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ASBPA President set to Address U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Public Meeting

FORT MYERS, FL – ASBPA President Harry Simmons will address the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at its June 5 public meeting about congressionally required revisions to the March 10, 1983, Principles and Standards of the "Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies," commonly known as Principles and Guidelines (P&G).

The public meeting will be in the Washington Court Hotel's Atrium Ballroom; 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW; Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Simmons plans to make the following four recommendations to the Corps:

- **Watershed/Regional Management Approach.** The current Civil Works Strategic Plan, which has been endorsed by the White House Office of Management and Budget, embodies a watershed approach. The P&G should be revised to reflect this approach.
- **Collaborative Approach.** Establish collaboration with non-federal sponsors, other federal agencies, state agencies, local governments and tribes as the norm in formulation of water resources projects
- **Multi-Objective Plan Formulation.** Projects should be formulated to maximize all national and regional economic development benefits, environment benefits and social benefits (with an emphasis on public safety). Formulation should be based on the standards set forth in the revised P&G without regard for administration budgetary policy.
- **Use of Certified Planning Models.** Encourage certification and use of planning models

A schedule for public comment at this meeting will be determined by random drawing, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. for the start of the morning meeting and again at approximately 1 p.m. for the afternoon time slots. Simmons will also submit his recommendations in writing.

For more information or to review Simmons' remarks, visit www.asbpa.org.

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