

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

Giuseppe 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

OTHERS

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!