredging projects.

Context: Concern that USACE effort towards
 Operation and Maintenance dredging projects
 could diminish due to the RDMMP effort and that
 the diminished effort would have negative
 implications for current ports, navigation channels
 etc.

EFFICIENCY

- The PMP needs a better narrative about the need for resource agencies to participate in the process and a narrative about the possible staffing issue in the region as this could be a constraint relevant to all the agencies.
- Context: The RDMMP is a huge effort to be undertaken that involved USACE and partner agencies. Staffing for all relevant agencies is a concern as many agencies are understaffed and adding more coordination for this project could be difficult for the region.

NEW COMMENTS

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NEW COMMENTS

The Facilitator will make a determination whether the New Comment meets the criteria to be discussed in today's meeting.

- Pertains to RDMMP PMP
- Falls within subject area of today's meeting
- Does not address a purely legal issue

NEW COMMENTS

- New comments that are placed on the agenda will be taken up in the order submitted.
- We will try to discuss all new comments today.
 Comments not discussed will be taken up in Meeting 5 on July 21.
- If you would like to submit a New Comment for consideration, please submit your comment through the Chat Box OR enter your name and organization and indicate you have a New Comment.
 - Example: Mary Poppins, New Comment

NEW COMMENT

CLOSING

STU TOWNSLEY

Deputy District
Engineer for Project
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COMMENTS PLACED IN THE PARKING LOT FOR DISCUSSION THAT WERE NOT DISCUSSED TODAY WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MEETING 5 ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020.

Questions on Meeting 5 or other issues can be directed to Tawny Tran at THANH.T.TRAN@USACE.ARMY.MIL

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written Comments on the RDMMP PMP may be submitted to the San Francisco District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Written Comments should be submitted via RDMMP inbox:

- The draft PMP will be posted
- https://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/P
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Email your comments at: CESPN-RDMMP@usace.army.mil