

California Sediment Management Workgroup

A California Sediment Management Workgroup, formed by the California Resources Agency and the Corps, is facilitating regional approaches to protecting, enhancing and restoring California's coastal beaches and watersheds through cooperative multi-government efforts. Natural flows of sediment to and along the coast have been significantly affected by extensive human alteration. Watersheds no longer provide a sufficient supply of sediment to beaches, wetlands are often compromised because of too much sedimentation, and beaches can erode away due to lack of sand. The workgroup, which is a Federal, state and local government partnership, has found that piecemeal identification of problems and implementation of site-specific solutions do not effectively address these critical problems. Flood control, navigation, water supply, water quality, habitat, bluff erosion, landslides and shoreline change are all important management issues and must be viewed together for effective and efficient management. A California Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan has been proposed to evaluate California's coastal sediment management needs on a regional, system-wide basis. The plan would include watersheds and nearshore waters to provide a comprehensive, system overview of regional sediment management needs. It would provide an inventory and strategic vision of the overall state coastal sediment management needs, and identify regions for evaluation along with priority sites for action.

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