

MEETING NOTES
O&M STEERING COMMITTEE
22 OCTOBER 2001
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

The O&M Steering Committee conducted a meeting 22-24 October 2001 in conjunction with the SPD Operations Manager Conference. The main business meeting was held on 22 October prior to the Operations Manager Conference.

The meeting began at 0900 hours, 22 October 2001 with Opening remarks by Susan Shampine, Albuquerque District. The meeting objectives were stated by Paul Dobie, SPD and are summarized as follows:

- To review FY01 performance
- To discuss FY02 expectations/backlog maintenance requirements
- To discuss strategies for determining program priorities in light of security requirements
- To provide an update from the Regional Navigation/Dredging meeting
- To discuss initiatives for the O&M Steering Committee for FY02

Betty Varner presented FY 01 year-end status. Overall SPD status was 98% and rated **GREEN**. The District breakouts were as follows:

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| • Albuquerque District | 102.6% |
| • Los Angeles District | 112.8% |
| • Sacramento District | 102.9% |
| • San Francisco District | 82.9% |

San Francisco District had good bids on their dredging projects and therefore funds were reprogrammed to other Districts to accomplish backlog maintenance items. San Francisco District had carried over, unexpended, \$1 million. One way in the future to reduce unexpended carryover is to budget for continuing contracts.

District feedback included that we needed an education process and reporting at PRB's. Having Plans and Specifications on the shelf allowed LA District to award contracts quickly when funds became available; in some cases the quality of specifications are not good; problems with Engineering (priority with other District missions) hinders the ability to execute; some Districts meet with Engineering quarterly to discuss progress of work and overall workload execution. Recommendation is that all District O&M Program Managers should meet with Engineering on a quarterly basis to discuss program needs. After all, O&M is a customer for Engineering.

San Francisco District currently has P&S on the shelf for 9 projects.

Sacramento District wants a better way to measure expenditures - suggested that we measure against available funds and not programmed funds.

The Division Civil Works Management Division and Operations Division need to know as soon as possible that funds will be expended if and when reprogrammed.

Paul Dobie, Chief Operations Division, SPD then reviewed the current requirements for Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Security requirements at the projects. Out of some 370 projects identified as critical structures, 17 of those projects are in the SPD area of operation. These 17 projects need to be brought up to Force Protection (FP) Charlie level of security by 31 October 2001. This is in accordance with Operation Noble Eagle. As part of the security process, there will be a HQ USACE lead "Red Team:" that will be visiting projects in the next several weeks to assess whether or not projects are meeting the FP Charlie conditions. Three of those projects in the SPD area of operation will be visited the week of 22 October 2001. Those projects are: Pine Flat, Warm Springs Dam and Alamo. Mr. Dobie indicated that Major Gaik, Security and Law Enforcement would address the Operations Manager Conference on Thursday regarding the AT/FP measures.

Each District then presented their FY 02 O&M program. Los Angeles District indicated that the LA Harbor Disposal area for the project O&M work will still go as long as they get the add. FY 02 deferred maintenance is \$21.3 million in priority order.

LA indicated they are being questioned on the clean-up problems at Compton Creek --- trash is being dumped in a 4-mile section in the Compton area and the Corps is spending 10-times more per mile to clean up the trash because the City is not doing its part by enforcing the laws on dumping. There is no easy answer and it is estimated that about \$1 million will be needed for clean up. The "House Report" reflects adds totaling \$18,940,000; while the Senate Report shows \$18,821,000; the Conference Report is not yet available. Savings and slippage percentages are also not available.

Albuquerque District will have a shortfall of \$3.0 million at Jemez Canyon Dam to continue mitigation for sediment retention pool release associated with the Silvery Minnow. The recommendation was to re-program Cochiti/Conchas Modernization Recreation Area funds amounting to about \$160,000 to start E&D work for the Jemez Silvery Minnow requirement.

San Francisco District noted that they might have shortfalls on the non-dredging projects. They are looking at an IDIQ contract for future maintenance requirements for projects such as Dry Creek.

Sacramento District indicated that their program for FY 02 was reasonable with no shortfalls.

All Districts agreed that the requirements to divert current year dollars to the force protection measures requirements will impact project operations if not reimbursed.

The discussion on Gate Automation was deferred until the Operations Manager conference when Paul Pagner would make his formal presentation.

Discussions then turned to the Operations and Maintenance General Backlog with each District presenting at least 5 projects for consideration. Each District presented their recommendations for "Backlog Maintenance". From the ensuing discussions the O&M Steering committee established the "Top Twenty" Backlog Maintenance Projects for FY02. The projects are:

1. New Hogan - Plans and Specs for Tainter Gate Repairs	\$150,000
2. Alamo Dam - Access Road Repairs	\$600,000
3. Conchas Dam - Tie-in to local potable water system	\$100,000
4. Warm Springs Dam - Channel D/S of Outlet Works	\$200,000
5. Lake Isabella - Toe drain repair	\$600,000
6. Santa Ana River - Log boom-Fullerton	\$600,000
7. Santa Rosa Dam - Rehab primary electrical system	\$120,000
8. LACDA - Flush LA River sub-drains	\$600,000
9. John Martin Dam - Repair/replace stoplogs, etc.	\$300,000
10. Abiquiu Dam/John Martin Dam - Repair elevators	\$400,000
11. Warm Springs Dam - Underground storage tank site cleanup	\$100,000
12. Mission Bay - Repair middle jetty	\$2,000,000
13. Yuba River/Daguerre Point Dam - Drain cleanout	\$350,000
14. Pine Flat Dam - Elevator repair	\$200,000
15. LACDA - Repair damaged sections of San Gabriel River	\$600,000
16. Conchas Dam - Dewater stilling basin	\$200,000
17. SF Bay Model/Visitor Center - Repair concrete slab	\$300,000
18. Coyote Valley Dam - Riprap face of dam	\$3,000,000
19. Warm Springs Dam - Repair spillway slab	\$270,000
20. Pine Flat Dam - Cavitation repair	\$100,000
TOTAL TOP TENTY BACKLOG MAINTENANCE	\$10,790,000

The backlog list will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Districts should move forward on preparation of plans and specs for the projects identified.

The O&M Steering Committee then addressed those initiatives that should be focused on during the FY 02 programming year. The number one initiative was Implementation of FEMS and the cost associated with it; the second initiative was Gate Automation and the third initiative dealt with Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection requirements and impacts that reprogramming funds to this initiative will have on normal FY02 O&M of the projects.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1630 hours, with most of the O&M Steering Committee participating in the Operations Manager Conference.

O&M Steering Committee Members present were:

Paul Dobie, Chief, Operations Division - co-Chair of the Committee
George Beams, Chief, Construction-Operations, LA District
Susan Shampine, Chief, Operations Division, Albuquerque District
Karen Durham-Aguilera, Chief, Construction-Operations Division, Sacramento District
Max Blodgett, Chief, Operations and Readiness Division, San Francisco District
Cynthia Nielson, Director, Programs/Project Management, San Francisco District

Others present were:

Charles S. Dwyer, Chief, Operations Branch, LA District
Stella Cantrell, Albuquerque District
Georgann McIntire, SPD
Betty Varner, SPD
Geoff Chatfield, LA District
Bias Redding, San Francisco District
Jim Sandner, Sacramento District
Mike Dillabough, San Francisco District