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Therese O'Rourke Bradford is the Branch Chief for the South Coast Branch of the Regulatory Division, Los Angeles District of the Corps of Engineers.

After working for many years as a partner with the Corps, she joined the Corps in 2008 as a Section Chief for the San Diego Section and within 2 years became the Branch Chief for the 4 most southern counties in California. Therese's work has focused on internal team building, external partnering, and efficient meetings and processes. As a regular part of her job, she facilitates meetings, mediates disputes, and resolves conflicts.

Since joining the Corps, she has created a quarterly workshop for other agencies and consultants to better educate those involved with the Regulatory program. This has improved the quality of applications by applicants and interactions with consultants and other agencies.

Ms. Bradford brings her experience of working with and for other federal agencies including the Forest Service where she focused on public involvement and mediated many long-standing unresolved issues to resolution; the USFWS where she facilitated the completion of a 1.2 million acre habitat conservation plan permit; and the Nature Conservancy where she negotiated large-scale conservation easements and long-term endowments with a large development company.

Ms. Bradford is a certified facilitator and has taken facilitator and leadership development courses over the past 25 years and has lectured at several universities including American University, West Virginia University, Michigan State University, California State University-San Marcos, and San Diego State University. She speaks several languages and has facilitated meetings in Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, and other countries.

Therese lives in Carlsbad, CA with her husband and daughter. For leisure, she swims, bikes, hikes and spends as much time as possible in the California sunshine.