

Agenda

**USACE, Galveston District (SWG) Winter 2020 Stakeholder Partnering Forum
Texas A&M University, Galveston (TAMU-G) Campus,
Aggie Special Events Center (Bldg 3035)**

**Theme: *“The fierce urgency of NOW
for water resources development on America’s Energy Coast”***

12-13 FEB 2020

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

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/About/Partners/Stakeholder-Partnering-Forum/>

TAMU-G Campus Map and Directions for event parking and building locations:

<http://www.tamug.edu/directions.html>

Use visitor parking in Lots M200 and M201. Pay parking fee from the downloadable Parkmobile App (Parking Zone #7733), or call 877-727-5953, or at parking lot kiosks.

Attire: Business Casual

Day 1: WED 12 FEB 2020

1300-1600 hrs: SWG Project Review Board, stakeholders invited (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

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

Day 2: THU 13 FEB 2020

0800-0900 hrs: Early bird special topic seminars:

- Horizontal directional drilling under Flood Risk Management levees, Robert Thomas, USACE, SWG, and Sunday Akinbowale, USACE SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 201).
- Current portfolio and future opportunities of Flood Plain Management Services, Planning Assistance to States, and Continuing Authorities Program, Lisa Mairs, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 202).

0900-1000 hrs: Registration and networking coffee social (Bldg 3035, Upstairs Foyer)

- Check-in.
- Program and project poster exhibit.

1000-1005 hrs: Call to order, event orientation, and lead-in video. Edmond Russo, Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1005-1010 hrs: Stakeholder welcome, introduction of BG Paul Owen, Commander, USACE, Southwestern Division (SWD), by COL Timothy Vail, Commander, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1010-1025 hrs: SWD regional priorities, BG Paul Owen, Commander, USACE, SWD (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1025-1040 hrs: Transformation from “Custodial-to-Mega” water resources development District, COL Timothy Vail, Commander, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1040-1100 hrs: Status of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA 18) Program, Jon Loxley, USACE, SWD (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1100-1120 hrs: Recent achievements, current status, and future outlook of the SWG Civil Works Program, Nick Laskowski, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1120-1140 hrs: Acquisition strategy update for the Civil Works and BBA 18 Programs, Teresa King, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1140-1200 hrs: Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay CSRM, Port Arthur construction project initiation, Ray Russo, Consultant to JC DD7, Charles Wheeler, USACE, SWG, and Tony Williams, GLO (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1200-1330 hrs: Lunch, off campus food options: <https://www.galveston.com/cuisine/>.

1330-1350 hrs: Texas Ports Association Update, Roger Guenther, PHA (Bldg 3035, Rm 203)

1350-1500 hrs: Panel Session: Acceleration of channel improvements delivery at Texas energy mega ports (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

- 1350-1400 hrs: Opening context by Richard Byrnes, PHA, facilitator.
- 1400-1415 hrs: Corpus Christi Channel Improvement Project (CIP), Dan Koesema, PCCA.
- 1415-1430 hrs: Houston Ship Channel Expansion and Improvement Study, Charlie Jenkins, PHA.
- 1430-1445 hrs: Port Freeport (PF) CIP, Phyllis Saathoff, PF.
- 1445-1500 hrs: Facilitated panel discussion and audience Q&A, Richard Byrnes, PHA.

1500-1520 hrs: Keynote address, “Community engagement challenges and successes on Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Project,” State Representative Mayes Middleton (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1520-1530 hrs: District Commander conclusion (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

1530-1545 hrs: Break

1545-1645 hrs: Media engagement opportunity with District Commander and interested stakeholders, Brooks Hubbard, USACE, SWG (Bldg 3035, Rm 203).

Coastal Texas Study – Public Open Houses Scheduled for FEB 2020

The Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Feasibility Study (Coastal Texas Study) will host a series of public open houses in FEB 2020 to provide the public with updated information about study progress made since previously held public meetings in fall 2018. The purpose of the Coastal Texas Study is to identify coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration measures that would protect the health and safety of Texas coastal communities, reduce the risk of storm damage to industries and businesses critical to the Nation's economy, and address critical coastal ecosystems in need of restoration. The Study team is comprised of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Texas General Land Office (GLO) and their engineering, environmental, and public outreach consultants. To learn more about the Coastal Texas Study, visit www.coastalstudy.texas.gov.

- 1300-1500 hrs on SAT 8 FEB 2020, High Island High School, 2113 6th St, High Island, TX 77623
- 1800-2000 hrs on WED 12 FEB 2020, Galveston Island Convention Center – Grand Ballroom, 5600 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77551
- 1800-2000 hrs on THU 13 FEB 2020, Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, TX 77586

Materials, presentation, and format will be the same at all three meetings. Informational displays will be available for public viewing, and study team representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. No formal presentation will be made. Informational materials will be available in English and Spanish.

Public feedback and participation are encouraged. Written comments will be accepted during the public open houses and may be mailed to the Coastal Texas Study at 2500 Summer Street, Suite 1130, Houston, Texas 77007 or emailed to coastaltexasstudy@glo.texas.gov.

Comments received during this time will be taken into consideration by the Coastal Texas Study but will not be documented as a part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-required public comment period anticipated to be held in fall 2020. These public open houses are intended to inform and provide opportunities for the public to participate in the Coastal Texas Study. **Please note, these public open houses are not part of the formal NEPA process.**