



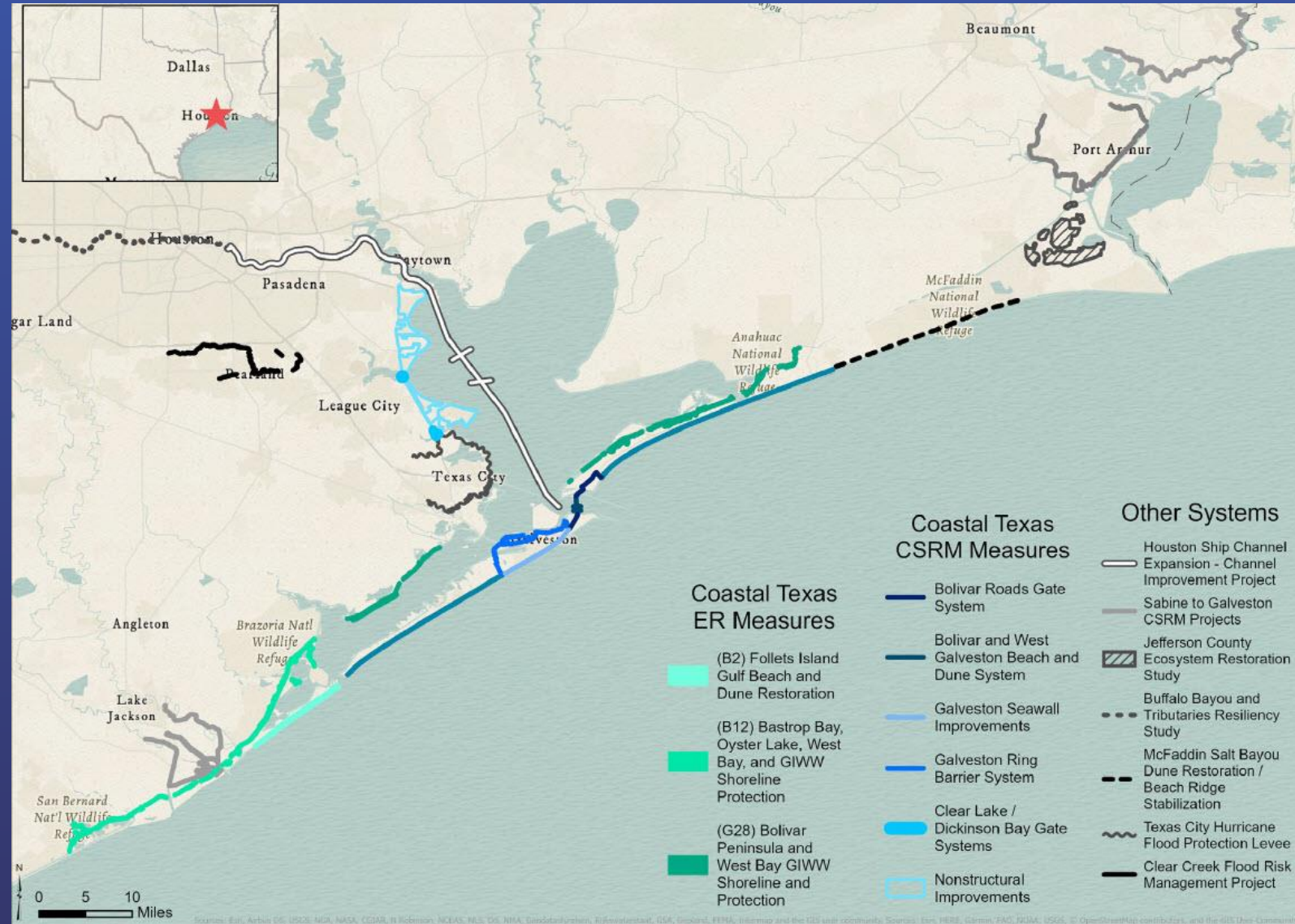
National Waterways Conference

2022 Annual Meeting

Nicole Sunstrum, Executive Director

October 27, 2022

A Comprehensive Coastal Resiliency Strategy for the Upper Texas Coast



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

- **2017:** 85th Texas legislative session, SB 2265
- **2019:** 86th Texas legislative session, SB 2212
- **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
- **Fall/Winter 2022:** 2022 Water Resources Development Act, authorizing Coastal Texas Program
- **January 2023:** 88th Texas legislative session
- **2023/2024:** Congressional funding for Coastal Texas

Our Partners

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

- 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
- More

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