



La Porte Industry Citizen's Advisory Council

Michel Bechtel, Board President

Gulf Coast Protection District

February 7, 2023

Creation of GCPD

- Governmental entity created by the Texas legislature in 2021
- Five-county territory: almost 5.5 million citizens, almost 5,500 square miles
- Purpose:
 1. To serve as the **non-Federal sponsor** for the portions of the Coastal Texas and Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay (S2G) Programs located within GCPD territory.
 2. To operate and maintain portions of the Coastal Texas and S2G Programs located within GCPD territory, once constructed.
 3. Cost share.



11-member Board of Directors

Governor Appointees:

Terms expiring June 16, 2025

Sally Bakko (Municipal Interests)

Michel Bechtel (Harris County)

Roger Guenther (Ports)

Bob Mitchell (Harris County)

Lori Traweek (Environmental)

Michael VanDerSnick (Industry)

County Appointees:

Terms expiring June 16, 2023

Commissioner Billy Combs (Chambers County)

Roger Quiroga (Galveston County)

Commissioner Adrian Garcia (Harris County)

Allan Ritter (Jefferson County)

Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte (Orange County)

GCPD Timeline

- **June 16, 2021:** 87th Texas legislative session, SB 1160 effective- formally launching the GCPD
- **August 18, 2021:** First GCPD Board Meeting, GCPD signs letter of intent (LOI) with US Army Corps of Engineers for the Coastal Texas Program
- **September 16, 2021:** Coastal Texas Study completed; Chief's Report signed
- **April 29, 2022:** GCPD signs partnership agreement (PPA) with USACE for the Orange County Project, a component of the S2G Program
- **December 2022:** 2022 Water Resources Development Act passed, authorizing Coastal Texas Program
- **January 2023:** 88th Texas legislative session
- **2023/2024:** Congressional funding for Coastal Texas

Our Partners

Agreements with:

- Texas General Land Office
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Drainage Districts

Work with:

- GCPD Counties
- Cities
- Texas Congressional Delegation
- Texas Legislature

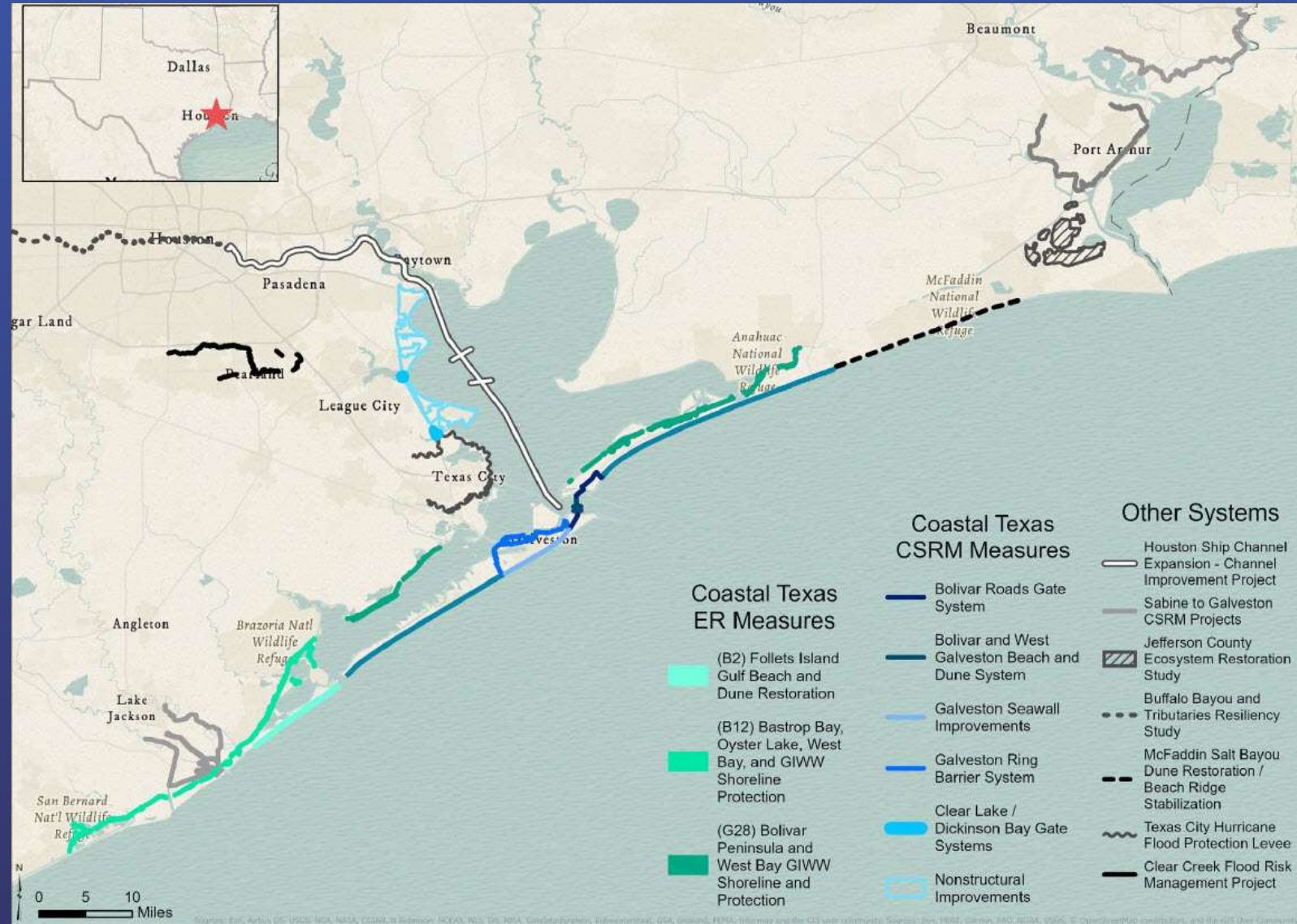
Other Stakeholders

- Property Owners
- Environmental Organizations
- Engineering Community
- Academic Institutions
- Trade Associations
- Maritime Pilots
- Industry
- Texas Ports
- Chambers of Commerce
- More

Next up

- Water Resources Development Act 2022 (WRDA)
 - authorized Coastal Texas Program
 - made program eligible for federal funding
 - in process; GCPD/USACE agreements (MOU, DA, PPA)
- Congressional Funding
 - federal funding necessary for USACE to start Coastal Texas Program
 - multiple funding possibilities including; omnibus budget bill, disaster supplemental bill, bipartisan infrastructure law (BIL)
- 88th Texas Legislative Session
 - GCPD funding is currently in both House and Senate base budgets (\$500m)

A Comprehensive Coastal Resiliency Strategy- a system of systems

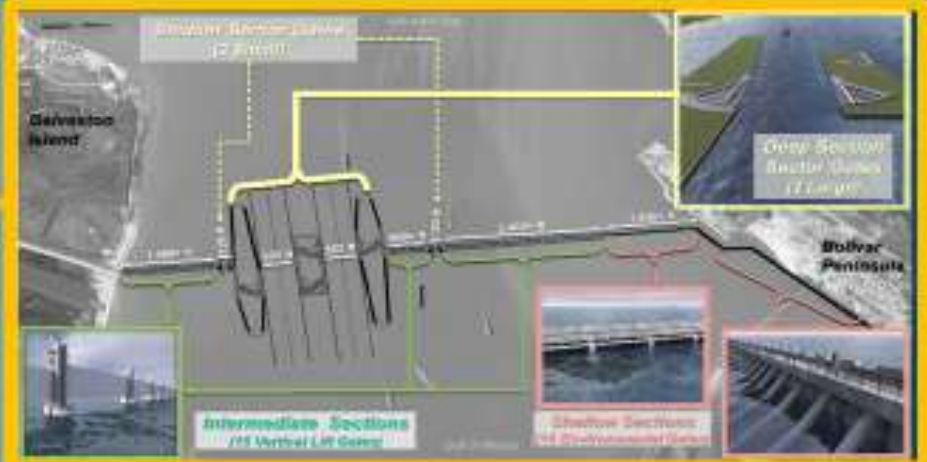




Gulf Defenses



Bolivar Roads Gate System



Bay Defenses

Galveston Ring Barrier



Clear Lake

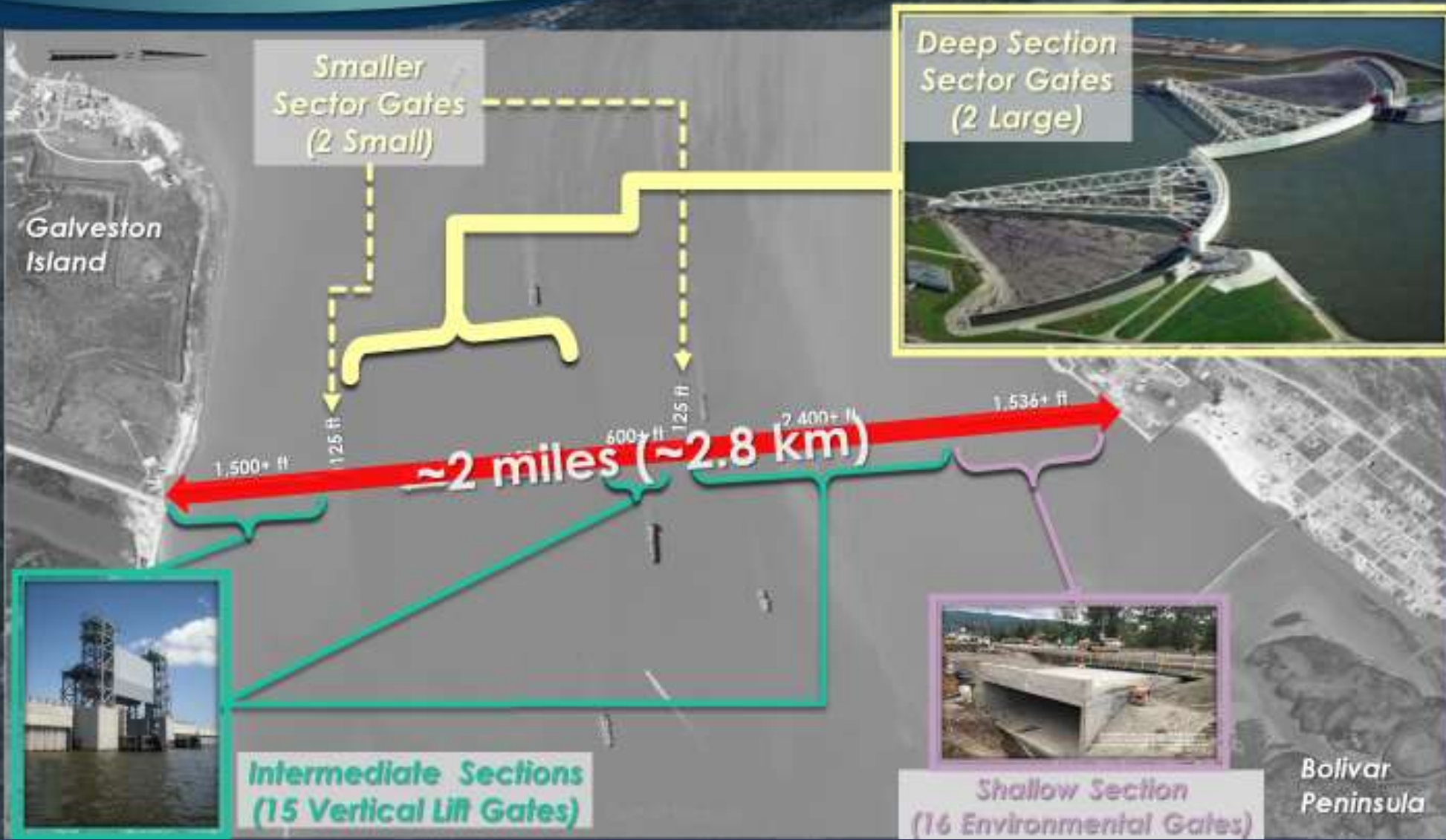


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Ecosystem Restoration



Bolivar Roads Gate System



Intermediate Sections
(15 Vertical Lift Gates)



Deep Section
Sector Gates
(2 Large)



Shallow Section
(16 Environmental Gates)

Bolivar
Peninsula



US Army Corps of Engineers

Bolivar and West Galveston Beach and Dune System

<http://CoastalStudy.Texas.gov>

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www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G

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Hurricane Ike: Bolivar Peninsula Devastation



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