

# The Message

## Stand Up for the Bay!



## Now is the time!

The Bay's current health is 'Vulnerable'.

The *Matagorda Channel Improvement Project*, if done poorly, could be a tipping point.

We know what needs to be done to mitigate the risks.

**Stand up to Protect the Bay!**

### The Project must:

- Eliminate open bay disposal of spoil to protect oysters and seagrass, including nearby bayous and lakes.
- Maximize beneficial use of spoil to provide coastal resiliency.
- Ensure existing mercury pollution is confined to protect human health.
- Protect vital Pass Cavallo and adjacent nursery marshes.
- Ensure Jetty integrity to reduce risk of a catastrophic event.
- Protect current economic benefits of the Bay: commercial / recreational fishing, ecotourism and our coastal way of life.
- Increase transparency in MSCIP design and implementation to increase public trust.

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## What you can do:

1. Add your signature to the report explaining our concerns and asking the Corps of Engineers and the Port to ‘Do it Right!’.
2. Attend USACE public hearing regarding Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and revised implementation plan when scheduled – later this year.
3. Write letters to Congressman Cloud and Senators Cruz and Cornyn saying “Do It Right!”.
4. Express that support to Port Commissioners & County officials.
5. Share your concerns with friends and neighbors along with our summary of facts and concerns regarding the Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project.

For more information: <https://lavacabay.org/protect-the-bay/>

