

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE
Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
January 16, 2008

Meeting Location: Banning's Landing, 100 East Water Street, Wilmington, CA

ATTENDEES

PCAC MEMBERS

Donna Ethington, Co-Chair
Cathy Beauregard, Chair

PORT STAFF

Kathryn Curtis

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lou Baglietto
Harold Harris
Ruthe Harris
Lisa Peterson
Rick Whearty

- A. Call to Order: 5:10PM
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. September 19, 2007 Water Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes Approved
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. Discussion Dominguez Channel & Consolidated Slip:
 - LA County Trash Control
Kathryn Curtis, from Environmental Management, reported that the LA County was entering into another four year contract to clean up trash from the Dominguez Channel to 118 Street to the Henry Ford Bridge. Clean-up will commence in the spring. The effort of the LA County made a big difference this past year in the amount of accumulated trash after the first rain fall.

The City of Los Angeles, through the municipal stormwater permit, has an established program to inspect catch basins and to clean them out when necessary. Catch basins are classified according to the amount of accumulated trash/debris and its affect on potential flood conditions.

Cathy Beauregard asked if the committee would consider implementing an educational program / "adopt a storm drain" program to bring to the forefront important issues pertaining to trash in storm drains and in our water.

Lisa Peterson introduced the idea of a documentary film competition for film students in Los Angeles County. Students would be asked to create an educational infomercial pertaining to trash and its impacts on the environment, specifically the water/ocean. The intention would be to publicize the winning infomercial as an educational tool on public television and elsewhere in the public domain.

Kathryn Curtis stated that the Port's Construction and Maintenance Division had purchased a new trash boat with an automated conveyor that would help the pick up system currently in place. Shifting C&M personnel to maximize the trash pick up hours is also being implemented.

Committee Suggestions:

- Implement some sort of processing system at the boom/collection sites to automatically process the trash
- TCLP Test – standard water quality test
- Work with the local and regional agencies and the City to support and enforce hefty littering fines

Committee Requested:

- Map of storm drains in Los Angeles County
- Investigation of illicit leakage and drainage into the water
- Dominguez Channel Potential Water Quality Impacts on Consolidated Slip
The challenge is to resolve the contamination issues that come from chemicals, air deposition, landscaping, algacides, trucks, cars, railroads, and more.

UCLA, Southern California of Coastal Water Resource Project and Cal Trans have all done air deposition studies. The Port is interested in this issue.

- Consolidated Slip Contaminated Soil/Dredging
The point of dredging the Slip is to create a deeper channel. Presently there are issues with the design of the project with regard to depth and slope stability. The US EPA is working on the risk assessment and all the other issues that go along with a super fund site. The Port's preferred design for the project has not been completed.

There are many huge issues regarding the clean up of the Slip, one of which is, how to eliminate the continual input of contaminated silt into the Channel after the Channel has been cleaned.

Donna Ethington had concerns on how the potential design of the Consolidated Slip would affect the proposed Youth Sailing Center, specifically the narrowing and deepening of the channel and its impact on the water currents.

- Update on Consultants' Water Quality and Sediment Studies/Evaluation of Outfall Systems

The Port has a monthly sampling program within the Harbor, and plans to do enhanced sampling (i.e., of numerous chemical constituents in addition to physical parameters) four times per year. The next enhanced sampling date is scheduled for January 17, 2008. This enhanced sampling program will help to identify sites with and without detectable contaminants.

Test sampling of storm water outfalls is also an issue. The Port is planning to do some representative sampling in the Harbor. It is a complex coordination effort as well as a big expense. Presently there are 6 sampling locations identified (2 terminals and 4 outfalls). Testing will be done for dry weather and wet weather conditions. Flow meters will be set up to measure the constant flow year round for two years.

- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)
Which proposed projects will benefit harbor water quality and have any of them been approved for funding? (See August 28, 2007 WQ minutes)
Discussion postponed.

G. Discussion on Non-Agenda Items:

- Restrictions on the marina, lack of infrastructure, boat yards, enforcement of new tariffs

H. Next Meeting: February 20, 2008

I. Adjournment: 7:05PM

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Donna Ethington, Co-Chair
Water Quality Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant