

**PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Port of Los Angeles  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, California

Minutes  
August 28, 2007

<u>PCAC MEMBERS</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>
Donna Ethington, Co-Chair	Kathryn Curtis Andrew Jirik	Lou Baglietto Lisa Peterson Randy Scott

- A. Call to Order: 5:10PM
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Minutes Approved for the May 17, 2007 Water Quality Subcommittee Meeting
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. Discussion:
  - Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Map of POLA Testing Sites, Contaminants, and Sources  
Andrew Jirik and Kathryn Curtis, from Environmental Management, facilitated a discussion on TMDLs, and distributed a map of the Port of LA assessment of potential harbor area mitigation sites, as well as, the 2006 CWA Section 303(d) list of water quality limited segments. This list was recently reviewed and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Based on biological surveys, Los Angeles and Long Beach joined with the Resource Agencies, to identify a classification for the inner and outer harbor. With the exception of bacteria, (for which the TMDL was completed by EPA Management Board in 2004/2005) all of the harbor area TMDLs will be rolled into the current cycle. The EPA and the Regional Board are targeting 2008/2009 as the deadline for proposed TMDL completion. They are currently working on a hydrodynamic and water quality model to be able to take into account all the inputs in the harbor, Dominguez Channel, and LA River. Through grant funding, the Port has created a hydrodynamic and water quality model for the Dominguez Estuary which has been given to the EPA and the Regional Board for their modeling profile.

The 303(d) list identifies a range of chemicals, pesticides, metals and organics, and their potential sources. The Resource agencies have identified legacy pollutants, pollutants that have traveled down the channel and settled into the sediment.

The Consolidated Slip is within the boundary of the EPA Superfund, because the boundary extends all the way down the channel. Currently, the risk level in the Consolidated Slip is being assessed to determine whether it merits staying within the boundary of the superfund. The EPA Superfund focuses on DDT and PCBs. With regard to the Main Channel and parts of the Inner Harbor, the Port has been working with the county and the City of LA to identify significant problems in the Main Channel. They have also been working on the bacteria TMDL. The Regional Board requested that the Port do a special study as the first step in the TMDL. Data is now being analyzed for a report back to the Board.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners passed a resolution for the Port to look at biological mitigation opportunities in the harbor area and within the county of Los Angeles. The Port is presently focused on two potential areas, the immediate Harbor Area and the Ballona Creek Estuary/Marina del Rey.

- Port's Clean Water Action Plan

In putting together a Clean Water Action Plan, the Port is looking at what was already being regulated, and how to comply with the TMDLs when they come online. TMDLs in theory are expected to tackle a lot of the issues. Additional mitigation measures will be implemented to aid in the regulatory process. The Clean Water Action Plan Draft is presently being reviewed by senior management, and when it is complete, it will go to Dr. Geraldine Knatz.

The plan will address the restoration of water and sediment, and the enforcement of new and existing standards. The Port is working to include a technology advancement program that would provide opportunities for new technology to be introduced and implemented when it becomes available. A number of existing programs and initiatives will be folded into the plan (for example, the Clean Marina Program, the monthly Water Quality Monitoring Program, Storm Water Management, biological baseline studies, and trash management). As part of the EPA pilot study the Port is working toward certification of the Environmental Management System ISO 14000).

Residents in the marinas requested a hot line to report water contamination issues.

- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), Other Water Quality Grant Proposals

Potential funding opportunities (from Prop 84) include programs like the urban streams restoration, storm water management and clean up, clean beaches, coastal protection/coastal conservancy, California ocean protection, and urban

greening.... Other funding opportunities include Prop O, to fund projects that reduce pollutants in impaired waters of LA, increase water supply, improve flood management, and enhance open space, habitat, and recreation.

- Wetlands Restoration in Harbor  
Funds from Prop 50 are being looked at for the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands, upland areas adjacent to coastal wetlands, and coastal watershed lands.

G. Next meeting, September 19, 2007

H. Adjournment: 7:05PM

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Donna Ethington, Co-Chair  
Water Quality Subcommittee

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