Meeting Date: August 17, 2017

Meeting Location: Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at approximately 12:20. Officers and board members in attendance were introduced and sponsors recognized. Elected and public officials at the meeting were also recognized.

- Colonel Lars Zetterstrom, Commander of the Galveston District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provided a presentation on USACE’s role supporting the future of coastal Texas, and the important role the Texas Coast provides as “America’s Energy Coast.” He described the District’s role in maritime navigation, maintaining coastal infrastructure, supporting external investments (partnerships), and protecting coastal areas from storms and floods. He described the Galveston District’s priority projects including the Coastal Texas “mega study,” the Houston Ship Channel expansion project, and at Addicks and Barker Dam safety project. Col Zetterstrom also discussed Galveston District’s Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (BUDM) program, regulatory program, and opportunities for partnering/collaboration.

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- Robert Thomas, USACE (Galveston District) Chief of Engineering and Construction Division, presented on the SWG-GLO-TAMU-ERDC Coastal Science and Engineering Collaborative (CSEC). The purpose of this collaboration is to reduce project costs and improve the sustainability of coastal projects by driving research, transferring science into practice faster, and linking academics to practice. The next CSEC meeting is scheduled for Oct 5-6. The meeting is open to any organization that is funding research.

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- Eddie Irigoyen, USACE (Galveston District) Coastal Projects Manager, described projects being led by the District that focus on coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration in Texas.

  - The Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project is focused on levee and floodwall improvements for the Port Arthur and Freeport regions.

  - The Coastal Texas Study is a 6 year study with a budget of approximately $19.8M. USACE is partnering with TGLO on the Coastal Texas study, with other stakeholders including the City of Galveston, Matagorda County, City of South Padre Island, and