CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS:

PLANNING AHEAD MEANS LESS

\$\$\$ and Time Out of Your Pocket

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Contaminated Sediments Are \$\$\$ and Time Out of Your Pocket

Especially for remediation projects (where the choice/control are no longer yours!)

But also for normal port operations (O&M or const)

Virtually all ports and harbors (& USACE!)* have contaminated sediment to manage occasionally

Message: to reduce delays and costs,

HAVE OPTIONS READY IN ADVANCE!

Important Questions to Ask

First: Is it really "Contaminated"? Evaluate initial test results carefully: What "failed" and why?*

Next: Have you ID'd the minimum volume? It's usually worth more characterization cost to find least volume needing special management

Then: "Contaminated" for What? Unsuitable for one kind of disposal or use is often still suitable for other uses

Typical Management Options

?? Forego project entirely or in part, or...

DISPOSAL OPTIONS

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- \$\$\$ Dredge and Dispose Off Site: Landfill Disposal (with rehandling) (POO, ECDC)

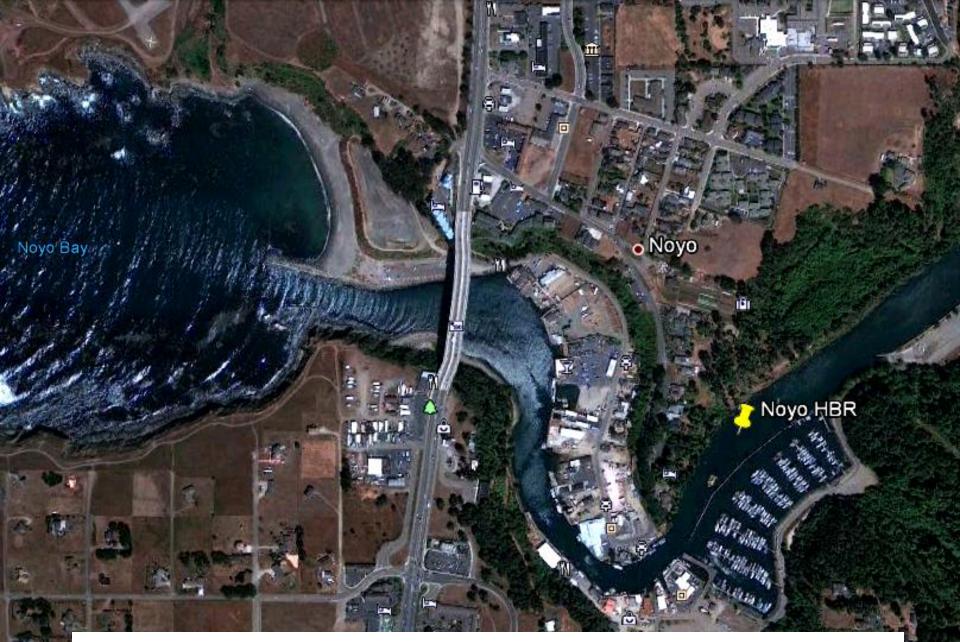
Typical Management Options

REUSE OPTIONS

- **Solution** Stephenic States States States States States Construction Fill/Stockpile (POO, POLA/LB, SacSC)
- \$\$ Dredge and Reuse Off Site: Habitat Development (POO, Baltimore)

PROCESSING/TREATMENT OPTIONS

\$\$\$ Aim: Reduce Volume/Increase Disposal Options (MdR, SC)*



On Site/Nearby Disposal: CDF (Manage!)

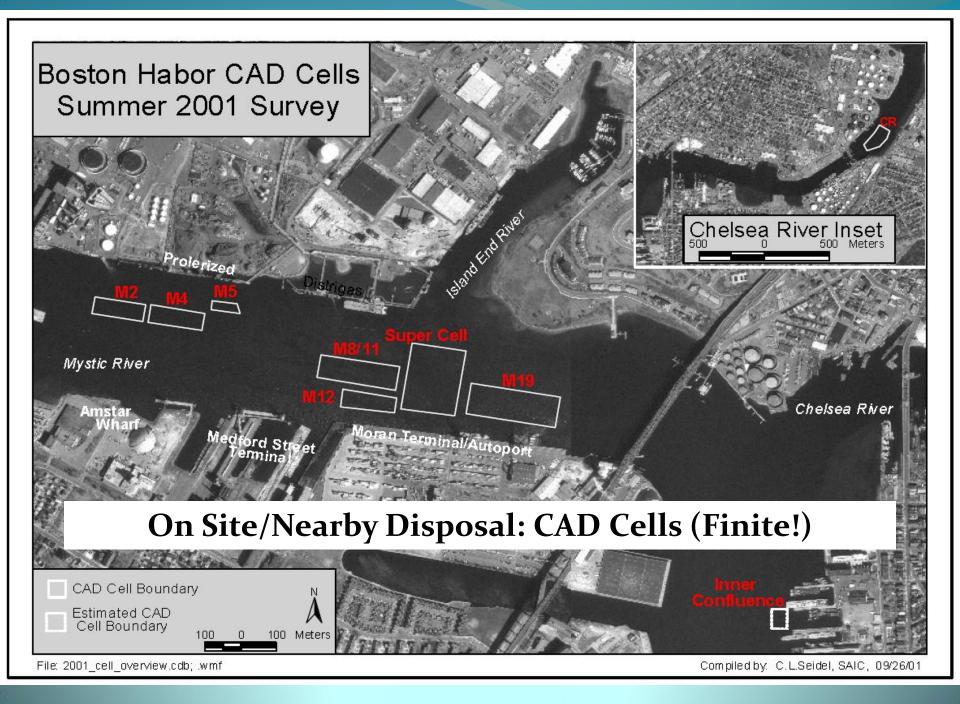
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Off Site Disposal: EDCD Landfill

Image State of Utah

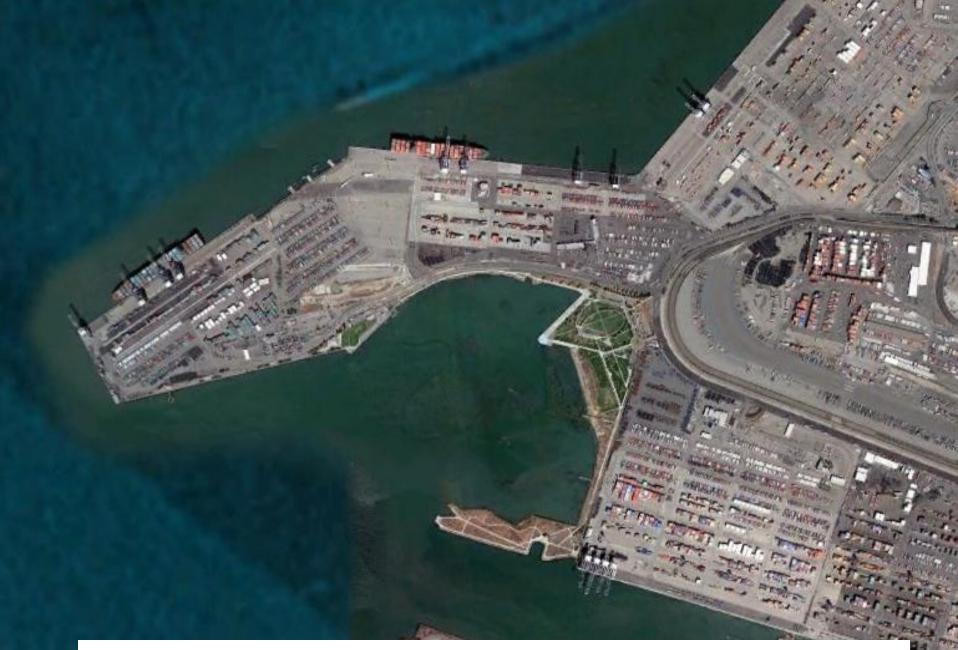


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On Site Use: Construction Fill

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On Site Use: Construction & Fill Habitat Restoration

On Site Use: Habitat Restoration (Rehandling!)



Off Site Use: Habitat Restoration



Example of a harbor without a plan...

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Thank You!

Questions?

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