

Final Meeting Notes
CRCIP AMT Quarterly Meeting
April 29, 2008

The CRCIP Adaptive Management Team held its quarterly meeting from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm on April 29, 2008 at the Robert Duncan Plaza, Summit Room. The following AMT members, technical support personnel, and invited guests participated in person:

Laura Hicks, COE	Perry Lund, WDOE	Doris McKillip, COE
Kim Larson, COE	Loree` Randall, WDOE*	Greg Smith, FWS
Marci Cook, COE	Dianne Perry, Sponsor Ports	Dale Blanton, DLCD
Robert Anderson, NMFS	Kathy Roberts, FWS**	Phil Trask, LCREP/LCSG

Steve Bartell, E2 Inc.

*participated via telephone

** will be replacing Greg Smith, who is leaving FWS to join the COE

The following topics were addressed by the AMT participants during the April 2008 quarterly meeting:

January 2008 AMT Meeting Notes

The notes for the January 2008 AMT quarterly meeting were approved. The notes will be marked Final, uploaded to E2 CRCIP web site, and placed in the folder for the April 2008 AMT quarterly meeting.

Sturgeon Report

Dale Blanton (DLCD) has reviewed the sturgeon habitat analysis report. The ODFW fisheries biologist has not yet looked at the report. Dale requested some additional information largely concerning the hydrodynamic and sediment modeling used to support the sturgeon habitat analysis. Additionally, comments on the sturgeon report were received from WDOE (Brad James). His comments appeared largely supportive of the overall analysis; however, additional questions were raised that pertained mainly to the use of the study results for future, long-term (e.g., O&M) sturgeon management in the LCR.

As an alternative to a separate meeting, the AMT agreed to the scheduling of sufficient time at the next AMT quarterly meeting to address remaining Project issues concerning sturgeon. Kim Larson indicated that he will request the principal investigator (Mike Parsley) to participate in the meeting and present the overall study, including the earlier work (i.e., sturgeon tracking, evaluation of sturgeon responses to dredging) that preceded the habitat analysis. Availability of Parsley and Team members might require re-scheduling of the usual quarterly meeting dates.

Project Construction Update

Laura Hicks summarized the current and proposed Project construction activities. Phase III Project construction continues. Locations including Woodland Bottoms and Martin Bar have been completed. CRM 37 – 41 will likely be added to the current contracts. This new construction will emphasize in-water disposal of dredged materials. There is currently a fairly even allocation of dredged disposal between upland sites and in-water disposal. The Corps is striving to retain as much in-water disposal capacity as possible for use in future O&M work.

Dianne Perry and Laura Hicks described the current status of acquiring mitigation properties (e.g., Chumley, Woodland Bottoms, Martin Island) through eminent domain and the condemnation process. Modifications of previous mitigation plans raised concerns that previously estimated habitat improvements might need to be re-visited. Given the current legal status of the process, it seems unlikely that these areas will be re-examined in relation to habitat gains. Current plans set aside the entire Martin Island for mitigation purposes.

Sediment Management Workshop

The majority of the April 2008 AMT quarterly meeting was devoted to sediment management in relation to AEM and the CRCIP. The AMT discussed alternative models for participation in the identification of disposal sites prior to the Corps requesting bids or proposals for new construction. A workshop agenda and the alternative model descriptions, as well as supporting materials, were provided to the AMT as read-ahead materials for the April 29 workshop. Individual agencies represented on the AMT were invited to propose alternative sites for disposal of Project dredged materials. A “strawman” draft outline of a workshop report was provided at the meeting for use in guiding the workshop activities towards a tangible product – namely, an AMT consensus process for active participation in identification of potential dredged materials disposal sites for the CRCIP.

The sediment workshop continued with participants identifying possible alternative disposal locations along CRM 46 – 61. Five sites were reviewed and evaluated based on existing information and decision criteria developed during the workshop. Three of the five sites (Barlow Point, Hump Island, and Willow Grove) appeared as potential opportunities for disposal. The AMT defined a list of action items concerning the availability and future use of these locations. These action items are scheduled for completion and discussion at a special AMT follow-up meeting scheduled for May 12, 2008 (9:30 – 10:30 am PDT).

The workshop activities demonstrated the ability of the AMT to work effectively in identifying potential alternative disposal locations. The process carried out by workshop

participants was consistent with sediment management model (b) described in the read-ahead materials.

The AMT sediment management workshop activities and results will be further described in a separate workshop report to be drafted by E2.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.