

**Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) Meeting  
Loyola Marymount University  
May 30, 2006  
Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Peter Mangerella (Geo Syntec)  
Charles McGee (Orange County Sanitary Districts)  
Monica Mazur (Orange County Health Care Agency)  
Steve Weisberg (Southern Ca Coastal Water Research Project, SCCWRP)  
Jack Petralia (SCCWRP)  
Jack Gregg (Coastal Commission)  
John Dorsey (Loyola Marymount University)  
John Ricker (Santa Cruz Co. Environmental Health)  
Phil Smith (Marin County Environmental Health)  
Marci McCewal (Marin County Environmental Health)  
Rich Lichtenfels (San Luis Obispo Co. Environmental Health)  
Mark Gold (Heal the Bay)

**State Water Resources Control Board Staff**

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| Dayne Kendrick | Leslie Laudon |
| Ruben Mora     | Laura Peters  |
| Kathryn Bare   | Robin McCraw  |
| Kari Holmes    | Kayla Lewis   |

**Changes/ Additions to Agenda**

**Additions: Update on California and the World Ocean Conference '06**

Steve Weisberg gave a brief update on the World Ocean Conference that will take place September 17-20, 2006 in Long Beach. The conference is aimed at the management and policy level. The focus will be program/project effectiveness with a secondary emphasis on science. There have been 76 special session volunteers for the 54 available sessions. The conference organizers are in the process of posting registration information on the website, <http://resources.ca.gov/ocean/cwo06/invitation.htm>.

**Prop 40 Phase 2: New Proposals**

**Malibu and Topanga Septic System Improvement Projects (PIN Nos. 10047 & 10049):**

The City of Los Angeles submitted two similar project proposals to reconstruct the existing septic systems serving the beach restrooms at Malibu Surfrider and Topanga County Beaches. The existing septic systems would be moved to more upland locations, thereby further distancing this potential source of beach water quality contamination from the beach. The new leach field would be located within the adjacent

public parking lot, off of the sandy beach area. The existing infrastructure would also be upgraded to extend its useful life and protect against potential sewage spills.

Discussion: The CBTF is concerned that the projects will not show effectiveness. They are concerned that the data will not show a difference in water quality and that the project won't reduce beach postings. There was discussion that a study should be done, before construction, to better define the problem and determine the connection (if any) between the onsite septic system and the beach postings.

*CBTF Recommendation:* Request more information from the applicant including a statement of the problem. We need to know how relocating the septic tank and leach field will help water quality and how the project will make a difference at the beach.

### **Prop 40 Phase 2: Revisit Proposal**

#### **City of Del Mar (PIN No. 8990)**

This project was initially reviewed at the February 22, 2006 Task Force meeting. The project will replace an aging pump station with a modern above ground facility located approximately 2,900 feet upstream of Del Mar Beach adjacent to the San Dieguito River. The current wet well is undersized and only allows minutes of protection. A much larger wet well will be installed with 4 hours of flow protection.

Discussion: Del Mar Beach is not on the Competitive Location list because the AB 411 data does not show bacterial exceedences. The City submitted a justification for consideration, citing that the aging pump station presents a known public health threat or source of human sewage discharge to ocean waters adjacent to a beach. The CBTF believes this is a policy issue: "Should we fund pollution prevention projects and "accidents waiting to happen". To date, the Task Force's funding priorities have been: 1) diversions (known technology); 2) demonstration projects to test new technology; and 3) pollution prevention projects.

*CBTF Recommendation:* Staff should re-visit previously rejected projects that show potential risk and rank them for possible funding. Staff should send out an email letting the applicants know that a re-evaluation of the projects will occur.

### **Upcoming Bonds**

There are several bond acts on the November 2006 election ballot. One of them, Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 provides \$540 million for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds. \$90 million of these funds would be available to the State Water Board to continue the Clean Beaches Program. Of the \$90 million, not less than \$35 million would fund grants for ASBS projects, and not less than 20 percent (\$18 million) would be available to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

### **Proposition 13**

Twenty projects are complete and closed. Seven are in the process of being closed. Ten projects have received time extensions. As the final reports are completed, they will be posted online.

### **CBI Prop 50 Guidelines**

The preliminary Proposition 50 Guidelines were presented and discussed. There will be \$23 million in Proposition 50 funds available plus approximately \$2.9 million rolled over from Proposition 13. \$10 million will be ear marked for research.

*CBTF Recommendations:* Lessen the number of questions on the questionnaire and target the following categories:

- 1) Is there a problem?
- 2) Do you know the source of the problem?
- 3) Is the solution going to solve the problem?
- 4) Is there a monitoring program that will measure the effectiveness?

It was suggested that it would be more effective if specific Task Force members meet with applicants to further develop proposals rather than inviting them to workshops. Workshops are required by the Proposition 50 enacting legislation.

### **Task Force Members for the Next Phase**

The current Task Force has been working together for five years, through the Proposition 13 and 40 grant solicitations. Appointments expire at the end of the calendar year. The State Water Board is going to appoint a new Task Force when they adopt the Proposition 50 guidelines. Current members were asked to decide if they would like to continue, and there was discussion about potential new members. Since there is no San Diego County representation, it was decided that the San Diego County Dept of Environmental Health would be invited to appoint one of their staff to the Task Force. All members will be asked to think it over and report their decision at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting: August 30, 2006, SCCWRP, Orange County**