Code of Ethics and Professional Practice – Certified Coastal Practitioner

1.0 In their interaction with the public, a Certified Coastal Practitioner shall:

1.1 Provide professional services only in areas of his or her competence or expertise.

1.2 Only express opinions on coastal matters for which he or she is knowledgeable or familiar with the facts.

1.3 Accurately represent the capability of science and engineering to help resolve coastal problems.

1.4 Reveal any constraints or conflicts of interest that may interfere with full disclosure of scientific or engineering facts as they can be reasonably interpreted.

1.5 Accurately convey that certification does not by itself imply qualification to conduct specific activities such as coastal engineering or scientific research.

1.6 Not knowingly present themselves as having credentials that have not been earned or maintained. Maintenance is defined as certification renewal and payment of maintenance fees.

1.7 Refrain from advertising in a self-laudatory manner, beyond statements informing potential clients/employers of qualifications, or in a manner detrimental to others.

2.0 To promote the well-being of Coastal Certification, a Certified Coastal Practitioner (CCP) shall:

2.1 Use the CCP logo, if desired, on business cards and promotional materials, but not on letterhead or in any way that could be interpreted as acting as a representative of the Coastal Certification program.

2.2 Promote the Coastal Certification program in a positive but realistic manner, so as to encourage involvement by young professionals and contribute to their professional advancement.

2.3 Practice behavior that is free from sexual harassment or discrimination with respect to religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin, age, or physical restrictions.

2.4 Refrain from attempting to injure the reputation of another CCP through the use of false, biased, or otherwise undocumented claims.

2.5 Aid in exclusion from certification those who have not followed this code by providing a signed complaint to the program for known, verifiable, and egregious unethical conduct (breach of code) by another certified person.

2.6 Failure to report known, verifiable, and egregious unethical conduct by another certified person may result in temporary suspension or withdrawal of the non-reporting person’s certification.

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