



# The Strand Line

## Message from our President

The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) was founded in 1926 by individuals who recognized the need for an organized effort to combat coastal erosion of the beaches and bays. Experience had shown that long stretches of shore were affected, making protective efforts by individual property owners or small communities futile. The expertise required to design comprehensive programs of protection was largely lacking.

The erosion of the Texas shoreline is becoming more pronounced. Texas Coastal Communities need to band together as one voice in addressing the erosion of our shorelines not only in Austin but also in Washington D.C.

We formed a Texas Chapter of the ASBPA and we would like each Texas coastal county to participate. The purpose of the Texas Chapter is to preserve, restore, and protect the shorelines of the Texas Coast for future generations to enjoy by bringing together individuals, coastal professionals, academics, property owners, government entities, and groups in solving the coastal erosion problems.

The goals of the Texas Chapter will be to encourage and educate the public and various levels of government on the importance of the Texas shoreline in terms of economic, environmental, social, and aesthetic values. In addition, the Texas Chapter will actively support the ASBPA's legislative ef-

forts with the Federal Government and will work with other State associations in searching for solutions and funds for shoreline restoration projects.

Membership in the Texas Chapter is automatic if the individual is a member of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association. If you are not a member of the ASBPA, please join this dynamic organization and help us in our struggle to combat the coastal Texas shoreline erosion problems.

Thank you for the opportunity and please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

— Jerry Mohn, President of Texas Chapter ASBPA

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## CIAP Program Awards Money for Texas Coast

The 2005 Energy Policy Act contained provisions to give \$1 billion to 6 coastal states between 2006 and 2010 for coastal restoration. Texas will be receiving approximately \$250 million of this total.

The GLO is proceeding with the development of the Texas program. Staffs from the GLO, Railroad Commission, and Texas Transportation Commission are completing the application review process. It is anticipated that



the Coastal Land Advisory Board will meet in early February to discuss the state plan, including projects recommended for funding.

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### Late Breaking News:

On Dec. 8, 2006 Congress approved a historic oil revenue sharing bill which will allow Gulf states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama to receive up to 37.5% of revenue from new lease tracts in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. This money will be earmarked for coastal issues including wetland restoration, erosion protection, and hurricane protection. Rough estimates are that Texas may see upwards of \$25 to \$64 million per year for the next 30 years for coastal issues.

# ASBPA Fall 2007 Conference Coming to Galveston We Need Your Help!

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association has chosen Galveston as the location for the 2007 Fall Conference. The conference will be held October 22-24 at the San Luis Hotel & Resort.

This conference will attract coastal scientist, engineers, activists, and policy makers from around the country. This is an opportunity for the coastal community to share information on solutions to coastal issues that they are facing and to organize cohesive political agendas.

It is a great honor for Texas to be chosen as the host for the



conference. Recent conferences have been held in New Jersey, San Francisco, and New Orleans. The conference has not been hosted in Texas since 1998.

John Lee and Jerry Mohn will be co-hosts for the conference and are requesting your help. The conference needs volunteers of all kinds. A call for volunteers has been made and a volunteer sign up form has been prepared.

For a copy, please contact John (John.Lee@co.galveston.tx.us) or Jerry (mohn@msn.com).

We're all looking forward to a conference which highlights all we have to offer on the Texas Coast. This includes the friendly people and great hospitality along with our fabulous beaches and bays. It is especially exciting to host the conference in the venerable coastal city of Galveston which was destroyed and has risen from the flood water again to become a model to show that development and coastal protection can coexist.

## Corporate Sponsorship Program is a Success

This spring the Membership Committee initiated a corporate sponsorship program. Since initiation, the program has attracted six corporate sponsors: Coastal Technology Corporation, HDR Shiner Moseley and Associates, Inc., Moffatt & Nichol, PBS&J, Apollo Environmental Strategies, Inc. and the West Galveston Island Property Owners Association.

Corporate sponsor make a donation of

\$500 to the Texas Chapter. The Donation is tax deductible. The program is presently the only source of direct revenue for the Texas Chapter.

For this donation, corporate sponsors re-

ceive recognition on the Chapter website, at conference, and in newsletters.

Corporate Sponsorship costs \$500 and provides for recognition on Chapter website and all publications & events.

If your company, or a company you are familiar with, would be interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, please contact Cameron Perry (Cameron.perry@hdrinc.com).

## Texas Chapter Member Receives National "Member of the Year" Award

Texas Chapter member and Membership Committee Chair Cameron Perry was awarded the "Member of the Year" Award by the national ASBPA at this Fall's conference. Cameron was awarded this honor for his tireless work for ASBPA. This includes his work recruiting new members to the organization.

We would like to congratulate Cameron. It is also an honor which bring recognition and prestige to the entire Texas Chapter. We hope this is only the first of many awards for Chapter members!



## Project Highlight: GLO Seeks Sand in “Lost” Dredge Spoil Sites

As the years pass by and the beach recedes a little farther inland on Galveston Island the need for a grand scale beach and dune restoration project becomes more and more essential. Each year beach quality sand on Galveston Island becomes a harder commodity to come by for shoreline restoration.



Galveston Bay and Bolivar Peninsula have been identified as possible sand sources.

In January 2006 a pilot project, headed by the TGLO and Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc. looked inside “Cell C” of the Pelican Island Placement Area, located on Pelican Island, TX.

Material placed into one area of the cell was pumped from the expansion of the Bolivar Ferry Landings. Much of the material contained a high sand content. Initial site visits showed a large quantity of drained sands thought to be estimated at 80,000 to 100,000 cubic yards. After an in-depth investigation was completed and alternative excavation scenarios were

analyzed it was found that only approximately 45,000 to 50,000 cubic yards were recoverable for beach and dune restoration.

Sand recovery operations from sites such as the Pelican Island site can be quite costly, and the cost to benefit ratio is just too high to justify the excavation and transport from just one site. But merge multiple sites and the benefit ratio may just outweigh the cost.

— Robert D. Kite II, P.E.

We commend the General Land Office for seeking sand resources in all possible locations along the coast.

## City of Port Aransas Receives \$250,000 Donation from Cheniere Energy for Erosion Project

Cheniere Energy officials presented a check worth \$250,000 to the City of Port Aransas on December 21, accepted by Mayor Brown on behalf of the city for the remaining critical funds needed to complete a 6,000 foot shoreline erosion project to guard the Port Aransas Nature Preserve from losing up to 17 feet per year in erosion to the Corpus Christi ship channel.

Cheniere agreed to fund a portion of the city’s shoreline protection when they achieved substantial financing for their LNG terminal project, and their commitment was crucial to allowing the final stage of the city’s shoreline protection project to go forward. Not only that, Cheniere is making their contribution ahead of time to enable the city to meet cash requirements from the Texas Gen-

eral Land Office (GLO) requiring the city to forward \$250,000 by approximately the end of the calendar year.

“We are fortunate to have such a great company as Cheniere coming to the Corpus Christi area,” said Mayor Claude Brown. The funds will match money from the GLO and NOAA to complete the \$2.75M project.

## Texas Legislature Set to Meet

Once again the Texas Legislature will meet in Austin to develop legislation and a budget for the next two years. The Legislative Committee has been hard at work preparing a legislative agenda. Some of the items to watch include:

- CEPRA — the State’s only dedicated funding for coastal erosion response faces an uphill battle again this year.
- Coastal Protection & Improvement Act (CPIA) — support effort to fund the CPIA fund which was established in 2004 but not funded.
- Increase funding for Texas Parks & Wildlife — the agency has been under funded for years, affecting several coastal parks and programs.
- Windstorm Insurance — the cost of windstorm insurance has risen dramatically and a long-term solution needs to be found.
- Migratory birds — Support legislation to permit municipalities that border the Gulf of Mexico to adopt ordinances to protect shore birds and migratory birds within municipal boundaries.

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*The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association recognizes that the shores, beaches and other coastal resources of America provide important quality-of-life assets within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. This Association is dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the beaches, shores and other coastal resources of America.*

*The Texas Chapter of ASBPA is dedicated to fulfilling this mission in the State of Texas. We are a member based advocacy organization. For more information on becoming a member, becoming a corporate sponsor, or becoming more active with the organization, please contact Jerry Mohn at the address to the left.*

*Please remember to visit our website at [www.texasasbpa.org](http://www.texasasbpa.org) for more frequent updates on coastal happenings and the Texas Chapter of ASBPA. If you have information to submit for the website or newsletter please contact Jerry Mohn.*

## Upcoming Events

### January 2007

- Jan. 24-26, 2007: FSBPA's *Beach Technology Conference* at the Bahia Mar, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Information at [www.fsbpa.com](http://www.fsbpa.com).
- Jan. 23-25, 2007 Galveston Bay Estuary Program's *Eighth Biennial State of the Bay Symposium* at the Galveston Island Convention Center at the San Luis Resort, Galveston, TX. Go to [www.gbep.state.tx.us/news-events/events-calendar.asp](http://www.gbep.state.tx.us/news-events/events-calendar.asp)

### March 2007

- March 21-23, 2007: ASBPA's *2007 Summit* at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC.

### April 2007

- April 2-6 2007: *National Hurricane Conference* at the Hilton Riverside, New Orleans. Go to [www.hurricanemeeting.com](http://www.hurricanemeeting.com) for information.

### May 2007

- May 13-17, 2007: *Coastal Sediments '07 Conference*, New Orleans Intercontinental, New Orleans, LA. Go to: <http://www.asce.org/conferences/cs07/index.cfm>.

### July 2007

- July 22-26, 2007: *Coastal Zone 2007, "Brewing Local Solutions to Your Coastal Issues,"* Portland, OR. Go to [www.csc.noaa.gov/cz](http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz) for info.

### October 2007

- Oct. 22-24, 2007: ASBPA's *2007 Fall Conference*. San Luis Resort & Spa, Galveston, TX. Go to [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org) for details.

