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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

**SABINE PASS TO GALVESTON BAY, TEXAS COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT
AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION, ORANGE COUNTY PROJECT**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Southwestern Regional Planning and Environmental Center (RPEC), hereby informs the public that the 2026 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is available for a 45-day public review. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Bridge City Community Center, 105 Parkside Dr, Bridge City, TX 77611.

The USACE Galveston District, in partnership with the Gulf Coast Protection District, is proposing to construct a new levee-floodwall system in Orange County, Texas to reduce risks of coastal storm surge. The draft SEIS supplements the 2017 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas (S2G) Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration, Orange County, Texas project and compares the potential environmental effects of proposed modifications to the authorized project. The SEIS identifies and assesses reasonable alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, to determine whether the proposed changes would result in significant impacts to the human and natural environment. The draft SEIS evaluates and compares two alternative plans, which differ in alignment and design height. The preferred alternative is the Modified Plan Alternative which includes 19 miles of levee, 5 miles of floodwall, 14 pump stations, two navigable sector gates at Adams and Cow Bayous, 33 closure structures, 41 drainage structures, and 25 miles of interior drainage channels. The preferred alternative includes a compensatory mitigation plan, to fully offset unavoidable environmental impacts, which includes purchase of riverine forested and non-forested wetland credits from an accredited mitigation bank(s), restoration/creation of freshwater emergent marsh, and restoration of coastal prairie.

The project site is located within the Texas Coastal Zone and therefore, requires certification from the Texas Coastal Management Program. The proposed project will trigger review under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will review the draft SEIS under Section 401 of the CWA and in accordance with Title 30, Texas Administrative Code Section 279.1-13 to determine if the work would comply with state water quality standards. USACE contacted TCEQ and initiated the Section 401 CWA process in August 2026. If you have comments or questions on this proposed project's state water quality certification, please contact 401certs@tceq.texas.gov. You may also find information on the Section 401 process here: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401/basic-information-cwa-section-401-certification>.

A 45-day public comment period begins on September 11, 2026, and ends on Monday, October 26, 2026. The draft SEIS and instructions to submit comments are available on the project's website(s):

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Projects/S2G/Orange-County/S2G-Orange-County-Documents/>

and/or

<https://geospatial.sec.usace.army.mil/arcgis/apps/storymaps/stories/b264be3fbc4840959dd009d8f99265b7>

All comments received during the public comment period will become part of the administrative record for this action and may be publicly available.

The public meeting will be held on October 20, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Bridge City Community Center, 105 Parkside Dr, Bridge City, TX 77611. This public meeting will provide an overview of the study and an opportunity for the public to provide comments. Any materials presented at the public meeting will be made available on the project's website.

Comments must be submitted no later than October 26, 2026. Comments can be provided in writing either by an online comment form found on the project's website or by mail to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District

ATTN: RPEC – S2GOC, 2000 Fort Point Road Galveston, Texas 77550.

Verbal and written comments can also be provided at the scheduled public meeting. For further information, contact Dr. Raven Blakeway, Biologist by email: S2GOrangeCounty@usace.army.mil.

Following the closure of the public comment period, USACE will consider and respond to all substantive comments received and will prepare a Final SEIS. A Record of Decision will be issued no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Final SEIS Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register.