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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Programs and Project Management Division
Protection and Restoration Office

Mr. Jerome Zeringue
Chairman
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
Board of Louisiana
1501 North 3rd Street
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

You are hereby informed that the wetland mitigation bank contract, LPV-EVM-05, for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV), Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Environmental Mitigation for Swamp Non-Refuge impacts, has been completed.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has purchased swamp credits from the following banks to compensate for unavoidable habitat losses associated with the subject project:

Contract Number	Mitigation Bank	Number of Credits	Number of AAHUs	Type of Credit	Total Price
W912P8-14-C-0032	Spanish Lake Restoration Unit 3	86.2	49.99	General	\$2,749,780
W912P8-14-C-0033	High Point Bank Phase I	70.02	21.01	Coastal	\$1,400,400
W912P8-14-C-0034	Coastal Rental Corporation, dba Timberton	105.8	37.01	Coastal	\$4,020,400

Enclosed are the confirmation letters and signed purchase agreements from each respective bank.

The purchase of mitigation bank credits representing 108.01 average annual habitat units (AAHUs) of swamp habitat fulfills the compensatory mitigation requirement for impacts to non-refuge swamp arising from LPV HSDRRS construction. Pursuant to the purchase agreements, the mitigation banks have assumed the responsibility for the LPV

HSDRRS non-refuge swamp compensatory mitigation requirements, including implementation, achievement of mitigation success, and long-term management. In accordance with Section 2036(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), the purchase of these credits relieves USACE and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (CPRAB) of Louisiana from responsibility for monitoring the mitigation and for demonstrating mitigation success. Accordingly, CPRAB has no operation and/or maintenance responsibilities with respect to this completed mitigation.

Should you have questions, please call Mr. Troy G. Constance, Acting Deputy District Engineer for Project Management or Ms. Elizabeth Behrens, Biologist, Coastal Environmental Planning Section, at (504) 862-2204 and (504) 862-2025, respectively.

Sincerely,



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