

**Delta LTMS**  
**Permitting and Protocol Technical Work Group Combined Meeting**

**DWR Resource Building**  
**Sacramento, CA**

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
10:30 am - 3:30 pm

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Cory Koger – USACE-SPK	Bill Brostoff – USACE-SPN
Steve Cappellino – Anchor	Tom Scheeler – Port of Sacramento
Bob Yeadon – DWR	Kate Dadey – USACE-SPK
Bill Darsie – Kjeldsen	Michael Montcrief – MBK Engineers
Calvin Fong – Port of Stockton	Phil Giovannini – CVWQCB
Amy Simpson – DWR	Roberta Goulart – Contra Costa County
Anne K. Sturm – USACE-SPN	John Headlee – concerned citizen
Susan Davis – ICF - Jones & Stokes	Brooke Schlenker – USACE - SPK
Darryl Foreman – Land Planning + Entitlements	Linda Nygm – USACE SPK
Peggy Myre – Exa Data and Mapping	Amy Simpson – DWR
Victor Izzo – CVRWQCB	Craig Conner – USACE – SPN
Ellen Johnck – Bay Planning Commission	Dan Fua – CV Flood Protection Board
Cory Koger – USACE – SPK	Fari Tabatabai – USACE –SPN
Bob Yeadon – DWR	Linda Ngim – USACE – SPK
Nancy Ferris – USACE – SPN	

**Introductions and Announcements**

- USACE Coordination with CALFED’s Levee Stability Program – A conference call meeting was held a few weeks ago between San Francisco and Sacramento District Corps offices to discuss ways to coordinate LTMS activities with the CALFED program. Minutes were taken at the meeting and will be distributed shortly and posted on the website.
- Delta Funding Updates – no new info on federal budget status for FY09 from the USACE is available at this time.
- There was a combined Bay DMMO/Bay LTMS Science Symposium meeting held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Port of Oakland. Bill Brostoff commented that he hoped future meetings could include the results of studies conducted to support the Delta LTMS project.
- Future IWG and TWG meeting dates were discussed at the beginning of the meeting in case any participants needed to leave early.
  - TWG Meeting - June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 to 2:00 – Location DWR
  - TWG Meeting – July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 2:00 – Location DWR
  - IWG meetings will be scheduled accordingly to precede each TWG meeting.
- Bob Yeadon announced that a funding agreement has been completed between DWR and the USACE to fund environmental studies planned for the Sherman Island project.
- Bill Brostoff announced that there is a public scoping meeting for the Sacramento DWSC dredging project scheduled for 5:00 PM on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Galleria Auditorium located at 1110 W. Capitol Avenue.

**Updates on Previous Meeting Tasks**

- Ellen Johnck reported the following updates on tasks she had from the previous meeting:

- Funding update – met with David Crane (Governors economic advisor) to discuss the project and its benefits. She was given the names of two people to contact to discuss the project. She will alert others if meetings can be arranged.
- Resource agency coordination – she is still trying to get them to the table. Russ Strock of USFWS has assigned the responsibility for all assessments in the Delta to Maria Rhea. Ellen contacted her to request their participation. They have not yet committed to attend the meetings.
- Dan Fua reported back on his task item by stating that the CV Flood Board’s regulations require that project applicants use their currently available form. They are, however, updating their regulations and will consider modifying that section to allow for use of the Delta LTMS JPA in its place.

### **Sediment Quality Database Presentation**

- Fari Tabatabai introduced Peggy Myre of Exa Data & Mapping and reminded the group that the completion of the sediment database was a big milestone for the project and represents another significant deliverable that has now been completed.
- Peggy presented the final sediment database for the Delta LTMS which she has been working on for the past year. Nancy Ferris, Cory Koger and John Headlee were all acknowledged for their considerable input and QA of the input data.
- The database is currently in Microsoft Access format, but she has created standard queries to allow folks without Access to view the info.
- After walking through the basics of the database, Peggy presented the Bay LTMS sediment database along with the map-based interface website that ICF/Jones and Stokes has developed to show the group what the Delta site could look like.
- The group all agreed that the Bay LTMS interface program would be useful for the Delta Technical Work Groups and requested that the USACE discuss the option of combining databases again with the SF DMMO folks. This task was added as an action item for the IWG members to pursue and report back to the group.
- A copy of Peggy’s slides is attached at the end of these minutes for reference.

### **Delta LTMS Coordination for Sacramento and Stockton Deepwater Ship Channel Dredging Projects**

- This agenda item was added by Brian Ross (not present at the meeting) so that the DLTMS representatives can stay abreast of the status and participate in some of the management issues (like monitoring and disposal) associated with these two projects. The two DWSC projects represent a large component of the rationale for developing the Delta LTMS project so it makes sense that they receive significant discussion time at future meetings.
- Tom Scheeler stressed that the projects are in two different phases. Sacramento is ahead of Stockton in the planning and development process.
- Daryl Foreman stressed that the group’s participation in the development of these DWSC dredging projects was a great way to “test” out some of the LTMS work products like the JPA on example large projects, but reminded them to keep in mind all the small projects out there that affect many of the stakeholders.
- Sacramento DWSC update (Brostoff) – not much has happened since the last meeting. There is a public scoping meeting coming up on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cory Koger is working on a SAP for site characterization. The SAP will be ready by next month, but he needs guidance on whom and how it will be reviewed by the group. Current sampling plan calls for approximately 133 core samples collected over a 35 mile area, with composites by river mile for chemical and physical testing.

- Craig Conner is the SF District project manager - Dredging is planned for the summer of 2010. For this to happen, the environmental documents need to be completed in late 2009.
- Phil Giovannini – Water Board does not typically review SAPs that are not part of an application package, but they can provide input on this one.
- Cory – He is only looking for the group’s input on the plan so that he can start working on selecting dredging and disposal options.
- Stockton DWSC update (Ferris) – Public meeting was held in late May. They received some comments and are now working on the alternatives analysis phase. Identification of suitable placement sites is a big issue for this project so they will really need assistance from the DLTMS members.
  - A question came up about the capacity at Sherman Island. Bob Yeadon responded that there is currently about 500,000 yards. Roberta Goulart – can one of the options that the group looks at include increasing capacity for Sherman Island? The meeting attendees all responded favorably.

#### **Dredge Material Disposal/Re-Use Alternatives Technical Work Group**

- The IWG will meet in the next few weeks to select a chair person for the Alternatives Technical Work Group (ATWG) and the plan is to have the kickoff at the June meeting.
- The charter and goals for the work group was briefly reviewed by Bill Brostoff and the group decided to use the June meeting to focus on reviewing the Sacramento DWSC dredging project, including the SAP to be distributed by Cory Koger.

#### **Discussion of Revised Joint Permit Application**

- Kate reported that she has not received any additional comments from the LTMS members so it was decided that this item would be advanced to the Management Committee (MC) members. Steve Cappellino will send out an email that summarizes all of the comments received to date on the JPA and request any final staff level input within the next 10 days, before the group proceeds to the MC members.

#### **Discussion of Draft DDRMT MOU**

- The Water Board has not had sufficient time to review the MOU and Kate has not received any other additional comments. She proposed postponing any further discussion until the next meeting.
- The group agreed and the Water Board will finalize their review prior to the June meeting.

#### **Action Items**

- 1. Steve to send out email that summarizes all comments received to date on the JPA and requests any final staff level input within the next 10 days. Steve will then follow up with individual calls to request input.**
- 2. If no input received on Item 1, JPA will be distributed to MC members for approval.**
- 3. Add agenda item for kick-off of Alternatives TWG meeting to June agenda.**
- 4. Cory to send out Sacramento DWSC SAP for review prior to June meeting.**
- 5. Ellen to continue her “lobbying” work for obtaining DLTMS funding – notify group if she gets any meetings set up with Governor’s advisors.**
- 6. Ellen to coordinate with Kate Dadey on resource agency contacts and continuing to apply pressure for participation at DLTMS meetings.**
- 7. Steve prepare a summary of management alternatives for discussion at the kickoff meeting for the ATWG.**

- 8. IWG conference call set up immediately to select a chair for the ATWG and lay out the required tasks needed to kick off the group at the June meeting.**
- 9. IWG to discuss a proposal to the SF DMMO for combining the Delta and Bay databases together using the web-based interface developed by ICF/Jones & Stokes.**
- 10. CV Water Board staff (Izzo and Giovannini) to complete their review of the Draft MOU prior to the June meeting.**

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