Quality Partnership Initiative, QPI Update

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QPI Memorandum of Understanding

Excerpt from 2004 AAPA/ASA(CW) MOU:

“The shared principles expressed below are intended to create a high trust culture between our organizations, where we work seamlessly, exchange information freely, and spend the public’s money wisely.”

AAPA members are public ports and cost sharing non-Federal project sponsors
QPI Structure

- Three workgroups:
  - Authorities
    - Issues requiring legislation
  - Project Delivery
    - Issues requiring change to policy
  - Communication & Collaboration
    - Existing policy sufficient, pursue consistent application at Corps District level
QPI Workgroup Leaders

• Authorities
  • Ports: Grady Bryant
  • Corps: Wes Coleman

• Project Delivery
  • Ports: David Miller
  • Corps: Amy Frantz

• Communication & Collaboration
  • Ports: Hope Moorer
  • Corps: Joe Vietri
Current Issues

• Back to ‘regular order’ - WRDA’s 2014, 2016 and 2018

• QPI Leader Conference Call, July 30
  • Review remaining items after WRDA 2018
  • Identify new items

• Fewer legislative issues, mostly policy
AAPA/Corps Webinar Topics

STUDIES
• Feasibility Study Initiation Process
• Planning Toolbox Overview
• Future ship size selection for studies
• New Dredged Material Management Plan guidance
• Best practices on community outreach

NAVIGATION
• 5-year dredging schedule
AAPA/Corps Webinar Topics

REGULATORY/PERMITS

• Contributed funds for expedited Environmental agency reviews
• Improve consistent review/referrals of Section 408 permit applications
• One Federal Decision overview
• Update of Webinar 14 – Ports, Planning and Regulatory
Summary

- Great progress has been made in all 3 QPI areas
- Top 3: Communicate, communicate, communicate
- Ports discuss with Corps District and elevate issues as needed

Thanks for all you do!