**Agenda**

**USACE, Galveston District (SWG) Summer 2017 Stakeholder Partnering Forum**

**Jadwin Building, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550**

**Theme: *“Building Irreversible Momentum on America’s Energy Coast”***

**Day 1: 15 AUG 2017**

1300-1600 hrs: SWG Project Management Review Board, stakeholders invited (Rm 175).

1700 hrs: Self organized, self-pay optional social, Hotel Galvez, 2024 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77550.

**Day 2: 16 AUG 2017**

0800-0900 hrs: Early bird special topic seminars:

* Identifying and avoiding government-contractor ethics risks. Bert Hervey, Chief, Internal Review Office, USACE SWG, and Clark Bartee, Office of Counsel, USACE SWG (Rm 175-185). (1)
* Construction Engineering Evaluation, Addicks and Barker Reservoir Dam System Dam Safety Mega Project. Ricky Villagomez, Project Manager, USACE SWG, and Ralph Steiner, Area Engineer, Northern Area Office, USACE SWG (Rm 120). (2)

0900-0950 hrs: Registration and networking coffee social

* Sign-in and limited sale offering of lunch order tickets (First Floor Foyer).
* Program and project poster exhibit: Civil Works and Regulatory Programs (Rm 115, Cafeteria).
* Prairie View A&M University, poster exhibit. Rose Caballero, SWG, USACE, and Franchelle Craft, SWG, USACE (Rm 115, Cafeteria).

0950-1000 hrs: Call to order and event orientation. Edmond Russo, Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management, USACE, SWG (Rm 175-185).

1000-1010 hrs: Opening. COL Lars Zetterstrom, Commander, USACE, SWG (Rm 175-185).

1010-1040 hrs: Legislative and policy updates affecting the Texas coast. Theodore Brown, SES, Chief, Planning and Policy Division, HQUSACE (Rm 175-185). (3)

1040-1100 hrs: Urban Watershed assessment needs for Metropolitan Houston, Texas. Steve Costello, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Houston (Rm 175-185). (4)

1100-1120 hrs: Needs for municipal drainage improvements in Brownsville, Texas. David Licon, Engineer, City of Brownsville, Texas (Rm 175-185). (5)

1120-1140 hrs: Strategy for Regional Sediment Management (RSM) and beneficial uses of dredged materials toward sustainable and resilient coastal economies, communities, and ecosystems. Bill Hanson, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (Rm 175-185). (6)

1140-1200 hrs: New Site Management and Monitoring Plans (SMMPs) for placement of navigation channel dredged materials. Lisa Finn, Operations Environmental Specialist, USACE SWG, and Karen McCormick, Marine and Coastal Section Chief, EPA Region 6 (Rm 175-185). (7)

1200-1300 hrs: Lunch

* Off campus food options
* Lunch order plate pick-up (Rm 115, Cafeteria).

1300-1430 hrs:

* Blue ribbon panel on deep draft navigation economics for the Texas coast (Rm 175-185).
* Opening context (1300-1310 hrs). Richard Byrnes, Chief Port Infrastructure Officer, Port Houston, Facilitator (8)
* Case Study: Corpus Christi Ship Channel (1310-1325 hrs). Sean Strawbridge, Deputy Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer, Port of Corpus Christi. (9)
* Case Study: Sabine Neches Waterway (1325-1340 hrs). Payton Keith, Sabine Neches Navigation District. (10)
* Case Study: Freeport Harbor Channel (1340-1355 hrs). Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO, Port Freeport. (11)
* Synthesis panel session (1355-1430 hrs). Facilitator and Presenters, along with Todd Nettles, Economist, Deep Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise, USACE, Brian Harper, Chief, Planning Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, Southwestern Division (SWD), and Tyler Henry, Senior Economist, SWD, USACE. (12)
* Regulatory agency-only breakout session, Kim Baggette, SWG, USACE, and Bob Heinly, SWG, USACE (Rm 120).

1430-1500 hrs: Keynote Address: “Coastal Texas as a Prime Mover in SWD Regional Priorities”. COL Paul E. Owen, Commander, USACE SWD (Rm 175-185). (13)

1500-1515 hrs: District Commander wrap up with calendar look ahead (Rm 175-185). (14)

**Resources:**

USACE, SWG Stakeholder Partnering Forums:

<http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/About/Partners/StakeholderPartneringForum.aspx>

USACE, Engineering with Nature:

<https://ewn.el.erdc.dren.mil/>

USACE, Regional Sediment Management:

<http://rsm.usace.army.mil/>