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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTIONS-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention 2007

1. The Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) will hold its annual convention in Sacramento, California on 18 – 22 March 2007. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has worked with this organization over the past several years to establish strong relationships with non-profit organizations that support Corps activities at the project level.
2. The APPL convention is an opportunity to learn how cooperating associations and other partners can assist the Corps in the management and stewardship of its lands and facilities. The core portion of the convention features keynote sessions, concurrent workshops organized along educational “tracks,” networking sessions, and a first-class trade show of items uniquely geared toward the public lands community.
3. The convention also provides an excellent opportunity for additional training. Again, as in the past 5 years, a specially designed 1½-day partnership workshop for Corps participants and its partners is being offered 22 - 23 March. This workshop will build on the past efforts and include presentations and open discussion about the various issues we deal with when working with partners. For these reasons, I encourage attendance at this event.
4. Specific conference information and other details including the registration form are available at: http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2007/2007Home.htm. Updated information on registration and hotel availability is enclosed. Early registration ends 31 January. Please share this information with the projects for which you are responsible. My point of contact for this activity is Ms. Debra Stokes, Senior Policy Advisor for Partnerships within the Natural Resources Management Community of Practice. Ms. Stokes may be reached by phone at (202) 761-1736 or via e-mail.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don T. Riley", written over a printed name.

DON T. RILEY
Major General, USA
Director of Civil Works

Important Lodging Information

The block of government per diem rooms at the convention headquarters hotel, the Hyatt Regency, is filled with only a small number of rooms available at the convention rate of \$125. Overflow rooms are available at the Best Western and Sutter House Hotel. Rates are \$84.00 per night for state and federal employees and \$119 for all others. All room rate packages include continental breakfast. The Best Western is within walking distance to the Hyatt Hotel and the Convention Center. Round-trip transportation to the Hyatt and Convention Center will be provided to convention attendees staying at the Sutter House. For reservations at the Sutter House, call 916-808-5654.

APPL strongly advises you to make your room reservation for the APPL Convention and/or the USACE Partnership Training, now. If you wait, it may be difficult to find hotel accommodations at government rates.

If you have any problems booking a reservation, please contact Amy Norris, APPL meeting planner, at 703-433-5887 or by e-mail at norris@acmeetingevents.com.