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 Corps 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, 2018 and 2020 (?)

• Fewer legislative issues, mostly policy
  • Feasibility Studies for navigation channel improvement
  • Dredging Schedules to optimize dredging program execution and cost
  • Regulatory changes to ‘Dredge and Fill’ permits, Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Consistency
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STUDIES
• Feasibility Studies – what counts as a ‘benefit’ for Cost/Benefit ratio
• Best practices on community outreach

NAVIGATION
• Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
• Applying Regional Sediment Management approach to dredged material placement
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REGULATORY/PERMITS

• Corps New Federal Rule on Water Quality Certifications
• Waters of the United States (WOTUS), new definition of jurisdictional wetland
• One Federal Decision overview
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OTHERS?

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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
• Share your webinar topic ideas

Thanks for all you do!