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Solicitation of Nominations to the Humboldt Bay Regional Sediment Management Strategy Advisory Committee

Background

In Humboldt Bay, the primary mechanism for sediment management is dredging. Shipping channels are dredged by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Smaller channels, docks and marinas are dredged by local and private entities. The Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan for the Eureka Littoral Cell¹ describes the following objectives for beneficial uses of dredged sediments from Humboldt Bay:

1. Reduce shoreline erosion and coastal storm damage;
2. Provide for environmental restoration and protection;
3. Increase natural sediment supply to the coast;
4. Restore and preserve beaches.

There are many opportunities to meet these objectives using dredged sediments from the bay. However, there are logistical and environmental challenges involved with moving sediments to the necessary locations at the correct times. The Humboldt Bay Regional Sediment Management Strategy (Management Strategy) will identify solutions for long-term management of sediment from Humboldt Bay's locally managed dredge sites (i.e., smaller channels, docks and marinas that are outside of shipping channels). The Management Strategy's environmental effects will be assessed in a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The Management Strategy and PEIR are being developed by the Humboldt Bay Harbor District in coordination with the California Resources Agency, State Coastal Conservancy and Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup.

Advisory Committee

Development of the Management Strategy and PEIR will benefit from the input of interested stakeholders including:

- Tribes.
- Local, state and federal agency representatives.
- Conservation advocacy groups.
- Dredging interests (e.g., dock owners, shippers).
- Humboldt Bay users (e.g., boaters, shellfish farmers).

Advisory Committee members will provide input on draft documents related to the management strategy and participate in 1-2 meetings per month. Meetings would be held in Eureka, CA and via phone/webinar. Participation is expected to be from March 2018 – October 2018. Members would serve on a voluntary basis, without compensation.

¹ Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan: Eureka Littoral Cell, California, August 2017. Prepared by the California Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup; drafts through December 2013 prepared by Moffatt & Nichol under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Nomination Submission

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit nomination packages to Larry Oetker (Humboldt Bay Harbor District Executive Director) at loetker@humboltdbay.org. Questions should also be directed to Mr. Oetker. Nomination packages must be received by **4 PM Thursday March 1, 2018**. Advisory Committee members will be selected by the Humboldt Bay Harbor District Executive Director.

Nomination packages should include the following information:

- Name and affiliation of the nominee.
- Nominee's address, phone number and email address.
- Nominee's resume.
- A statement of why the nominee is interested in serving on the committee.