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Army Corps Conducts Civil Works Summit

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(PEARL HARBOR, HI – NR-39-06) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division recently held its 6th Civil Works Summit for the Honolulu and Alaska Districts to discuss and analyze current trends and directions of the Corps' Civil Works program.

“This summit brings together many of our technical experts to focus on future directions of the Civil Works program, consistent with the Division’s Strategic Plan,” said Col. Raymond K. Scrocco, deputy Pacific Ocean Division commander. “Every issue and detail we discuss at this summit is important to the future success of the program – not only for the individual Districts, but for the Army program as well.”

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2-2-2 CORPS SUMMIT

Discussions helped facilitate individual and organizational development and capabilities through interaction and knowledge sharing between the two Districts and Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to focus on future directions of the Civil Works program.

Break-out sessions included discussions focusing on changes in current policies which are often driven by changes in law, budgetary guidance and appropriations.

The summit had two main themes.

The “Put Learning Power to Work” theme concentrated on using the capacity of its individual members to provide opportunities to learn from others and to take what they have learned and put it to work.

The “Map out the Vision” theme continues pathways established in March 2004 to use the ground work of the Corps’ Civil Works Strategic Plan to “Map out the Vision” for the future of Pacific Ocean Division’s Civil Works program. The summit, held at the Pearl Harbor Banyans Club from Nov. 14 to 16, was attended by about 50 Civil Works professionals, headquarters staff, guests from other Divisions, congressional staffers and sponsors.

According to Corps officials, the strategic direction of the POD Civil Works program is undergoing review - but will be subject to changes such as the continuation of military priorities, global warming and the extent of discretionary funds available.

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One of the key factors discussed was that project execution monitoring will change - from the current method of purely obligation schedules to focus on milestone completion.

“This is extremely important that the Civil Works personnel from all levels of the organization come together to share information and direction on the programs,” said Paul Mizue, Chief, Civil & Public Works Branch for the Honolulu District. “Without the interaction, the relationships at all levels would not be sustained and the vision for the program could be clouded or misdirected.”

The summit is usually held every 18 months with site locations alternating between Honolulu and Anchorage, Alaska and is sponsored either by Honolulu District or the Alaska District under the auspices of the Pacific Ocean Division.

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