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Public input needed for coastal planning

Texas General Land Office seeks plans for coastal erosion projects

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, is inviting the public to submit coastal erosion project proposals at a series of public meetings along the coast.

The Coastal Resources Division of the Texas General Land Office will hold public meetings in **Corpus Christi (April 15)**, **South Padre Island (April 16)**, **Beaumont (April 22)** and **Galveston (April 23)** to solicit public proposals for projects to be funded under the state's Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) Program.

The Texas General Land Office anticipates receiving CEPRA Cycle 6 project funding, pending appropriation by the 81st Texas Legislature. Project Goal Summary application forms and an accompanying guidance document will soon be available as a download here: <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/coastal/erosion.html>.

Potential partners can complete and submit these forms to apply for CEPRA funding for public erosion response projects and studies.

Each workshop will consist of an overview of the CEPRA program, guidance on submitting a complete Project Goal Summary form and funding application, and a question and answer period.

Potential project partners, funding contributors and service providers, as well as federal, state and local officials, academics, non-profits, home owners associations, coastal engineering firms and environmental consultants are urged to attend any of these workshops.

The following types of projects will be considered for funding, with priority given to projects that include construction of an erosion response solution during the biennium:

- beach nourishment on both Gulf of Mexico and bay beaches
- shoreline stabilization
- habitat restoration and protection
- dune restoration
- beneficial uses of dredged material (e.g., beach nourishment, habitat restoration)
- coastal erosion related studies and investigations

- demonstration projects
- structure relocation and debris removal

For more information regarding the CEPR Cycle 6 outreach workshops, please contact Dennis Rocha at (512) 475-1412 or dennis.rocha@glo.state.tx.us or contact Thomas Durnin at (512) 463-1192 or thomas.durnin@glo.state.tx.us.

Workshop 1: Corpus Christi

Location: Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Address: 6300 Ocean Dr., NRC Bldg., Price Memorial Conference Room
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 15th, 1:30 PM

Workshop 2: South Padre Island

Location: South Padre Island Visitors Center
Address: 600 Padre Blvd., Conference Room
Date/Time: Thursday, April 16th, 10:00 AM

Workshop 3: Beaumont

Location: Jefferson County Courthouse
Address: 1149 Pearl St., Jury Panel Room
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 22nd, 1:30 PM

Workshop 4: Galveston

Location: Galveston County Courthouse
Address: 727 21st St. (Moody Ave.), 1st Floor Workshop Room
Date/Time: Thursday, April 23rd, 10:00 AM

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