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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Staff of the State Lands Commission (SLC) is participating with other San Francisco Bay area regulatory agencies in a one-year pilot project to cooperatively process applications for permits/leases to dredge or dispose of dredged material in San Francisco Bay. This effort involves establishing a joint application process called the Dredge Material Management Office (DMMO) to increase efficiency and coordination between the member agencies. The member agencies along with the SLC include the San Francisco District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, the San Francisco Regional Walter Quality Control Board and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Also, the National Marine Fisheries Services, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game will provide their advice and expertise to the process.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was prepared to guide the agencies in implementing the DMMO. The MOU does not change the existing authorities or jurisdictions of the member agencies. It focuses on the administration of existing mandates, jurisdictions and statutory and regulatory authorities. Applicants will be able to fill out one application form which will be used by all the DMMO agencies. The COE will act as the "host" agency and primary contact for applicants and the public during the DMMO pilot project. The combination of the single application and joint agency processing is designed to decrease the time it takes to process applications, to foster consistency, and to decrease redundancy between the agencies. The DMMO pilot project will consist of two six-month trial periods. During the first phase, maintenance dredging and disposal permit/lease applications will be processed in order to judge the effectiveness of the DMMO and determine the needs for subsequent modifications. It is possible that more responsibilities will be added during the second phase, once the effectiveness is demonstrated.

This effort is consistent with one of the goals of the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) program for Bay dredging and disposal to establish a cooperative permitting framework for dredging projects.

The establishment of a permanent DMMO will require future Commission authorization.

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