

Delta Long Term Management Strategy Management Committee

**May 16, 2007, 1:30-3:30pm
Sacramento, CA**

Meeting Summary

On Wednesday, May 16, 2007, the Management Committee (MC) of the Delta Long Term Management Strategy (Delta LTMS) met at the office of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in Sacramento. The meeting objectives were to:

- Present the MC with a Project Status Update; and
- Discuss Delta LTMS Work Plan.

Next Delta LTMS Management Committee Meeting: 24 Sept 2007, afternoon

Introductions and Announcements:

- See sign-in sheet for list of attendees
- Jessica Burton Evans (USACE-SPN) announced that as of 28 Feb 2007, the Delta LTMS Charter has been signed by all members of the Executive Committee. Copies of the signed Charter have been distributed and are available on the project website: www.deltaltms.com.
- Brian Ross (EPA) announced that with the Charter being signed, the Delta LTMS is the newest Regional Dredging Team. The National Dredging Team (NDT) will hold a meeting in San Francisco this fall, at which the Delta LTMS will be highlighted. The NDT meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 1-2, 2007.
- Bill Brostoff (USACE-SPN) announced that the San Francisco Bay LTMS will have a Science Symposium on June 22, 2007 at the San Francisco Regional Water Board. Delta LTMS participants are invited to attend.

Project Status Report – Al Paniccia, USACE-SPN

Presentation Start

- Reviewed meeting agenda and content of packet MC received.
- Reviewed major points from previous MC meeting (7 Dec 2006).
- Project Updates
 - Charter signed by all Executive Committee Members on 28 Feb 2007
 - Funding Status: FY07 was allotted \$500,000 in the Work Plan; FY08 initial capability request of \$1,000,000 increased to \$2,000,000 to maintain project schedule.
- Technical Work Groups (TWG) are starting and will be discussed in detail later in the meeting.
- Science Review Panel is under development, but not yet initiated. IWG has given priority to initiating the TWGs, which will generate documents for the Science Review Panel to review. It is anticipated that the Science Review Panel will review the technical merit of planned studies as well as the study results.

Delta LTMS Work Plan - Steve Cappellino, Anchor Environmental LLC

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- The Delta LTMS Work Plan was developed from the outline that was discussed at the 7 Dec 2006 MC meeting. It is similar to the Corps Project Management Plan, an internal document, but more user friendly. A working draft of the Work Plan was presented to the MC and specific elements listed below were discussed (see also presentation).
 - Work Plan Outline
 - Conceptual diagram for the Delta Dredged Sediment LTMS Development Process, aka “The Process Arrow”
 - Study Boundary Base Map
 - Draft Project Schedule
 - Summary of Estimated Cost and Task Assignments
- Comments from the MC will be incorporated into the final draft of the Work Plan, however, it is a working document that will be updated as needed.

Questions and Comments:

- **Q:** Les Harder, DWR: How does the study area map define “federal levees of concern” and what about the substantial dredging issues which are outside of the federal channel?
A: The goal of the map is to include all areas of the Delta – Federal, State or Local as layers of the same map, and it is still being developed. The intent is to provide all groups of the Delta LTMS with a uniform base layer map.
- **Q:** Karen Schwinn, EPA: The Process Arrow in the Work Plan shows the Programmatic NEPA work as a possibility, while the Project Schedule shows it as definitely being accomplished. Is the Programmatic tentative or recommended?
A: The Programmatic NEPA documents, as well as other programmatic-level work, are still tentative. They are represented in the schedule to demonstrate when they would need to be started, if that is the recommendation of the work groups. The TWGs and IWG are not yet at the point to make an official recommendation regarding the programmatic issue.
- **Q:** Kathy Dadey, USACE-SPK: What does “Other” mean in Table 3-2, Responsibility Assignment Matrix?
A: “Federal” designates Federal Agencies, “Non-Federal” includes State Agencies, Municipalities and Stakeholders who could potentially enter a cost-sharing agreement with the Corps, “Other” includes consultants (not representing a Federal or Non-Federal entity), information from other published studies, etc.
- **C:** Ellen Johnck, BPC: Requested comments from the MC specifically if they support the estimated cost breakdown and the increase in capability from \$1 million to \$2 million.
R: Al Paniccia responded that the capability was just upped this week from \$1 to \$2 million; this is the amount we need to request from Congress to maintain our schedule. He also clarified that the estimated cost breakdown included the entire project duration and that much of the Non-Federal cost would be coming from in-kind service. The cost estimates are just that, estimates, the Corps is not requesting a

set dollar amount from any other agency at this time but informing what the estimated costs may be. The Management Committee did not have additional comments.

- **Q:** Are Technical Studies included in the estimated cost breakdown?
A: Yes, they are included in the total estimate, but they are not itemized.
- **Q:** Where does the Science Review Panel fit?
A: The Science Review Panel will help develop recommended scientific studies and review the final products.
- **C:** Walter Yep, Walter Yep Inc/Port of Stockton: Both the Federal Bureau of Reclamation and the CA Dept. of Parks & Recreation should be considered for invitation to the Delta LTMS. Federal Bureau of Reclamation owns a lot of land in the Delta, mostly levees. The CA Dept. of Parks & Recreation also owns Frank's Track in the Delta.
R: The current IWG members do not recall why they are not included, but although they are land owners neither group has regulatory authority over dredging in the Delta. However, the MC recognizes that their participation as stakeholders is important. Col. Light, USACE-SPK, recommended that the MC send a formal letter, for the record, to invite the Bureau of Reclamation and Dept. of Parks & Recreation to participate in the Delta LTMS. USACE-SPK will complete this task.
- **C:** Karen Schwinn, EPA: Commented that the resource agencies should sign the charter as well. The MC agreed with this recommendation.
R: The IWG will develop an addendum for the resource agencies and other interested stakeholders to sign.

Technical Work Groups – Bill Brostoff, USACE-SPN & Josh Burnam, Anchor Environmental
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- Bill Brostoff reviewed the goals of each of the four TWGs (see presentation). The Permitting TWG has been initiated and Bill presented a brief status update from this group. The Protocols TWG will be initiated in June/July 2007
- Josh Burnam presented Value Stream Analysis (VSA), as the Permitting TWG proposed to use it for evaluating the dredging permitting process (see presentation).
Discussed:
 - What is VSA?
 - Goals of VSA application to dredge permitting in the Delta.
 - Current State Maps, macro scale of permitting process
 - Concept of the Future State/Desired State maps. Future State Maps will be developed during the VSA process.
 - Permitting TWG is scheduled to do VSA on 28 or 29 June 2007.

Questions and Comments:

- **Q:** Linda Fiack, DPC: Can the Programmatic Biological Assessment TWG be coordinated with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Effort? The conservation plan is on the fast track for completion, and there could be a lot of overlap between the two efforts. Steering Committee for the Conservation Plan meeting every other Friday (1st and 3rd Friday of each Month). Undersecretary of Resources, Karen Scarborough is leading the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Effort

- A:** We will use information from the Conservation Plan as much as possible. The IWG and Biological Assessment TWG will need to research the Conservation Plan to identify areas of overlap.
- **Q:** Pam Creedon, CVRWB: Will VSA look at the application process in addition to the regulatory process?
A: Yes, VSA will look at the entire permitting process from application to permit/decision issuance. Applicants and agencies will work together to develop the desired state map.
 - Ellen Johnck, BPC, and Col. Light, USACE-SPK, spoke positively of their past experiences with VSA.
 - **C:** John Headlee, USACE-SPK: Reiterated that the Corps has dual nature in permitting – as a regulator and as an applicant.
 - **C:** Kevin Roukey, USACE-SPK: Cautioned that making one application, if that is the goal of the VSA, can be difficult without the application itself becoming too large and onerous.
R: We have models from San Francisco and Los Angeles to use as starting points if we go that route. The primary intention from a single application is starting each agencies “permitting clock” at the same time.

Other items:

- **Q:** Les Harder, DWR: Is there a schedule for non-federal funding? Like the Federal agencies, the State agencies also have substantial lead time
A: Al Paniccia, USACE-SPN: Right now, a lot of the work is in-kind labor (participating in meetings and supporting tasks), which is very important to the project. The IWG has not discussed how we might recommend getting non-federal money into the project, for specific cost sharing or by sponsoring. We haven’t developed the studies about which we can approach non-federal sponsors for support.

Action Items

- USACE-SPK will draft letters to Bureau of Reclamation and CA Department of Parks & Recreation requesting participation in Delta LTMS as a stakeholder.
- IWG- Develop Charter Addendum for resource agencies and interested stakeholder to sign.

Attendees

| Name | Organization | |
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| Ron Ott | CBDA | MC |
| Col Ron Light | USACE- Sacramento District | MC |
| LTC Craig Kiley | USACE-San Francisco District | MC |
| Karen Schwinn | USEPA – Region 9 | MC |
| Barbara Evoy (for Tom Howard) | SWRCB | MC |
| Pamela Creedon | CVRWQCB | MC |
| Les Harder | DWR | MC |
| Ryan Olah | USFWS | MC |

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| Linda Fiack | DPC | MC |
| Sergio Guillen | CALFED | IWG |
| Cindy Tejada | USACE - Sacramento District | |
| Brian Ross | USEPA – Region 9 | IWG |
| Sue McConnell | CVRWQCB | IWG |
| Mike Mirmazaheri | DWR | |
| Bob Yeadon | DWR | IWG |
| Sheryl Alvernaz | Bradford Reclamation District | |
| Ellen Johnck | Bay Planning Coalition | |
| Walter Yep | Walter Yep, Inc/ Port of Stockton | |
| Josh Burnam | Anchor Environmental | |
| Steve Cappellino | Anchor Environmental | |
| Jessica Burton Evans | USACE San Francisco District | IWG |
| Al Paniccia | USACE San Francisco District | IWG |
| Bill Brostoff | USACE San Francisco District | IWG |
| Teresa Pacheco | Walter Yep, Inc/ Port of Stockton | |
| Jenny Chen | SWRCB | |
| Phil Giovannini | CVRWQCB | IWG |
| Leo Flor | Harris and Associates | |
| Kathy Dadey | USACE- Sacramento District | |
| John Headlee | USACE- Sacramento District | |
| Kevin Rourkey | USACE- Sacramento District | |
| G. Fred Lee | G. Fred Lee & Assoc. | |