

SUMMARY NOTES
NAVIGATIONAL DREDGING GROUP MEETING - NEW BEDFORD, MA
January 26, 2012 - 1:00 PM
Conference Room 314, City Hall, New Bedford

1. Introduction (PC)
 - a. Individuals introduced themselves, see attached attendance list.
 - b. Paul Craffey passed a public request to schedule the SER meetings at night. The SER Committee decided to continue to meet at the current scheduled time. EPA indicated that while these working meetings are open to the public, they are not "public meetings".

2. South Terminal Update (EPA)
 - a. EPA received the documentation to include the South Terminal into the SER process. EPA will be reviewing. If this material is adequate, then EPA will issue a draft decision which will be going out for public comments. If the material is not adequate, then EPA will request more information. The public meeting will be jointly held by EPA and MassDEP, with a 30 day public comment period. Paul Craffey will be working out the details of the meeting and public process with Kelsey O'Neil. The public meeting will be held as close to the South Terminal area as possible.

3. Grants and Other Submittals (HDC)
 - a. Ed Anthes-Washburn, the new acting HDC Director, indicated that there are two state bond bills (transportation and environmental) that the HDC will be seeking funding for future dredging work.

4. Phase IV Projects (HDC)
 - a. Ed Anthes-Washburn indicated that the HDC will be meeting with the Seaport Council regarding future dredging projects.
 - b. Jay Borkland indicated that because of the lack of State funding, that some locations that need dredging may be willing to fund their own dredging. They will be working through the HDC to determine if they fall under the SER process. The only difference is that the dredging will be funded privately. The same oversight and review of project by the SER committee will occur.
 - c. Jonah Mikutowicz indicated that AGM Marine will be dredging and disposing of material into the CAD after the Time of Year Fish window is done in the spring. AGM Marine obtained a dredging permit, so the dredging will not fall under the SER process, but the disposal of the sediments into the CAD will fall under the SER oversight. Jonah will be sending the disposal information to Paul Craffey for distribution to the SER Committee.



5. USEPA Status

(USEPA)

- a. EPA indicated that the EPA Superfund CAD cell is being designed. As part of the design, additional boring and geotechnical information is now being gathered. The CAD Cell technical review committee is being formed by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and will be meeting on March 1st. More information will be sent to the participants regarding this meeting.
- b. EPA, pending funding, will be starting the Superfund dredging process in May 2012. The work will be the same as previous year, and will include dredging and offsite disposal of the contaminated sediments in the area north of the Coggeshall St. Bridge.

6. USACE Status

(USACE)

- a. The Corps will be performing the Hurricane Barrier maintenance project this spring. The work will include both sides of the opening and will include the removal and CAD disposal of contaminated sediments and maintenance of the gates. The work is scheduled to be completed before the hurricane season starts on June 1st. Comments by the SER Committee were sent on the draft work plans. The Corps will be sending the final work plans and these will be sent to the Committee members.
- b. The Corps has money to design and develop plans and specification for maintenance of the New Bedford/Fairhaven Federal Navigational Channels. The Corps will be doing additional survey work as part of their design. Apex indicated that they will be willing to provide the Corps with any current information on borings. The design work will be timed to be as close to the time of the dredging to prevent the information in the design from being out of date. The dredging has not been funded in the FY 2012 budget. About 850,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments will need to be disposed of in CAD cell(s). The CAD cell(s) may be located under the Federal Navigational Channel, possibly within the turning basin. There is another 100,000 cubic yard of material that will need to be dredged outside of the barrier; this material is suitable for off-site ocean disposal at either the Cape Cod Bay or RI disposal locations.

7. Other Business

- a. EPA indicated that there are 4 MBTA commuter train cars now in the EPA's dewatering facility. These cars were off loaded from a barge and are being tested for use and will be removed before the EPA starts then next round of dredging in May 2012. Jacobs, EPA's contractor, is overseeing the work. This oversight is being funded by the MBTA and not the EPA.
- b. EPA indicated that the MOAs between the various parties in the SER Committee will need to be updated before the new Phase IV projects are started.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

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Next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2012 at 1PM. Ed Anthes-Washburn will arrange for the use of Room 314 at the New Bedford City Hall.