

Delta Long Term Management Strategy Interagency Working Group August 4, 2006

Draft Meeting Summary

The Interagency Working Group (IWG) of the Delta Long Term Management Strategy (Delta LTMS) met via conference call at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2006. Purposes of the meeting were to:

- Review and Endorse Final Framework
- Review and Endorse Final Charter
- Initiate Process for Agency Sign-Off

Review of Post June 30 Changes to Framework and Discussion

Before reviewing the meeting's objectives, Al Paniccia, Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), welcomed the group and asked conference call participants to identify themselves. A list of participants is at the end of this meeting summary.

Sarah Layton Wallace, CirclePoint, identified changes that had been made to the Framework since June 30, which included suggestions from Karen Schwinn, USEPA, and from USACE. Brian Ross, USEPA, commented that the *ex officio* reference for participation of the resources agencies (NOAA, USFWS, and CDFG) in the Management Committee was not necessary. He recommended removing it or adding text recognizing that attendance for any Management Committee agency is not absolutely mandatory (in case the resources agencies are reluctant to join because they lack staff). It was agreed to remove the *ex officio* reference and add text later if it is required.

The use of PMP (Project Management Plan) in the Framework and Charter was discussed. It was decided to replace it with *will be formed as determined by the Management Committee*.

Sergio Guillen, Resources Agency, CALFED Bay-Delta Program (CALFED), and Brian Ross requested edits to Section 4.2 (Management Committee).

Lynn O'Leary, USACE, initiated a discussion on the exact title of the study. She has been referring to the Delta Long Term Management Strategy in her presentations as the Pinole Shoal Management Study, to connect it to the Congressional bill that has funded it. She recommended adding reference to it in the title page and elsewhere in the document where appropriate. The group agreed to add it to the bottom of the title page and in the introduction.

There was much debate about the title page. It was decided to change it so the first lines read Long Term Management Strategy for Dredged Materials in the Delta (Delta LTMS), followed by Process Framework. At the bottom will be Pinole Shoal Management Study, September, 2006. It was suggested to put *draft* in the footer.

Action Item: CirclePoint will make changes and re-circulate to IWG.

Review of Post June 30 Changes to Charter and Discussion

The group discussed the Charter and its edits. The title will be changed so that it is identical to what is in the Framework. All subsequent references to Delta Sediment Study, etc, will be changed so it is uniformly called the Delta LTMS. Bob Yeadon, Department of Water Resources (DWR), commented that the Vision statement was not active. It was suggested to preface the current statement with *Dredging will take place in a manner in which...* and add the notion of providing for navigation and flood control. The third operating principle was changed to "...Delta LTMS agencies *in consultation with agencies...*" and the end of the fourth bullet changed to *Science Review Panel*. Brian requested adding a final operating principle stating *The Delta LTMS will serve as a Regional Dredging Team under the National Dredging Policy*.

Brian suggested changing the tense of the Membership section of the Charter (and subsequently Section 4 of the Framework) from future to present tense. He requested adding *generally* to the regularity of Executive and Management Committee meetings. Additional changes made to the committee specifics previously identified in the Framework, including removal of the *ex officio* disclaimer, will be transferred to the Charter. In addition to minor edits, Brian stated that members of the IWG cannot escalate issues to the Executive Committee—that can only be done by the Management Committee—thus he requested removal of that last part of the final full sentence in the IWG's description. It was recommended to add the benefits of dredging for maintaining flood control and water quality to the first sentence describing the Policy Review Group. The last part of the sentence detailing science and technical groups will be changed to *will be formed as determined by the Management Committee* so that it is identical to what is said in the Framework.

The signature page will be changed so that the new Commander, Colonel John R. McMahon, is the USACE signatory. Brian commented that the EPA may also want a different signature block. It was recommended to add a line above each signature block for the actual signature and date.

Action Item: CirclePoint will make changes and re-circulate to IWG.

Agency Sign-Off

Al informed the group that he is planning to brief the new Commander as soon as it is possible (once the documents are "final") and the Colonel will contact the appropriate agency executives by phone, letter, or email to introduce the effort and request their participation in the Executive Committee and at a Kick-Off event. It was recognized that the new Colonel has a very busy schedule and is not extremely familiar with issues in the Delta; peers of his that require extra effort and tactics for engaging them were discussed. Lester Snow at DWR will be very hard to reach because DWR is focused on many projects. Sergio will work with the Director's assistant Rick Soehren to engage DWR. The executives of the Regional and State Water Boards will also be difficult to engage. Sue McConnell, Central Valley Water Board, was unable to participate in

this call, and there was concern that the Board agreement may be a sticking point. Conversations with Sue will occur soon to determine the best way to approach and engage their management.

Sergio recommended that USACE present at the Agency Coordination Team (ACT) meeting at CALFED on August 22 to distribute the Delta LTMS documents and to give an informal “heads up” to directors and deputy directors that USACE will be requesting some of their participation. Al agreed to attend and present on August 22.

Action Item: Al will brief the Colonel and present at August 22 ACT CALFED meeting.

Project Management Plan (PMP)

Bill Brostoff, USACE, informed the group that Anchor Environmental was given a scope to do the PMP (which will implement the Framework by prioritizing studies and work plans), developing the sediment database, and establishing the peer review components. USACE expects a proposal from them any day. Anchor will summarize the basic goals and provide a draft PMP to the Policy Review Group within 120 days of awarding the contract.

Upcoming Meetings

Sarah reported that the Policy Review Group (PRG) is meeting on August 23. The plan was to provide attendees with final documents and begin a discussion of what should be in the PMP. It is hoped that the specifics of the Kick-Off can be discussed. Brian recommended checking with the Central Valley Water Board ASAP and having another IWG meeting before the PRG meeting. The group discussed if having a Kick-Off in September would even be possible, especially when it was realized that Chairpersons who will be signing the Charter may require time to get Board approval. Sergio will see if Joe Grindstaff can sign it in place of the BDPAC Chair, and discussions with Sue will occur ASAP. It was suggested to make an aggressive attempt at scheduling the Kick-Off on September 20 (the only day blank for the Colonel) and see who can truly make it, if delegates can be sent, or if it won't be possible that date.

The next IWG call will be on Thursday, August 10 at 1 p.m. and another will be held August 21 at 12:30 p.m. in preparation for the August 23 PRG meeting.

Participants

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