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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Board on Coastal Engineering Research

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Board on Coastal Engineering Research. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Board on Coastal Engineering Research will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on March 14, 2018 and reconvene from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All sessions will be held at the US Army Corp of Engineers Coastal Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL) Field Research Facility (FRF), 1261 Duck Road, Duck, NC 27949. All sessions are open to the public. For more information about the Board, please visit <https://chl.erd.c.dren.mil/usace-cerb/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COL Bryan S. Green Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180- 6199, phone 601-634-2513, or Bryan.S.Green@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as

amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150. The Board on Coastal Engineering Research reviews plans for the conduct of research and the development of research projects in consonance with the needs of the coastal engineering field and the objectives of the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers.

Purpose of the Meeting: The meeting is an Executive Session to review past action items, status reports, research and development (R & D) strategic directions, and coastal engineering research in the United States.

Agenda: On Wednesday morning, March 14, 2018, past/current action items will be reviewed and discussed. There will be an update on the Nearshore Process Research Initiative and presentations on the 2017 Hurricane Season CHL Support & Response Activities, The 2017 Storm, Surge Paradox and Workshop, and DuneX Experiment at FRF 2019-2020. After lunch presentations will be given on US Coastal Research Program, Dune Research including Wind Tunnel Tests. An overview of the CHL FRF is scheduled that afternoon, followed by the Report on the Coastal Working Group Annual Meeting with focus on R & D needs, and end with an update on Flood and Navigation Coastal Asset Management.

On Thursday morning, March 15, 2018, the Board will reconvene to discuss comments from day one. Presentations will be given on Coastal Processes R&D Needs, Next Generation Coastal Guidance Document, Strategic Tech Transfer & Training, and an Update: Numerical Technology Modernization. The meeting will conclude with a discussion on future meetings and public comment.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR

102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public. Because seating capacity is limited, advance registration is required. For registration requirements please see below.

Oral participation by the public is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018. For additional information about public access procedures, please contact COL Bryan S. Green, the Board's DFO, at the email address or telephone number listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section.

Registration: It is encouraged for individuals who wish to attend the meeting of the Board to register with the DFO by email, the preferred method of contact, no later than March 1, 2018, using the electronic mail contact information found in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section. The communication should include the registrant's full name, title, affiliation or employer, email address, and daytime phone number. If applicable, include written comments or statements with the registration email.

Written Comments and Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.015(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Board, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the Board's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to COL Bryan S. Green, DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section.

Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The DFO will review all submitted

written comments or statements and provide them to members of the Board for their consideration. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the Board. The DFO will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the Board Chairperson and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the Board before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting.

Verbal Comments: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140d, the Board is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Board during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least five business days in advance to the Board's DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section. The DFO will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the Board Chair, determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 30-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment, and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the

process described above, will be allotted no more than five minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO.

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