



# Western Dredging Association - Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Conference

Date: Monday through Wednesday 14-16 November 2016  
Location: Hotel Galvez, 2024 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Texas



MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016			
Time	Min.	Event	Speaker/Details
12:00 PM	5 hr	Golf Tournament Moody Gardens Golf Course	1700 Sydnor Lane Galveston, Texas 77554
6:30 PM	2 hr	<i>Icebreaker Social</i>	<i>Hotel Galvez</i>
TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016			
Time	Min.	Event	Speaker/Details
7:30 AM	1 hr	<i>Networking / Breakfast</i>	<i>Breakfast Buffet at Hotel Galvez</i>
8:30 AM	10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Maxie McGuire President, WEDA Gulf Coast Chapter
8:45 AM	20	FY 2017 Galveston District Commander's Vision	COL Lars Zetterstrom Commander, Galveston District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
9:00 AM	20	Galveston District Safety Briefing	Jason Shreve, Chief of Safety Galveston District - USACE
9:20 AM	40	USACE - Navigation Budget Overview	Mark Pointon, Navigation Business Manager Institute for Water Resource (IWR) - USACE
9:30 AM	4 hr	Spouses Event	Duck Tour - Historical Galveston
10:00 AM	30	<i>Break</i>	----
10:30 AM	60	Presentations by Navigation Managers FY-17 Navigation Program and FY-18 Outlook	Jeffrey Corbino, Env. Resource Specialist, New Orleans District George Rush, Operations Manager, Mobile District Tricia Campbell, Operations Manager, Galveston District
11:30 AM	1 hr 30 min	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch Buffet at Hotel Galvez</i>
1:00 PM	30	Environmental Protection Agency Region-6 USACE Partnership Successes & Improved Processes	Dr. Jessica Franks, EPA-Region 6 Ocean Dumping Coordinator Lisa Finn, Environmental Resource Specialist, Galveston District Jeff Corbino, Environ. Resource Specialist, New Orleans District
1:30 PM	40	American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Infrastructure Investment - Gulf Coast Update	Jim Walker, Director of Navigation Policy & Legislation, AAPA
2:10 PM	50	Port Freeport Infrastructure Investment Recent/Future Channel Development Projects	Jason Hull, Port Freeport Michael Johns, Freeport LNG Steve Aurenhammer, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Charles Broussard, Weeks Marine
3:00 PM	45	<i>Break</i>	----
3:45 PM	45	Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network (TCOON)	Rich Edwing, Center for Operational Oceanographic Products & Services, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Coraggio Maglio, Galveston District Coastal H&H
4:30 PM	90	<i>Personal Time &amp; Travel to Tremont House</i>	----
6:00 PM	30	Buses depart Hotel Galvez to Tremont House Ballroom	Galveston Limousine Service
6:30 PM	120	Dinner At Tremont House Ballroom	Keynote Speaker: Major General (Ret.) Kenneth W. Wisian Senior Deputy Director - Coastal Protection Texas General Land Office
8:30 PM	30	Buses depart Tremont House Ballroom to Hotel Galvez	Galveston Limousine Service
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7:30 AM	1 hr	<i>Networking / Breakfast</i>	<i>Breakfast Buffet at Hotel Galvez</i>
8:30 AM	40	Restore Act Projects and Proposals	Heather Young, Restore Council Andria Davis, Galveston District - USACE
9:10 AM	60	Engineering with Nature	Dr. Todd Bridges, Senior Research Scientist, ERDC Dr. Tosin Sekoni Dr. Burton Suedel
10:10 AM	20	Vertical Datum Conversion Mean Low Tide (MLT) to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW)	Chris Frabotta Chief, Navigation Branch Galveston District
10:30 AM	30	<i>Break</i>	----
11:00 AM	45	FY17 Navigation Planning Studies Future Dredging Requirements	Byron Williams, Galveston District Travis Creel, New Orleans District George Rush, Mobile District
11:45 AM	1 hr 15 min	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch Buffet at Hotel Galvez</i>
12:15pm	45 min	WEDA - Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting	Lunch Meeting
1:00 PM	20	Engineer Research Development Center (ERDC) Automated Navigation Tools	Dr. Ned Mitchell, Research Civil Engineer U.S. Army Engineer Research Development Center
1:20 PM	20	USACE Navigation Economics	Tyler Henry Senior Economist USACE, Southwestern Division
1:40 PM	50	Texas General Land Office - USACE Beneficial-Use of Dredged Material Partnership	Thomas Durnin, Texas General Land Office, Coastal Seth Jones, Operations Mgr. GIWW, Galveston District - USACE Tricia Campbell, Operations Mgr. Houston-Galveston, Gal. District
2:30 PM	15	Dredge Quality Management (DQM) Implementation on Hydraulic Pipeline Dredges	Vern Gwinn Director National Dredge Quality Management Program
2:45 PM	10	Operations & Dredging Endangered Species System (ODESS) National Program	Michael Sessions ODESS, DQM - Mobile District - USACE
2:55 PM	5	Closing Comments	Chris Frabotta Chief, Navigation Branch, Galveston District - USACE
3:00 PM		<i>End of Conference</i>	----