

Managing Sediments in the Watershed: Bringing Dredged Material and Watershed Managers Together

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**Breakout Session 8F Report out:
Developing Regional Plans**

Current interests, roles, and responsibilities

Geographic areas represented

- San Francisco Bay
- Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta
- State Coastal Shoreline (Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup)
- Arana Gulch Watershed

Responsibilities

- Navigation
- Planning
- Regulatory
- Consulting
- NGOs

Action plan for regional coordination

- Move forward with Coastal Sediment Management Plan (CSMP)
 - Development of watershed plans that use the tools generated by the CSMP
- Expand work into the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary (LTMS and Delta LTMS)
- Determine need for state-wide watershed sediment management plan

Next steps and actions

- Present CSMP status report to public (CA World Ocean Conference, 9/06)
- Contact Watershed Council to publicize CSMP status report (10/6)
- Apply CSMP tools to one watershed as a pilot to field test tools (Arana Gulch watershed ~ 3/07)
 - Arana Gulch includes a National Marine Sanctuary, harbor, and housing
- Write a concept paper to expand the CSMP to a watershed sediment “watershediment” management plan (~ 6/07)
- San Francisco Bay and Tributaries:
 - Review CSMP to learn from it
 - Identify scope of regional sediment management plan
 - Evaluate what is known about sediment transport and identify data gaps

Other considerations

- The California coast has 1,340 miles of shoreline. This number probably quadruples when bays and rivers are included.
- Make efforts to keep stakeholders at the table.
- Participatory consensus-building efforts are difficult in a state the size of California.
- Number of efforts are already underway in the state (e.g., California Contaminated Sediment Task Force, sediment quality objectives, TMDLs in 9 regions, LTMSs, etc.)