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Agenda

USACE, Galveston District (SWG) Winter 2023 Stakeholder Partnering Forum (SPF) February 15, 2023

Theme: **Partnering for a sustainable future**

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/>

Location: MOODY GARDENS Convention Center.
7 Hope Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77554
Phone: 409-744-4673

Attire: Business Casual

Event timeline is in Central Time (CST)

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8:30 - 9:30 am: Check-In and Networking (Convention Center Lobby)

9:00 - 9:30 am: “*Ethics training*” (Optional), James Purcell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Assistant District Counsel.

9:30 - 9:35 am: “*Welcome and Opening Statement*” - **Byron Williams**, Galveston District, Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management Division.

9:35 - 9:40 am: “*Stakeholder Welcome and Opening Remarks*” - **COL Rhett Blackmon**, Galveston District Commander, and District Engineer.

9:40 - 10:00 am: “*Leveraging Public/Private Partnership for greatest impact: The Story of Bayou Greenways*” - **Beth White**, President & CEO, Houston Parks Board.

10:00 - 10:20 am: “*Resacas: A Citywide Ecosystem Restoration Project*” - **Reuben Trevino**, Galveston District Project Manager.

10:20 - 10:40 am: “*Engineering Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Flood Risk Reduction Systems – a Closer Look at Hybrid Dune Solutions*” - **Dr. Jens Figlus**, Associate Professor, Department of Ocean Engineer, Texas A&M University.

10:40 - 11:30 am: Break/Networking and Project Storymap Sessions.



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11:30 - 1:00 pm: Lunch on your own (concession is open in the Lobby)

1:00 - 1:20 pm: “*Galveston District’s - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material*” - **Chris Frabotta**, Chief Operations Division, Galveston District.

1:20 - 1:50 pm: “*Project 11: Project Update and Environmental Stewardship Commitment*” **Lori Brownell**, Director, Channel Improvement, Port Houston.
“*USACE Dollar Reef Oyster Mitigation project*”, **Jeff Pinsky**, Chief of Environmental Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center.

1:50 - 2:20 pm: Break/Networking and Project Storymap Sessions.

2:20 - 2:50 pm: “*An Integrated and Comprehensive Resiliency Strategy for a Sustainable Coast*” presentation - **Tony Williams**, Texas General Land Office, and Dr. Kelly Burks-cope.

2:50 - 3:30 pm: “*Environmental considerations for sustainability*” - **Panel Discussion** – Lead: **Jeff Pinsky**, Chief of Environmental Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, Panel Members: **Charrish Stevens**, National Marine Fisheries Service, **Dianna Ramirez**, Texas General Land Office, **Paul Kaspar**, Environmental Protection Agency, and **Emma Clarkson** Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

3:30 - 4:00 pm: **Keynote speaker**: “*Enhancing benefits evaluation for water resources projects*” - **Justin Ehrenwerth**, President, and CEO of The Water Institute for the Gulf (TWIG).

4:00 - 4:15 pm: *Closing Remarks* - **Byron Williams**, Galveston District Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management Division, and Theme for August 2023 Stakeholder Partnering Forum.