

**Delta LTMS
Protocol Technical Work Group Meeting
Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street, Room 1603
Sacramento, CA**

Summary of Recent Sherman Island Demo Project Meetings

Meeting Dates: February 13 and March 20, 2008

Participants (on one or both days) :

Bob Yeadon, DWR	Brian Ross, EPA
Amy Simpson, DWR	Roberta Goulart, Contra Costa County
Phil Giovannini, Central Valley Water Board	James Miller, SF USACE Project Manager
Sue McConnell, Central Valley Water Board	Russ Rote, Sacramento USACE Delta Program Manager
Victor Izzo, Central Valley Water Board	Christine Boudreau, DCS
Cory S. Koger PhD, Sacramento USACE	Bill Brostoff, USACE SF District

Introduction

The Protocols TWG is starting to identify projects that could be feasible pilots or demos to monitor and evaluate water quality impacts related to placing dredged material at various types of placement sites. These particular meetings focused on the potential opportunity to utilize a site on Sherman Island for placement of material from USACE's maintenance dredging of Suisun Channel/NY Slough in 2008 or 2009. The bottom line is that this pilot project cannot happen in 2008, but could still possibly happen in 2009.

Project Status

Sherman Island was suggested as a possible pilot project for the Delta LTMS Program because the RWQCB has already issued Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for placement there of USACE maintenance material from Suisun Channel and New York Slough. In addition, groundwater monitoring wells have already been installed and initial baseline data collected at the placement site.

Discussions during the two meetings focused on identifying the steps that would need to be taken for this project to be able to happen in either 2008 or 2009. Particular needs include the following:

- Getting a sponsor cost share agreement between the USACE and Contra Costa County in place. The USACE project manager Jim Miller and Roberta Goulart of Contra Costa County are working on this task
- Ensuring that baseline monitoring data are adequate, and that all necessary monitoring wells are in place and functional, before any dredged material placement begins. DWR and RWQCB are reviewing existing baseline data for adequacy. DWR also reviewed existing status of wells in relation to the WDR requirements. DWR will need to do some repairs and install some new wells to meet requirements for this project.
- Modifying the existing WDR to include material from New York Slough. DWR and USACE drafted a letter to request changing the WDR in order to include New York Slough, and expect to send it to RWQCB in early April.