



Environmental and Social Justice: Integral to Comprehensive Coastal Resiliency

Agenda

**USACE, Galveston District (SWG)
Virtual Winter 2022 Project Portfolio Review (PPR)
and Stakeholder Partnering Forum (SPF)
23 - 24 FEB 2022**

Audience: Please join virtually with the following WebEx link:

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

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

Speakers: Texas A&M University Galveston, 200 Seawolf Parkway, Galveston, Texas 77554, Building 3035, Room 205

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

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

Guest Wifi: "Jellyfish", you will need to create an account

Please use visitor parking. Recommended: Lots M200 and M201. Pay parking fee (roughly \$11 – \$14 for the day) from the downloadable Parkmobile App (Parking Zone #7733), call 877-727-5953, or at parking lot kiosks in parking areas N305 or M201.

Food options: There is a coffee shop on the first floor of the Forum building (3035), and a cafeteria across the quad is available for lunch.

Attire: Business Casual

Event timeline is in Central Time (CST)

Day 1: WED 23 FEB 2022

8:30 a.m. - noon: USACE Galveston District (SWG) Project Portfolio Review (PPR)

1:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Texas Emerging Ports Forum

Day 2: THU 24 FEB 2022

7:35 – 7:40 a.m.: *Call to order and event orientation.* **Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management, USACE–SWG

7:40 – 8:40 a.m.: Early Bird special topic seminar: *“Ethics Topics: Gifts and Conflicts of Interest,”* **James Purcell**, Assistant District Counsel, USACE-SWG

8:40 - 9:00 a.m.: Speaker check-in and networking coffee social (Upstairs Foyer)

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.: *Welcome and Opening Statement.* **Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management, USACE-SWG. Restroom locations, emergency exits, Covid19 protocols.

9:05 - 9:20 a.m.: *Stakeholder Welcome and Opening Remarks,* **COL Timothy Vail**, Commander, USACE-SWG

9:20 – 9:35 a.m.: *Industry Brief,* **Shamekia Chapman**, Chief of Contracting, USACE-SWG

9:35 – 9:55 a.m.: *“Justice for whom? Insights from Texas coastal populations, people, and politics,”* **Dr. Ashley Ross**, Assistant Professor, Department of Marine and Coastal Environmental Sciences, Texas A&M University at Galveston

9:55 – 10:15 a.m.: *“Environmental Justice Considerations and Project Integration,”* **Gloria Vaughn**, Associate Director for Environmental Justice, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Office of Communities, Tribes, and Environmental Assessment

10:15 – 10:30 Short Break

10:30 – 10:50 a.m.: *“Recent Achievements, Current Status, Future Outlook of SWG Civil Works Program, with Focus on the Status of the Water Resources Development Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,”* **Nick Laskowski**, Chief, Programs Branch, USACE-SWG

10:50 – 11:10 a.m.: *“Reimagining the Energy Corridor,”* **Elijah Williams**, Executive Director, Texas Energy Corridor District

11:10 – 11:30 a.m.: *“Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study: Employing the Comprehensive Benefits Framework,”* **Scott Elmer**, Assistant Director of Operations, Harris County Flood Control District; **Ross Gordon**, Owner and Principal Consultant for Gordon Consulting Group, LLC; **Andrew Weber**, Deputy Branch Chief, Project Management, USACE-SWG

11:30 – 11:50 a.m.: *“Coastal Texas: Linking Flood Protection to Social Vulnerability,”* **Tony Williams**, Deputy Director of Coastal Field Operations, Texas General Land Office; **Dr. Kelly Burks-Copes**, Chief of Program Support Branch, Mega Projects Division, USACE-SWG

11:50 - 12:10 p.m.: TBD

12:10 – 1:20 p.m.: Lunch, Campus Cafeteria available across the quad

1:20 – 1:30 p.m.: *Welcome Back and Introduction of REP Lizzie Fletcher,* **COL Timothy Vail**, Commander, USACE-SWG

1:30 - 1:50 p.m.: *“Flood Resiliency and Mitigation: An Update from Washington,”* **REP Lizzie Fletcher**, United States House of Representatives, Texas District 7

1:50 - 2:10 p.m.: *“Environmental Leadership in Action at the Port of Corpus Christi,”* **Jeff Pollack**, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

2:10 - 2:30 p.m.: *“Port of Houston’s Sustainability Action Plan,”* **Rich Byrnes**, Chief Infrastructure Officer, Port of Houston Authority

2:30 - 2:50 p.m.: *“Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness,”* Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project, **Nicole Sunstrum**, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Protection District; **Michael Braden**, Chief, Mega Project Division, USACE-SWG

2:50 – 3:10 p.m.: Short Break

3:10 – 3:30 p.m.: *“Matagorda Ship Channel: Planning and Development for the Future Growth of Calhoun County and the Mid-Texas Coast,”* **Charles Hausmann**, Port Director, Calhoun Port Authority; **Franchelle Nealy**, Project Manager, USACE-SWG

3:30 – 3:50 p.m.: *“Environmental and Social Justice; Advocating for the Nueces County Communities,”* **Honorable Judge Barbara Canales**, Judge, Nueces County

3:50 – 4:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion, *“Building Resilience Through Multi-Level Strategic Planning and Regional Partnerships,”* Lower Rio Grande Valley Commissioners

Moderator:

MAJ Ian O’Sullivan, Deputy Commander, USACE-SWG

Opening Presentation:

David Garza, Commissioner, Cameron County Pct 3

Panel Discussion:

David Garza, Commissioner, Cameron County Pct 3

David Fuentes, Commissioner, Hidalgo County Pct 1

Eduardo Gonzalez, Commissioner, Willacy County Pct 4

COL Timothy Vail, Commander, USACE-SWG

4:30 – 4:50 p.m.: Keynote Speaker, *“Modernizing Civil Works Programs to Better Serve the Needs of Disadvantaged Communities,”* **Robyn Colosimo**, Director, Policy and Legislation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

4:50-5:00 p.m.: *Closing Remarks and Announcement of Theme for August 2022 Stakeholder Partnering Forum*, **Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management, USACE–SWG