Innovative Approaches for Assessing Post-Dredge Sediment Data and Residuals Management Decision Making on the Grasse River

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Remediation Project Overview



Project Challenges

- Demanding Construction Schedule
- Sediment Cleanup Objectives
- Quality Control
- Need for Expedited Agency Stakeholder Review





Dredge Verification Overview

• 77 Dredge Management Units (DMUs)





Example Survey Verification Figure

Post Dredge Target Locations① Post-Dredge Verification (V)Average Elevation Difference Relative

to Target Cutline (10x10 Grid - inches)

- > 3" Above Target Elevation
- > 0 to 3" Above Target Elevation
- At or Below Target Elevation
- Excluded Cells (see Note 4)

Summary Statistics: DMU-A63

| Post Dredge Elevation Relative to Target Cutline | Percent of Area (rounded) | Specification Requirement | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| > 3" Above Target Elevation | 0 % | 0 % | |
| > 0 to 3" Above Target Elevation | 0.3 % | <= 5 % | |
| At or Below Target Elevation | 99.7% | >= 95 % | |



Post-Dredge PCB Sampling Verification

- Sampling density: 8 cores/acre
- Re-dredging was required if the DMU average for a 6-inch interval exceeded the project cleanup criteria
 - Re-dredge prisms targeted the sampling locations causing the exceedance
 - Delineated using Thiessen polygons
 - Not required where the previous dredge pass encountered high subgrade (e.g., hard clay or rock)
- Once PCB levels were met, dredging for a given DMU was complete and backfill was placed



On-Site Laboratory

- Pace Analytical Services, LLC
- Dedicated staff
- Quality controls
- Results reported within 24 to 48 hours
- 2019 to 2021:
 - ~2,000 sediment samples
 - >500 locations





Innovations in Data Management

- Anchor QEA developed customized applications to enable automated data loading, quality review, and reporting
 - Field data: sample IDs, COCs, and field measurements
 - Lab data: analytical results, data validation, and data reporting
 - Significantly reduced data processing time and critical to ensuring high-quality data





Example PCB Verification Figure

| EG | END: | | | |
|------|---------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Post | t-Dredg | e Sample Lo | cations | |
| Sam | ple Typ | es . | | |
| 0 | Post-D | redge Verifica | tion (V) | |
| Ť | 2020 E | redge Manag | ement | Jnit |
| - | 2019 | redge Manag | ament | Init |
| Tot: | PCB | Conc. (ma/ka |) | 21111 |
| | 0 - 1 | | , | |
| | > 1 - 5 | | | |
| | > 5 - 1 | 0 | | |
| | > 10 - | 50 | | |
| | > 50 | | | |
| Re-I | Dredge | Depth (in) | | Core Depth |
| | 1.6 | 2 cp (, | | (inches) |
| | 7 - 12 | | | 0 |
| | 13 - 18 | | | 12 |
| | 19 - 24 | | | 18 |
| | 25 - 30 | | | - 24 |
| - | > 30 | | | - 30 |
| 7.3 | Compl | - | | 36 |
| | Compi | BL | | |
| | Grasse | River transec | ts | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | Ver | ification Loca | ation Co | unts |
| | Sample | ed Locations | | 7 |
| | Aband | oned Locations | l a | 0 |
| | Locatio | ons in Clay/Bedr | rock | 0 |
| | Locatio | ons >10 mg/kg | at any de | pth 2 |
| | Total C | ompliant Locati | ions | 4 |
| | Backfil | Locations | | NA |
| | Re-Dre | dge Locations | | 3 |
| | | Total PCR (| erage | |
| | | IOTAL PCD (I | 7 10 | |
| | | 6 - 12" | 1 99 | |
| | | 12 - 18" | 1.33 | |
| | | 18 - 24" | ND | |
| | | 24 - 30" | ND | |
| | | 30 - 36" | ND | |
| | 1 | 50-50 | NU | 1 |

36 - 42"

42 - 48"

NA

NA



Example PCB Verification Summary Table

| Core ID | Depth | TPCB (mg/kg) | Area (sqft) | TPCB x Area | Core ID | Depth | TPCB (mg/kg) | Area (sqft) | TPCB x Area |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| A65-V-1 | _ | 22 | 4521 | 99455 | A65-V-1 | | 0.04 | 4,521 | 190 |
| A65-V-2 | | 0.7 | 4016 | 2811 | A65-V-2 | | 0.04 | 4,016 | 169 |
| A65-V-3 | | 32 | 4687 | 149990 | A65-V-3 | | 0.30 | 4,687 | 1406 |
| A65-V-4 | 0-6" | 0.04 | 6167 | 259 | A65-V-4 | 12-18" | 0.04 | 6,167 | 259 |
| A65-V-5 | 1 | 0.04 | 5858 | 240 | A65-V-5 | | 0.04 | 5,858 | 234 |
| A65-V-6 | | 0.8 | 5161 | 4128 | A65-V-6 | | 0.04 | 5,161 | 206 |
| A65-V-7 | | 0.07 | 5809 | 378 | A65-V-7 | | 8.4 | 5,809 | 48796 |
| Total 36,218 | | | 257261 | Total 36,218 | | | 51261 | | |
| DMU Average (0-6") (mg/kg) | | | 7.10 | DMU Average (12-18") (mg/kg) | | | | 1.42 | |

| Core ID | Depth | TPCB (mg/kg) | Area (sqft) | TPCB x Area | Core ID | Depth | TPCB (mg/kg) | Area (sqft) | TPCB x Area |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| A65-V-1 | - | 0.04 | 4,521 | 190 | A65-V-1 | | 0.00 | 4,521 | 0 |
| A65-V-2 | | 0.04 | 4,016 | 173 | A65-V-2 | | 0.00 | 4,016 | 0 |
| A65-V-3 | | 7.1 | 4,687 | 33279 | A65-V-3 | | 0.00 | 4,687 | 0 |
| A65-V-4 | 6-12" | 0.04 | 6,167 | 253 | A65-V-4 | 18-24" | 0.00 | 6,167 | 0 |
| A65-V-5 | | 0.04 | 5,858 | 240 | A65-V-5 | | 0.00 | 5,858 | 0 |
| A65-V-6 | | 0.04 | 5,161 | 212 | A65-V-6 | | 0.00 | 5,161 | 0 |
| A65-V-7 | | 6.5 | 5,809 | 37759 | A65-V-7 | | 0.04 | 5,809 | 238 |
| Total 36,218 | | 72105 | | • | Total | 36,218 | 238 | | |
| DMU Average (6-12") (mg/kg) | | | 1.99 | DMU Average (18-24") (mg/kg) | | | | 0.01 | |

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Certification Packages

- Developed for each DMU
- Summarized survey and PCB verification data for each dredge pass
- Documented compliance with project requirements
- Standardize packages supported efficient reviews
- Similar tools, automated processing, and certification packages developed for cap and backfill verification





Dredging Completion

- DMUs approved after:
 - First dredge pass: 26 (11.7 acres)
 - Two dredge passes: 40 (26.7 acres)
 - Three dredge passes: 11 (9.6 acres)
- 139 individual rounds of PCB verification evaluations
 - GIS/Python processing: ~5 minutes or less
 - Automated tools also developed for survey processing
 - Significant reduction in processing time
 - Consistent and high-quality verification packages





Keys to Success

- An aggressive schedule was successfully maintained throughout construction
 - ~220,000 cy was dredged at an average rate of 740 cy per day
 - Engineered cap placement: 258 acres
- Successful execution was achieved through early planning and focused coordination between the project team and laboratories
- Customized tools to automate data loading, quality controls, and reporting were critical in the generation of consistent high-quality deliverables, allowing for near real-time residuals management decisions
- Close coordination with the agency team throughout the design and construction was critical in establishing guidelines and achieving efficient decision making





Questions?



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