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Agenda

USACE, Galveston District 2024 Stakeholder Partnering Forum Environmental Justice and Justice 40 November 7, 2024

Location: The Tremont House
2300 Mechanic Row Street
Galveston, TX 77550
Tremont House Ballroom, Davidson Building

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration Opens

8:00 – 9:00 am: Networking Coffee Social (Upstairs - Tremont House Ballroom)

9:00 - 9:05 am: *Welcome and Opening Statement* - **Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer, USACE

9:05 – 9:15 am: *Stakeholder Welcome and Opening Statement* - **COL Rhett Blackmon**, Commander, USACE

9:15 – 09:45 am: *Academic Overview of Environmental Justice and the Justice40 Initiative* – **Dr. Ashley Ross**, Associate Professor, Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Texas A&M University at Galveston

9:45 – 10:15 am: *Project Brief: Lower Rio Grande Valley Watershed Assessment* – **Aaron Chastain**, Project Manager, USACE

10:15 - 10:45 am: Break/Networking Opportunity

10:45 – 11:30 am: *Keynote Speaker* - **Kimberly Danesi** – Chief Executive Officer, Galveston Parks Board

11:30 - 1:00 pm: Lunch on your own

1:00 - 1:30 pm: *Floodplain Management Services (FPMS), Planning Assistance to States (PAS), and Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)* - **Aaron Chastain**, Project Manager, USACE

1:30 - 2:00 pm: *Environmental Justice and Meaningful Community Engagement* - **Jen Morgan**, Outreach Specialist, USACE



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2:00 - 2:30 pm: *Project Brief: Corpus Christi Ship Channel Navigation Improvement Beneficial Uses Sites* - **Lisa Finn**, Environmental Program Manager, USACE

2:30 - 3:00 pm: Break/Networking Opportunity

3:00 – 3:30 pm: *Keynote Speaker: Data and Metrics for Environmental Justice and the Justice 40 Initiative* - **Dr. Earthea Nance**, Regional Administrator for South Central Region (Region 6), Environmental Protection Agency

3:30 – 4:30 pm: *Project Brief – Coastal Texas Project* - **Dr. Kelly Burks-Copes**, Chief, Program Support Branch, USACE

4:30 - 5:00 pm: *Closing Remarks* - **Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer, USACE



Stakeholder Partnering Forum Website Link (event registration, agenda, hotel information, and presentation downloads):

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Events/Stakeholder-Partnering-Forum/>