



San Antonio / Espiritu Santo



## 2024 Shorelines Cleanup – Contract 50

Status as of March 31, 2025

During the final months of the contract, the focus has been on seeking support for a community-based anti-litter campaign.

For Port O' Connor, SABP met twice with representatives of the POC Improvement District (the MUD that provides water, sewage, and facilitates garbage collection), the POC Chamber of Commerce, and POC Ladies Service Club. Calhoun County Precinct 4 was supportive and advised of the discussions.

Each of the organizations have current activities related to litter in the community. The discussion was focused on finding a way to leverage our individual activities into a more comprehensive approach that would include prevention and removal. Included as an option was joining Keep Texas Beautiful.

While the group was supportive of a more comprehensive anti-litter approach, none felt that they had additional resources to commit to new initiatives. They could offer verbal support, but no elbow grease.

Given that guidance from these community groups, SABP concluded that it would be better to remain focused on our bay cleanup efforts and improvements in that program.

Several phone calls and emails to similar Seadrift organizations (City of Seadrift, Seadrift Chamber of Commerce, and Seadrift Service Club) failed to achieve a meeting.

As the next step in our Bay Cleanup efforts, we have decided to pursue anti-litter signage at boat ramps. Several designs have been tabled for discussion with the Board—we hope to have a leading candidate by the end of the month.

On a related note, SABP plans to participate in The Gulf Trust's program "A Trash Free Gulf" in May 2025. Planning is underway.

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