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Public meeting regarding Matagorda Ship Channel will be held Sept. 8 in Port Lavaca

Galveston - A public meeting regarding the Matagorda Ship Channel, sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District and the non-federal sponsor, Calhoun County Navigation District, will be held Sept. 8 at the Bauer Community Center in Port Lavaca, Texas in Rooms 1 and 2.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about the proposed study to analyze and evaluate alternatives to reconfigure the jetties to improve navigation safety, and deepen and widen the ship channel to improve the navigational efficiency and safety.

The open house will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. During the open house, representatives from the sponsor and Corps will be available to answer questions and provide information. The public meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Interested parties are invited to provide input to this study so that all interests and concerns may be addressed. Specifically, public input is requested concerning: channel-associated modifications that could improve the quality of navigation; operational issues associated with the channel; issues associated with current dredged material disposal practices; and opportunities for the beneficial uses of dredged materials.

Attendees will be given the opportunity at the meeting to speak and/ or send their written comments to the Corps. Written comments will be accepted for 30 days following the meeting, or until Oct. 8, 2004.