

**Progress Report on Regional Upland Disposal Facility  
Prepared for the Lower Columbia Solutions Group  
May 4, 2010 Meeting**

**STATUS:**

The project is on track to begin design and engineering work in 2010 for conversion of a City of Warrenton sewer lagoon to an upland dredge disposal facility.

*The following is a chronological review of recent progress:*

**Fall, 2009**

CREST developed a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide preliminary site design tasks and budget estimates for use in grant applications. Funding requests were submitted without success to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which found the project to not be in alignment with their current funding priorities.

**November 12, 2009 LCSG meeting:**

LCSG members and participants signed a Declaration of Cooperation affirming funding contributions, technical assistance and support for facility design in 2010.

**January, 2010:**

The City of Warrenton agreed to raise its contribution to \$25,000, transferring funds to CREST. CREST agreed to provide project management and coordination as long as staffing capacity remains available. Mikell O'Meally works with the Army Corps of Engineers to request \$50,000 for specific environmental assessment elements of the RFP through their "Planning Assistance to States" program.

**February, 2010:**

Mikell O'Meally, LCSG Program Manager, submits requests to the Oregon congressional delegation, as well as Washington Congressmen Baird and Dicks, for an FY11 congressional request of \$2 million for Phase I construction. This request is not expected to be successful, but provided exposure and awareness for an FY12 congressional request.

**April, 2010:**

The Port of Astoria submits a \$50,000 grant request to the Oregon Business Development Department for design of the project.

***Projected Funding (\$150,000 for Design & Engineering):***

**Local contributions:**

\$25,000 City of Warrenton  
\$10,000 Port of Astoria  
\$10,000 CREST  
\$5,000 Port of Ilwaco

**State and Federal contributions:**

\$50,000 Business Oregon (\$25K local match required)

\$50,000 Army Corps of Engineers (\$50K match required)

***Next Steps:***

LCSG considers establishing an official project team, possibly designating team members and a convener to work with the project manager on overseeing project implementation, including these initial steps:

- Review Army Corps cost estimate to determine if this is a realistic partnership given contracting constraints and match funding requirement.
- Finalize funding agreements between partners so project management can begin in earnest.
- Revise and advertise the RFP; review responses to select an engineering firm from the 4 candidates previously selected through a Request for Qualifications solicitation.
- Contract with the selected firm to begin work; project team reviews and comments on draft deliverables according to a selected timeline.