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
    • Improve understanding and consistent application of Corps policy at the District level
QPI Workgroup Leaders

• Authorities
  • Ports: Grady Bryant
  • Corps: Amy Frantz

• Project Delivery
  • Ports: David Miller
  • Corps: Wes Coleman

• Communication & Collaboration
  • Ports: Hope Moorer
  • Corps: Joe Vietri
QPI Actions

• Authorities: WRDA 2020 Requests
  • Update from Jim Walker

• Project Delivery:
  • Examples - Planning Toolbox and Section 203 briefing on Monday by Amy Frantz

• Communication and Collaboration
  • Drones conference call in February, summary by Guiseppe Barranco
  • Proposed topics for webinars and H&N meetings from Naomi Fraenkel
  • Example is the Regulatory updates on Monday by Tori White
Drones

Guiseppe Barranco, Port of Beaumont
• Issue with drone signal interference
• H&N survey provided great feedback
• Drone operators conference call Feb 18
• Discussed drone models, drone and camera operating frequencies, line of sight issues
• AAPA is a resource to connect counterparts across the country to address all kinds of issues
Communication and Collaboration Proposals

STUDIES
• Feasibility Study Initiation Process
• Planning Toolbox Overview
• Design Vessel Selection, DDNPCX
• New Dredged Material Management Plan guidance
• Best practices on community outreach

NAVIGATION
• 5-year dredging schedule
Communication and Collaboration Proposals

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

OTHERS?
Communication and Collaboration Proposals

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Summary

• Great progress continues to be made in all 3 QPI areas
• Top 3: Communicate, communicate, communicate
• Ports discuss issues with your Corps District and elevate as needed

Thanks for all you do!