

# STORMS, FLOODING & SEA LEVEL DEFENSE CONFERENCE 2020

Wednesday & Thursday, November 18 & 19, 2020 Via Zoom

Presented by  
The Propeller Club of Northern California,  
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## CONFERENCE AGENDA: Day 1

Wednesday November 18, 2020 @ 08:45 Pacific Time Via Zoom

### 08:45 Call To Order

Propeller Club of Northern California, Stas Margaronis

### 09:00 Welcome

- Port of Oakland, Danny Wan, Executive Director
- Port of Los Angeles, Tony Gioiello, Deputy Executive Director
- Propeller Club International, Niels Aalund, President
- Society of American Military Engineers, San Francisco, Arvind Acharya, President

### 09:30 Shanghai, Los Angeles/Long Beach and Rotterdam: Three Strategies for Investment and Resiliency

- VU University of Amsterdam, Department of Water and Climate Risk, Jeroen Aerts, Director

### 10:00 Texas: \$12B Galveston Bay Storm Surge Gate

- Texas A & M University Galveston, William Merrell, Professor
- Texas General Land Office, Tony Williams, Environmental Review Coordinator
- Texas A & M University Galveston, Meri Davlasheridze, Assistant Professor

### 15 Minute Break

### 11:00 Louisiana: Protecting the Coast & Reclaiming 10,000 Acres Via Dredging

- Big River Coalition, Sean Duffy, Executive Director
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mark Wingate, P.E. Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, New Orleans District
- Port of New Orleans, Matthew Gresham, Director External Affairs
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Suzanne Van Cooten, Meteorologist

### 11:45 Mississippi River States: \$12 B Natural Flood Controls to Control Future Flooding

- Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative, Colin Wellenkamp, Executive Director
- City of Baton Rouge, Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor

### 12:15 Watermaster Single Operator Dredger

- Watermaster North America, Peter and Jonathan Dreyfuss, Co-founders

### 12:30 Conclusion of Day 1

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA: Day 2

Thursday, November 19th, 2020 @ 08:45 Pacific Time Via Zoom

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### 08:45 Call To Order

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### 09:00 Welcome

- Port of Long Beach, Mario Cordero, Executive Director
- Port of San Francisco, Elaine Forbes, Executive Director

### 09:15 Desalination Strategy for California

- RL Truby & Associates, Randy Truby, President

### 09:30 New York & New Jersey: Preparing for the Next Hurricane Sandy

- The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Jorge Chavez, Assistant Director of Ports
- Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Sarah Colasurdo, Senior Climate Resilience Specialist

### 09:45 Netherlands: The \$8B & 5,000 Acre Reclaimed Coastal Barrier/Container Terminal & National Resiliency Initiatives

- Rijkswaterstaat & I-Storm, Marc Walraven, Senior Advisor Storm Surge Barriers
- Port of Rotterdam, Joost de Nooijer, Civil Engineer
- Royal Haskoning, Matthijs Bos, Consultant Flood Risk Management and Coastal Engineering

### 10:30 Break

### 10:45 Hawaii: Challenges and Strategies for Harbors

- Hawaii Harbors Division, Derek Chow, Deputy Director

### 11:00 Washington: Storm Water Exposures and Response

- Port of Seattle, Joseph Gellings, Planner

### 11:15 California: \$4B Port of San Francisco Seawall, Ports of Oakland & Bay Area Beneficial Use

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, LTC John Cunningham, San Francisco District Commander
- Port of San Francisco, Brad Benson, Waterfront Resilience Program Director
- Port of Oakland, Jan Novak, Associate Environmental Planner and Scientist
- Bay Conservation & Development Commission, Brenda Goeden, Sediment Program Manager
- South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Dave Halsing, Executive Project Manager

### 12:15 Conclusion of Day 2

Propeller Club of Northern California, Stas Margaronis

