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USACE Orange County Levee SEIS

Comments Oct 26 · Public meeting Oct 20 Bridge City, TX

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USACE Orange County Levee and Floodwall Draft SEIS: Comments Due October 26, Meeting October 20

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District draft SEIS for a new Orange County, Texas levee-floodwall system — public meeting October 20, 2026 in Bridge City; comments through October 26.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is taking public comments on a 2026 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for a coastal storm-risk levee and floodwall system in Orange County, Texas. The project sits under the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay (S2G) Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration effort. A public meeting is set for Tuesday, October 20, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bridge City Community Center, 105 Parkside Dr., Bridge City, Texas. The 45-day comment window that opened September 11 ends Monday, October 26, 2026.

USACE Galveston District is partnering with the Gulf Coast Protection District. The draft SEIS supplements the 2017 Final EIS and compares environmental effects of proposed modifications to the authorized project, including a No Action Alternative.

Preferred Modified Plan (as described in the public notice)

The preferred Modified Plan Alternative 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
- 25 miles of interior drainage channels

The notice also describes a compensatory mitigation plan (wetland credits, freshwater emergent marsh restoration/creation, and coastal prairie restoration) to offset unavoidable impacts.

How to comment

- Online comment form on the project website(s) linked from the Galveston District S2G Orange County pages
- Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, ATTN: RPEC – S2GOC, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas 77550
- Verbal or written comments at the October 20 Bridge City meeting
- Project contact email listed in the notice: S2GOrangeCounty@usace.army.mil (Dr. Raven Blakeway, Biologist)

Comments become part of the administrative record. After the comment period, USACE plans a Final SEIS and a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after EPA publishes the Final SEIS Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

Clean Water Act / coastal notes from the notice

The site is in the Texas Coastal Zone and needs Texas Coastal Management Program certification. The proposal triggers Clean Water Act Section 401 review; TCEQ began that process in August 2026. State water-quality certification questions: 401certs@tceq.texas.gov.

Why this flood-risk notice matters

A new levee-floodwall system changes storm-surge protection, bayou gates, pumps, and local drainage for Orange County communities. If you live, farm, boat, or own property near Adams Bayou, Cow Bayou, or the proposed alignments, the October 20 meeting and October 26 comment deadline are the current public checkpoints.

Sources

USACE public notice / Draft SEIS availability for S2G Orange County (official project pages):

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/OrangeCounty/> [https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Portals/26/Projects/Flood%20Risk%20Management/S2G%20\(Sabine%20Pass%20to%20Galveston\)/Orange%20County%20\(S2G\)/S2GOC_Draft%20SEIS_Public%20Notice_FINAL.pdf](https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Portals/26/Projects/Flood%20Risk%20Management/S2G%20(Sabine%20Pass%20to%20Galveston)/Orange%20County%20(S2G)/S2GOC_Draft%20SEIS_Public%20Notice_FINAL.pdf)

Notice text also reprinted by the Orange Leader, September 28, 2026: <https://orangeleader.com/2026/09/28/sabine-pass-to-galveston-bay-levee-floodwall-system-project-review-available/>

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