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**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING,
PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT**

TASK FORCE MEETING

OCTOBER 31, 1991

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TASK FORCE MEMBERS

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TASK FORCE MEMBERS

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TASK FORCE PROCEDURES

I. Task Force Meetings and Attendance

A. Scheduling/Location

The Task Force will hold regular meetings quarterly, or more often if necessary to carry out its responsibilities. When possible, regular meetings will be scheduled as to time and location prior to the adjournment of any preceding regular meeting.

Special meetings may be called upon request and with the concurrence of a majority of the Task Force members, in which case, the Chairperson will schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Emergency meetings may be called upon request and with the unanimous concurrence of all members of the Task Force at the call of the Chairperson. When deemed necessary by the Chairperson, such meetings can be held via telephone conference call provided that a record of the meeting is made and that any actions taken are affirmed at the next regular or special meeting.

B. Delegation of Attendance

The appointed members of the Task Force may delegate authority to participate and actively vote on the Task Force to a substitute of their choice. Notice of such delegation shall be provided in writing to the Task Force Chairperson prior to the opening of the meeting.

C. Staff Participation

Each member of the Task Force may bring colleagues, staff or other assistants/advisors to the meetings. These individuals may participate fully in the meeting discussions but will not be allowed to vote.

D. Public Participation (see Public Involvement Program)

All Task Force meetings will be open to the public. Interested parties may submit written questions or comments that will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

II. Administrative Procedures

A. Quorum

A quorum of the Task Force shall be a simple majority of the appointed members of the Task Force, or their designated representatives.

B. Voting

Whenever possible, the Task Force shall resolve issues by consensus. Otherwise, issues will be decided by a simple majority vote, with each member of the Task Force having one vote. The Task Force Chairperson may vote on any issue, but must vote to break a tie. All votes shall be via voice and individual votes shall be recorded in the minutes, which shall be public documents.

C. Agenda Development/Approval

The agenda will be developed by the Chairperson's staff. Task Force members or Technical Committee Chairpersons may submit agenda items to the Chairperson in advance. The agenda will be distributed to each Task Force member (and others on an distribution list maintained by the Chairperson's staff) within two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Additional agenda items may be added by any Task Force member at the beginning of a meeting.

D. Minutes

The Chairperson will arrange for minutes of all meetings to be taken and distributed within two weeks after a meeting is held to all Task Force members and others on the distribution list.

E. Distribution of Information/Products

All information and products developed by the Task Force members or their staffs will be distributed to all Task Force members normally within two weeks in advance of any proposed action in order to allow adequate time for review and comment, unless the information/product is developed at the meeting or an emergency situation occurs.

III. Miscellaneous

A. Liability Disclaimer

To the extent permitted by the law of the State of Louisiana and Federal regulations, neither the Task Force nor any of its members individually shall be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of an employee, agent or representative selected with reasonable care, nor for anything the Task Force may do or refrain from doing in good faith, including the following: errors in judgement, acts done or committed on advice of counsel, or mistakes of fact or law.

B. Conflict of Interest

No member of the Task Force (or designated representative) shall participate in any decision or vote which would constitute a conflict of interest under Federal or State law. Any potential conflicts of interest must clearly be stated by the member prior to any discussion on the agenda item.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

September 24, 1991

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the fourth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:00 a.m., September 24, 1991, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Agenda is attached as Enclosure 1. The Task Force was created by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) which was signed into law (PL 101-646, Title III) by President Bush on November 29, 1990.

II. ATTENDEES

The Attendance Records for the Task Force meeting are attached as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members, all of whom were in attendance.

Mr. David Chambers, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. S. Scott Sewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Horace Austin, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. Clement Lewsey, U.S. Department of Commerce
Col. Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the third Task Force meeting, held on August 12, 1991, (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved by the Task Force members. [1/125] *

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

The Task Force voted and passed the following motions:

- A. The Chairman of the Citizen Participation Group will be reimbursed for travel costs associated with attendance at meetings of the Task Force, Technical Committee, and Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee, as well as other meetings approved by the Technical Committee. Invitational Travel Orders, issued by the Technical Committee Chairman, will be used to accomplish this reimbursement. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/180]
 - B. Adopt the Charter for the Citizen Participation Group (Enclosure 4). The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/200]
 - C. The funding of the preparation of NEPA documents will not be subject to the cost-sharing provisions of Section 303(f). The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/330]
 - D. Approve the Fiscal Year 1992 Budget (Enclosure 5). The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [2/50]
 - E. Approve the addition of Categories C & D to the Priority Project List (Enclosure 6). The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [3/100]
 - F. Each lead Task Force member will design and develop the estates to be acquired in lands needed for the implementation of coastal wetlands restoration projects for which they are responsible. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [3/585]
- Comment: These estates will be subject to the review and approval of the Secretary of the Army regarding the sufficiency of the estate provisions and/or the compliance of the estates with the "long-term conservation" requirements of Section 303(e).

- G. Remand the Environmental Evaluation (Enclosure 7) to the Technical Committee for their action to ensure that the Environmental Evaluation will contain: 1.) a description of the "Wetland Value Assessment" and the economic evaluation conducted on each of the candidate projects; and 2.) a matrix that displays the beneficial and adverse impacts of the candidate projects. The Technical Committee will also determine if a contractor would be an appropriate means of preparing the Environmental Evaluation. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [4/430]

V. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Mr. Chambers agreed to investigate the potential for the State of Louisiana to enter into Cooperative Agreements with local agencies and private entities who are interested in funding coastal wetlands restoration projects under the CWPPRA. [1/230]

VI. STATUS OF FISCAL MATTERS

- A. Mr. Pittman, Chief of the New Orleans District Program Management Office, stated that the Task Force will receive a lump sum allotment of Fiscal Year 1992 funds through a warrant issued to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by the Secretary of the Treasury. The New Orleans District expects to receive the funds within the first three weeks of October, 1991. Upon receipt of the funds, the New Orleans District will execute reimbursable instruments (DD Form 448, Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request) with each Task Force member. Receipt of these funds is not contingent upon passage of an appropriations bill in Fiscal Year 1992. [2/70]
- B. Mr. Huntsman, the New Orleans District Comptroller, stated that Fiscal Year 1992 funds will be distributed to the other Task Force members, including the State of Louisiana, on a reimbursable basis. The New Orleans District will charge all Fiscal Year 1992 CWPPRA expenditures to "deferred accounts" prior to the receipt of Fiscal Year 1992 CWPPRA funds. The other Task Force members should use similar procedures within their agencies for CWPPRA expenditures incurred prior to the execution of reimbursable funding instruments between themselves and the New Orleans District. [2/130]

C. Col. Diffley described his vision of the short- and long-term goals and objectives of the Task Force with respect to the Priority Project List and the Restoration Plan. He stated his intention to prepare a "Vision Statement" for the consideration of the Task Force at the October 31, 1991, meeting. [2/250]

VII. STATUS OF THE PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

Mr. Rowe, Chairman of the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee, stated that the Environmental Work Group will complete the "Wetland Value Assessments" for each of the candidate projects by September 30, 1991, and that the draft Priority Project List report will be sent to the Task Force members for review on October 11, 1991. [2/635]

VIII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items were proposed by the Task Force members. [4/445]

IX. DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting was scheduled for October 31, 1991 in the Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, beginning at 9:00 a.m. [4/450]

X. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public. [4/465]

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. [4/470]

* The Task Force meeting was recorded on audio tape. These bracketed figures represent the Tape#/Counter# for the discussion of this item.

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AGENDA

- I. Introductions**
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 - C. Opening Remarks by Task Force Members.
- II. Adoption of Minutes from the August 12, 1991 Meeting**
- III. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Travel Reimbursement for the Chairman of the Citizen Participation Group.
 - B. Charter for the Citizen Participation Group.
 - C. Potential Non-Federal Sponsors.
 - D. Funding of NEPA Document Preparation.
- IV. Fiscal Year 1992 Budget Proposal**
- V. Status of Fiscal Matters**
 - A. Programming of FY 1992 Funds.
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ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 24 SEP '91	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION & RESTORATION TASK FORCE	LOCATION NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ROOM
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PURPOSE: TASK FORCE MEETING

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ENCLOSURE 3

MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 12, 1991 TASK FORCE MEETING

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

August 12, 1991

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the third meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:00 a.m., August 12, 1991, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Agenda is attached as Enclosure 1. The Task Force was created by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) which was signed into law (PL 101-646, Title III) by President Bush on November 29, 1990.

II. ATTENDEES

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Mr. David Chambers, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. S. Scott Sewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Horace Austin, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. Clement Lewsey, U.S. Department of Commerce
Col. Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the second Task Force meeting, held on June 17, 1991, (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved, as amended, by the Task Force members. Mr. Chambers requested that the underlined portion of IV. M. be added to the minutes. [1/210] *

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

The Task Force voted and passed the following motions:

- A. Revise item V.B.1.m. in Enclosure 4 by deleting "Marsh Committee of the". The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [1/370]

- B. Revise item V.B.1.n. in Enclosure 4 by deleting "(Potential Member)". The Citizen Participation Group will have one representative from the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and one representative from those coastal parishes operating under home rule authority, unless those parishes are represented on the Police Jury Association. The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [1/380]

- C. Revise item V.B. in Enclosure 4 by deleting "Subcommittee" and adding "Participation Group". The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [2/65]

- D. Adopt the "Priority Project List Contents Policy" (Enclosure 5). The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [3/240]

- E. An Environmental Evaluation will be prepared to satisfy Recommendation 3 in the EPA Memorandum authored by Mr. Pat Rankin (Enclosure 6). The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [3/310]

- F. National Environmental Policy Act compliance for projects on the Priority Project List will be achieved according to each lead Task Force member's existing regulations and administrative procedures. The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [3/575]

- G. Approve the "Coastal Wetlands Restoration Project Area Map" (Enclosure 7) and "Definition of Coastal Wetlands" (Enclosure 8). The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of this motion. [3/610]

V. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. The Soil Conservation Service, in cooperation with the Technical Committee members, will identify potential means of using CWPPRA funds to support the full participation of the Citizen Participation Group chairman in Task Force activities by reimbursing the chairman's travel costs. This topic will be addressed at the September Task Force meeting. [1/615]
- B. The New Orleans District will determine if a Lead Task Force member has the authority to execute a Local Cooperation Agreement with any or all of the following: [2/460]
 - 1. Political subdivision of the State of Louisiana such as a parish or levee board.
 - 2. Private organization.
- C. Mr. Chambers asked if the preparation of NEPA documentation for listed projects would be Federally funded from the \$5 million annual allotment identified in Section 306(a)(1). Although there appeared to be agreement that Section 306(a)(1) funds would be used for preparation of NEPA documentation, a motion to that effect was not proposed. Therefore, this issue will be placed on the agenda for the September 24, 1991 Task Force meeting. [2/505]
- D. Following a discussion of the Implementation Plan for Section 303 (Enclosure 9), Mr. Chambers asked that the Priority Project List diagram be modified to reflect a situation in which a Category B. project could enter the construction phase prior to preparation of the next annual list. [2/620]
- E. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee chairman reported that the identification of contract services requirements is proceeding as part of the FY92 budget preparation process. He stated that he would make another report at the next Task Force meeting. [3/30]
- F. Colonel Diffley noted that Ms. Marcia Jones, from Senator Breaux's staff, reconfirmed the November 28, 1991 deadline for submittal of the Priority Project List to Congress. She was responding to an inquiry made by Colonel Gorski at the June 17, 1991 Task Force meeting. [3/615]

- G. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee chairman reported that the deadline for submittal of "Candidate Project Fact Sheets" for the Priority Project List was August 6, 1991. The draft Priority Project List will be addressed at a Task Force meeting in late October or early November. [3/630]

VI. STATUS OF FISCAL MATTERS

- A. Mr. Pittman, Chief of the New Orleans District Program Management Office, stated that he had verbal confirmation from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington, D.C., that all FY92 funds appropriated for implementation of Section 303 of the CWPPRA, will be released to the New Orleans District for distribution to the Task Force members. Mr. Pittman stated that written confirmation is expected shortly. [4/65]
- B. Mr. Huntsman, the New Orleans District Comptroller, stated that FY92 funds will be distributed to the other Task Force members, including the State of Louisiana, on a reimbursable basis. Colonel Diffley requested that Mr. Huntsman contact the Comptrollers of the other Task Force members to ensure that all their questions concerning these reimbursable procedures had been answered. [4/90]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Ruth Blankenstein, a resident of River Ridge, Louisiana, described her desire to preserve a Mississippi River batture area. Colonel Diffley stated that he would send Mrs. Blankenstein a list of the members of the Citizen Participation Group, when completed, and a copy of the "Candidate Project Fact Sheet", to aid her in the submittal of her proposal for the consideration of the Task Force. [5/110]

VIII. DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 23, 1991 in the Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, beginning at 9:00 a.m., however, Mr. Rhoades noted that he would be unable to attend. Colonel Diffley suggested September 24th as an alternative and asked that the other Task Force members confirm the new date as soon as possible. [4/350]

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public. [4/400]

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. [4/415]

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ENCLOSURE 4

CHARTER FOR THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GROUP

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT
(PL 101-646)

CHARTER
for the
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GROUP

I. NAME:

The name of the group shall be the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act Citizen Participation Group (CPG). The CPG's area of interest includes the coastal wetlands of Louisiana as identified by the Task Force.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The CPG has the following goals and objectives:

- a. Promote the development of Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Activities.
- b. Promote citizen participation and involvement in the formulation of the Priority Project List (Section 303a) and the Restoration Plan (Section 303b):
- c. Assist and participate in a public involvement program to insure public involvement in the restoration planning process.

III. AUTHORITY:

The CPG is a standing work group established by the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force. The CPG reports to the Task Force and will, from time to time, meet on its own or with the various committees and work groups of the Task Force, particularly the Technical Committee.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

The principal mailing address shall be that of the Chairman. Clerical assistance shall be provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will act as an advisor to the CPG and will attend their meetings upon request. The CPG may request other Task Force members to attend CPG meetings and make presentations, as needed.

V. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the CPG will be to:

- a. Maintain consistent public review and input into the plans and projects being considered by the Task Force.
- b. Assist and participate in the public involvement program.
- c. Perform additional tasks at the request of the Task Force or at the suggestion of members of the CPG, upon approval of the Task Force.

VI. MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the CPG will be as follows:

- a. Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. (Chairman)
- b. Concerned Shrimpers of America.
- c. Gulf Coast Conservation Association.
- d. Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association.
- e. Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation.
- f. Louisiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- g. Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
- h. Louisiana Landowners Association.
- i. Louisiana League of Women Voters.
- j. Louisiana Nature Conservancy. (Vice Chairman)
- k. Louisiana Oyster Growers and Dealers Association.
- l. Louisiana Wildlife Federation, Inc.
- m. Midcontinent Oil and Gas Association.
- n. New Orleans Steamship Association.
- o. Oil and Gas Task Force of the Regional Economic Development Council.
- p. Police Jury Association of Louisiana.
- q. U.S. Senator John Breaux. (Ex Officio Member)

Each organization will designate a representative to the CPG. Whenever the designated CPG representative is unable to attend a meeting, he or she or the member organization, may identify an alternate representative and notify the CPG Chairman. Each alternate representative must be announced by the Chairman before that alternate representative can participate in the meeting. Changes to the CPG membership will be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the CPG. Potential members are required to make a brief presentation describing the purpose of their organization and why they desire to join the CPG.

VII. DUTIES OF THE CPG CHAIRMAN:

At their first meeting, the CPG will select a temporary Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve as such through the first CPG meeting of calendar year 1992. Each calendar thereafter, a Chairman and Vice Chairman will be selected by the CPG members at the first CPG meeting of that calendar year. The Vice Chairman will preside over CPG meetings and perform other duties, as required, in the absence of the Chairman. The duties of the Chairman are to:

- a. Coordinate the activities of the CPG to insure that the overall goals and objectives of the CPG are accomplished.
- b. Preside over meetings of the CPG, attend extra meetings as necessary to achieve the CPG goals, call meetings as necessary, and sign correspondence and documents when authorized to do so on the behalf of the CPG.
- c. Represent the CPG at Task Force meetings.
- d. Make presentations to Task Force on behalf of the CPG.

VIII. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition. In the event of a vote on a major issue, a 2/3 majority of the membership is required for passage. Minority reports will be allowed.

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TASK FORCE MEETING
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ENCLOSURE 5
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ALLOCATION OF COST & ASSOCIATED MANPOWER**

Activity	Dept of Agriculture Soil Conservation Svc		Dept of the Army US Army Corps of Engrs		Dept of Commerce (2 Agencies)		Dept of Interior (4 Agencies)		Environmental Protection Agency		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost
WORK ITEMS—Detail Planning Schedule														
HIRED LABOR ITEMS														
Restoration Plan														
RP 0010	240	6,361	288	9,176	152	4,084	104	2,524	96	2,600	248	5,400	1,128	30,145
RP 0011	260	6,320											260	6,320
RP 0020	680	20,531	992	30,845			336	8,417	240	7,200	960	21,120	3,208	88,113
RP 0030	272	8,140	248	7,902	144	3,770	80	2,094	120	3,720	160	3,680	1,024	29,306
RP 0040	1,400	30,497	1,400	40,092	1,200	32,270	1,720	40,547	480	12,960	960	18,720	7,160	175,086
RP 0050	400	12,723	560	15,608	288	8,420	320	7,054	200	6,200	480	8,960	2,248	58,965
RP 0060	944	27,524	2,320	68,490	960	25,543	2,710	62,395	480	12,960	1,280	28,320	8,694	225,232
RP 0070	944	27,611	2,272	67,410	1,640	50,300	2,830	65,134	960	27,120	1,280	28,320	9,926	265,895
RP 0080	400	12,723	896	27,188	552	16,289	240	6,722	304	9,408	480	12,160	2,872	84,490
RP 0090	112	3,988	256	8,338	96	2,687	88	2,238	84	4,208	128	3,280	764	24,739
RP 0100	1,696	53,349	1,532	46,988	328	9,185	380	10,195	460	13,620	416	9,248	4,812	142,585
RP 0110	400	8,494	160	4,432	416	13,400			0	0	320	4,480	1,296	30,806
RP 0120	480	9,056	640	17,088	760	20,108	3,135	56,957	320	9,120	448	8,704	5,783	121,033
RP 0130	240	7,252	932	27,597	288	8,061	200	4,904	160	4,480	320	7,360	2,140	59,654
Total Restoration Plan:	8,468	234,569	12,496	371,154	6,824	194,117	12,143	269,181	3,904	113,596	7,480	159,752	51,315	1,342,369
First Priority Project List														
PL 0010					32	717	40	1,268	40	1,568	160	4,240	272	7,793
PL 0020	46	1,524	296	9,335	96	2,687	120	3,361	72	2,472	240	6,080	870	25,459
PL 0021	208	5,524	296	9,172	56	1,702			150	4,610	160	4,240	870	25,248
PL 0030													0	0
PL 0040													0	0
PL 0050			72	1,990									72	1,990
PL A010											256	4,496	256	4,496
PL A020											1,029	18,063	1,029	18,063
PL A030											3,088	54,224	3,088	54,224
PL A040											1,029	18,063	1,029	18,063
PL A050											1,029	18,063	1,029	18,063
PL A060											520	9,128	520	9,128
PL A070											515	9,049	515	9,049
PL C010	280	7,278	64	1,958	16	562			24	976	143	2,509	527	13,283
PL C020	2,780	66,761	304	9,458	240	8,436			168	4,960	2,298	40,350	5,790	129,965
PL C030	720	15,658	32	886	240	8,436			24	728	1,723	30,257	2,739	55,965
PL C040	1,280	31,162	56	1,495	480	15,442			96	2,800	1,723	30,257	3,635	81,156
PL C050			224	6,683	40	1,168			128	3,736	575	10,093	967	21,680
PL C060			136	3,960	240	7,005			240	6,720	861	15,111	1,477	32,796
PL C070			128	3,933	80	2,504			32	1,040	143	2,509	383	9,986
Subtotal 1st Priority List:	5,314	127,907	1,608	48,870	1,520	48,659	160	4,629	974	29,610	15,492	276,732	25,068	536,407

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	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost
Second Priority Project List														
PL 0010			304	9,063	600	16,251	320	7,678	240	6,720			1,464	39,712
PL 0020	200	6,352	160	4,867	160	4,738	144	3,637	48	1,920			712	21,514
PL 0030			88	2,753	80	2,234	40	1,268	48	1,920			256	8,175
PL 0040			104	3,272	64	1,862	48	1,389	24	960			240	7,483
PL 0050			152	4,483	144	4,034	96	2,689	32	896			424	12,102
PL 0060			48	1,477									48	1,477
Subtotal 2nd Priority List:	200	6,352	856	25,915	1,048	29,119	648	16,661	392	12,416	0	0	3,144	90,463
Total Priority List:	5,514	134,259	2,464	74,785	2,568	77,778	808	21,290	1,366	42,026	15,492	276,732	28,212	626,870
TOTAL HIRED LABOR:	13,982	368,828	14,960	445,939	9,392	271,895	12,951	290,471	5,270	155,622	22,972	436,484	79,527	1,969,239
OTHER COSTS														
Graphics	-	26,800	-	32,000	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	20,000	-	87,800
Printing	-	1,900	-	15,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,400
Travel	-	41,995	-	1,680	-	24,488	-	16,176	-	62,340	-	33,161	-	179,840
Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	-	113,000	-	263,000
Other	-	44,200	-	-	-	-	-	25,900	-	-	-	17,196	-	87,296
TOTAL OTHER:		114,895		49,180		24,488		51,076		212,340		183,357		635,336
OVERHEAD:		154,905		289,860		148,503		184,791		38,906		118,548		935,513
CONTINGENCIES:		160,372		197,021		111,114		131,862		102,132		184,611		887,112
TOTAL—DETAIL PLAN SCHED:	13,982	799,000	14,960	982,000	9,392	556,000	12,951	658,200	5,270	509,000	22,972	923,000	79,527	4,427,200
ITEMS APPROVED BY TASK FORCE (but with NO assigned Sequence Code)														
HIRED LABOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,960	38,984	0	0	0	0	1,960	38,984
OTHER COSTS														
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	6,000
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
TOTAL OTHER:		0		0		0		57,000		0		0		57,000
OVERHEAD:		0		0		0		27,847		0		0		27,847
CONTINGENCIES:		0		0		0		30,969		0		0		30,969
TOTAL—ADDED ITEMS:	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,960	154,800	0	0	0	0	1,960	154,800
TOTAL BUDGET PROPOSAL:	13,982	799,000	14,960	982,000	9,392	556,000	14,911	813,000	5,270	509,000	22,972	923,000	81,487	4,582,000

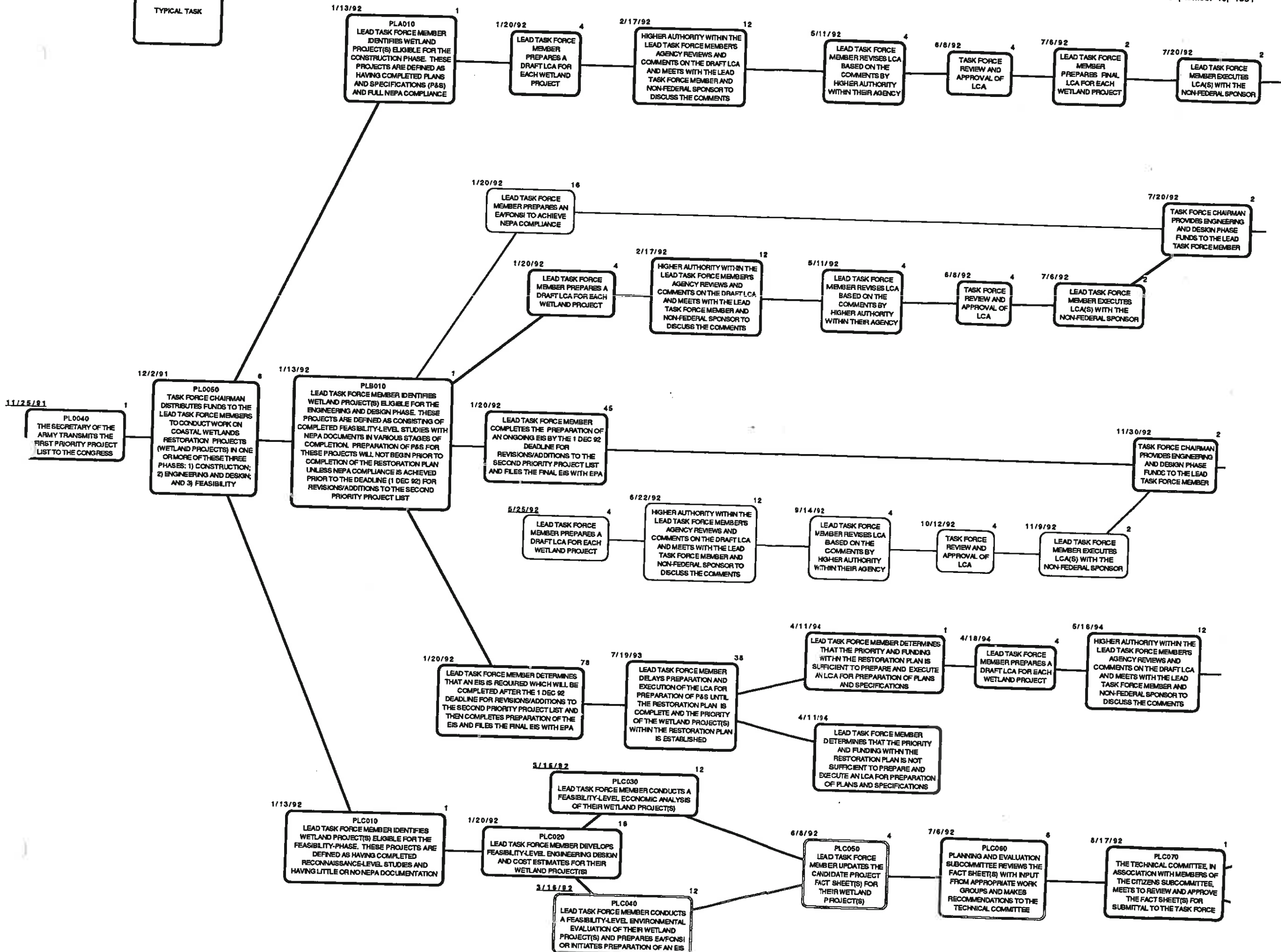
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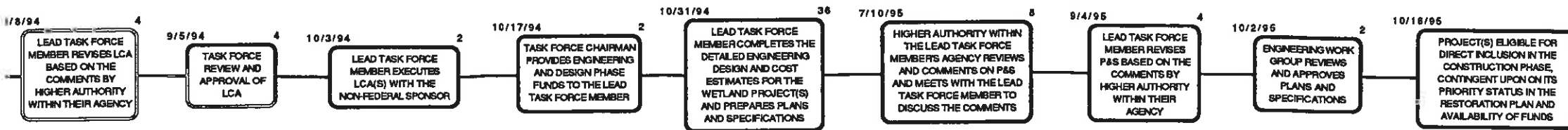
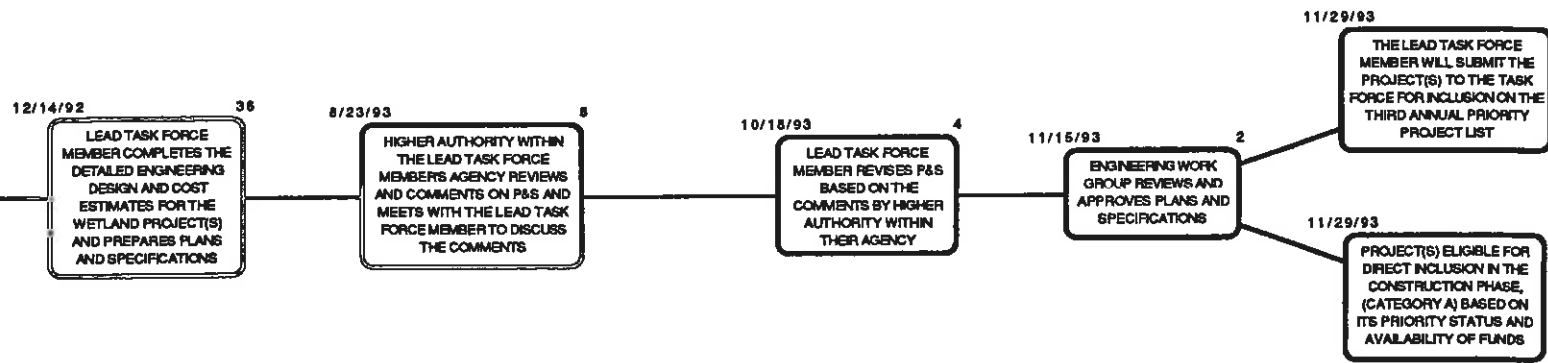
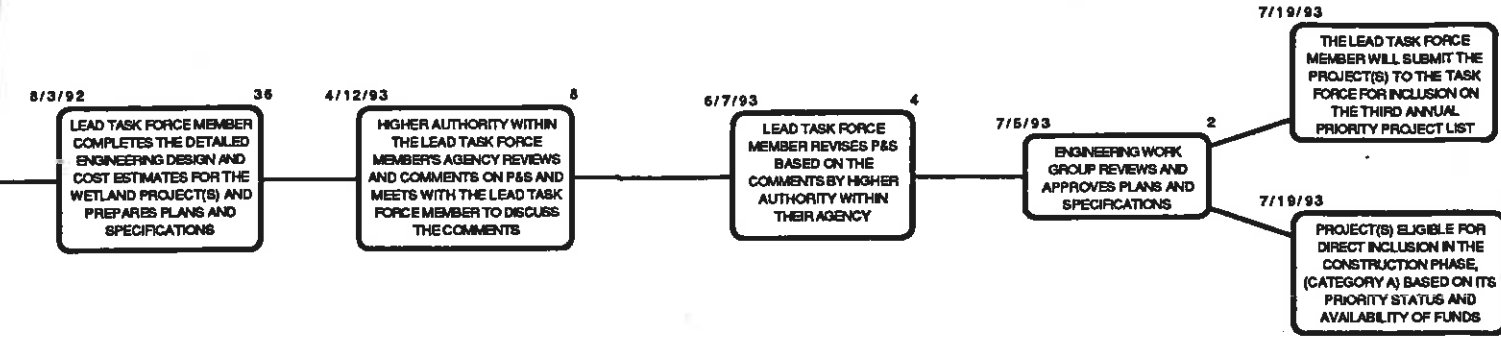
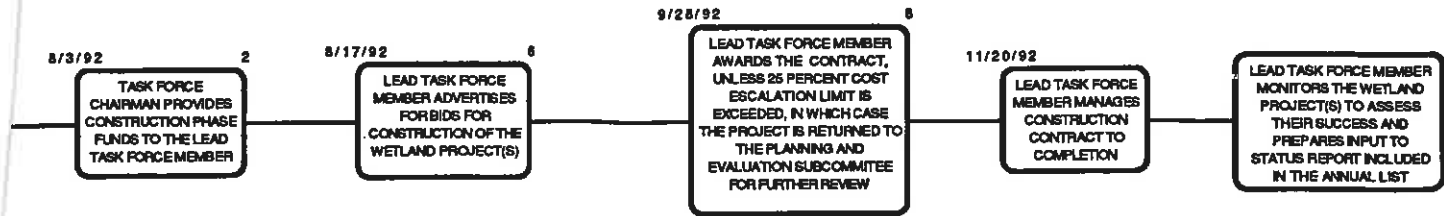
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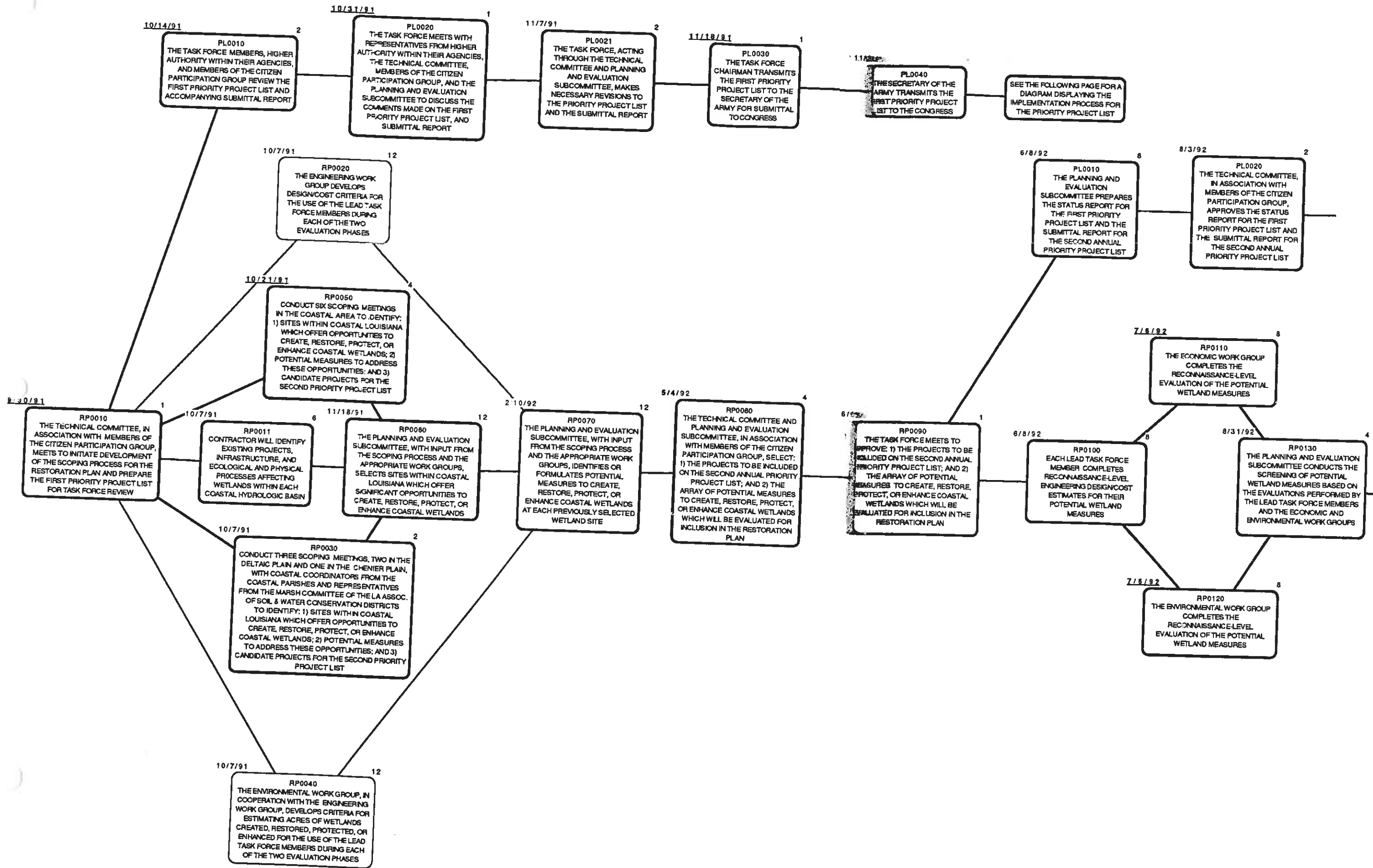
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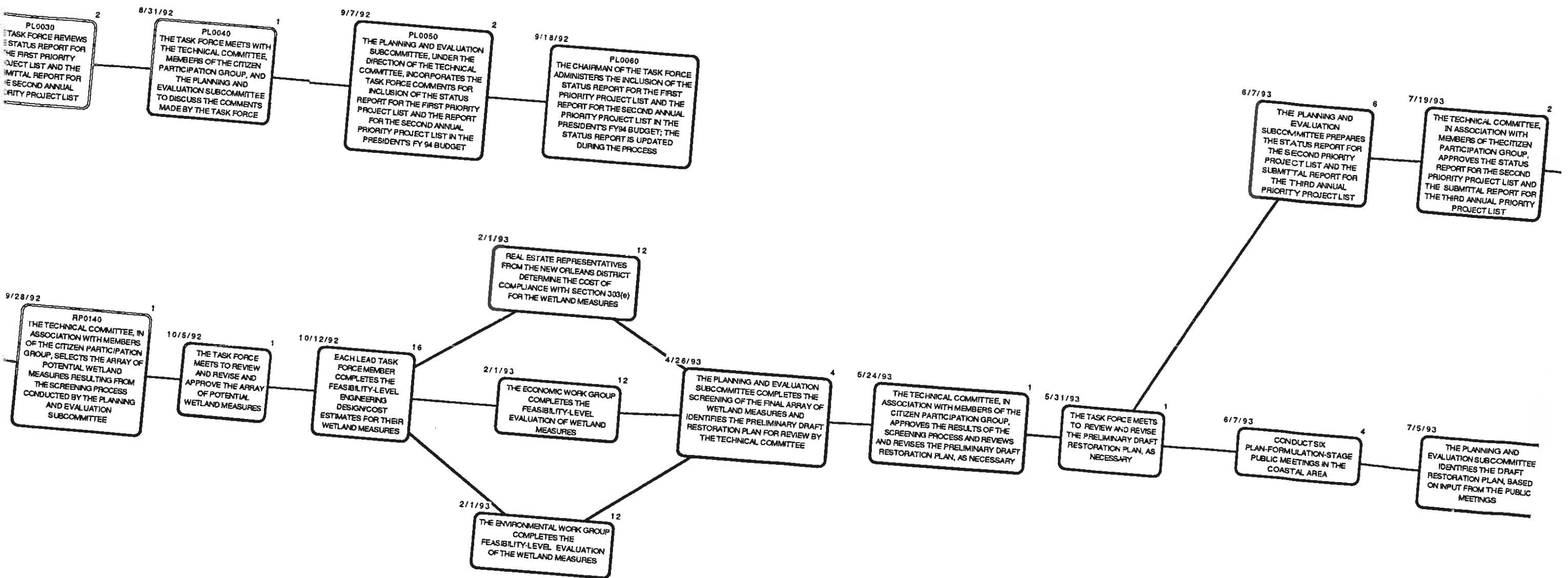
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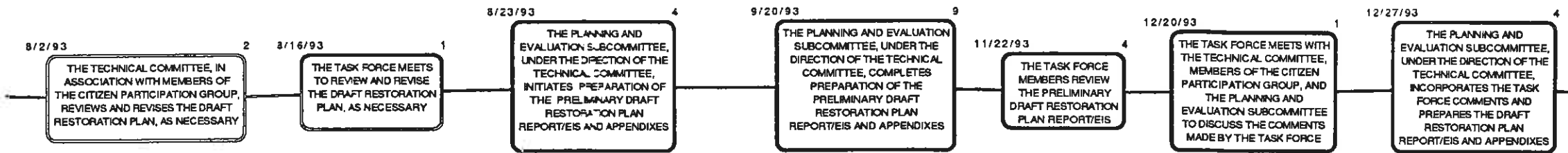
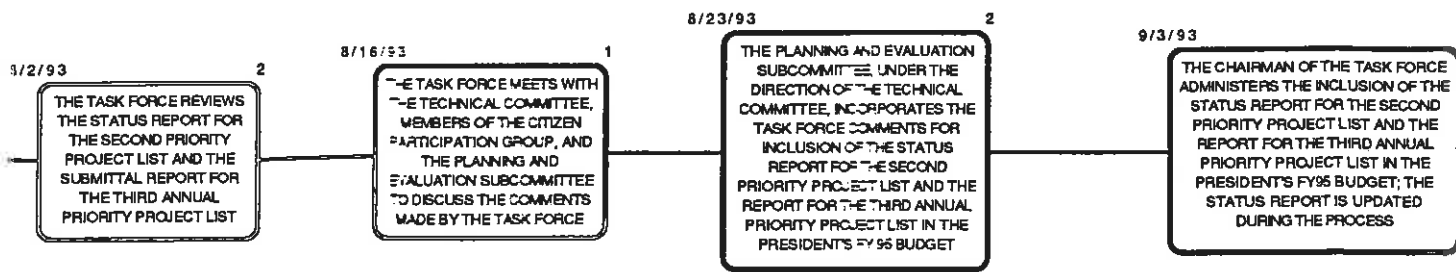
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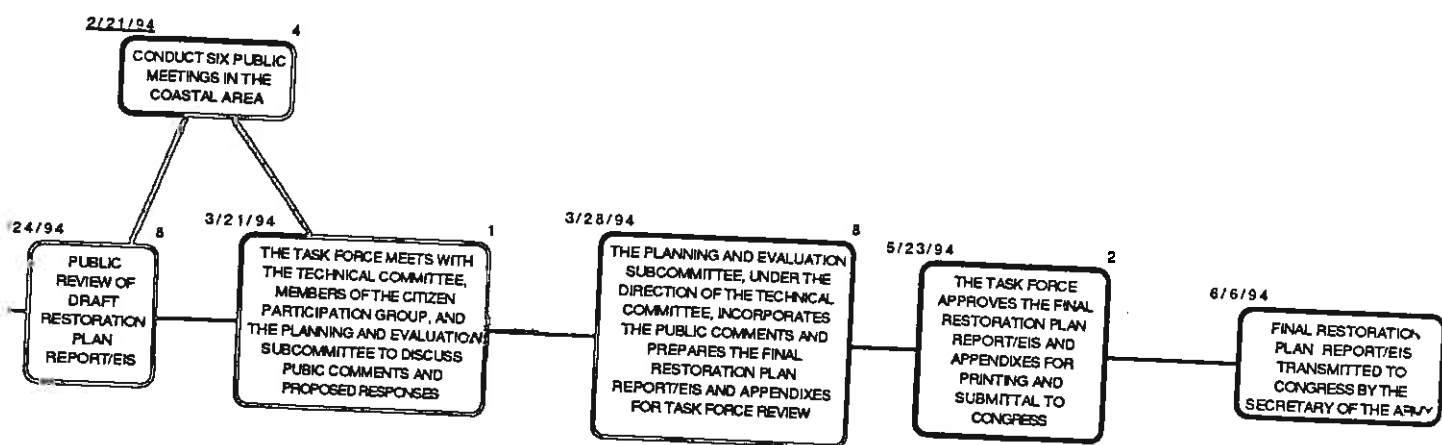


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ENCLOSURE 6
PRIORITY PROJECT LIST CATEGORIES

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PRIORITY PROJECT LIST CATEGORIES

The Priority Project List (Section 303a), submitted to Congress by the Chairman of the Task Force, will contain four categories of coastal wetlands restoration projects:

- A. Projects that have final Task Force approval, full NEPA compliance, a Letter of Intent to cost share from a local non-Federal Sponsor, and are ready for construction with current year funds.
- B. Projects that have tentative Task Force approval and a Letter of Interest from a local non-Federal Sponsor, but are subject to final Task Force approval upon completion of NEPA compliance requirements and detailed engineering and design. The status, schedule, and cost estimate for completion of NEPA compliance, detailed engineering and design, and construction, will be documented for each project when the Priority Project List is submitted to Congress.
- C. Projects that require completion of feasibility-level planning and design studies prior to conducting the "Wetland Value Assessment".
- D. Projects that the Task Force considers inappropriate for inclusion on the Priority Project List.

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ENCLOSURE 7

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

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**ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES
FOR 1991 FUNDING, PUBLIC LAW 101-646**

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Alternative*

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Public Law 101-646

Brief summary of law

1.2 National Environmental Policy Act

Brief summary of Rankin memo

1.3 Purpose of Environmental Evaluation

Based on LW's proposal

2. ALTERNATIVES

2.1 Process for Identification of Alternatives

Summary of Task Force program

2.2 Alternatives Subjected to Detailed Evaluation

Map and Table. Assign map to CEI.

Table: see earlier LW summary; reformat to allow for more detailed description; get updated info. on costs and benefits.

3. COST-EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

3.1 Evaluation Process

Brief summary of working group activities, methods

3.2 Evaluation Results

Table showing cost-effectiveness indices

3.3 Assessment of Critical Assumptions

HSI ← *WVA!*
Discuss index methodology: variables, weights, inputs

More general subjects, such as salinity encroachment versus sediment starvation.

Discuss some of the uncertainties in costs and benefits.

3.4 Other Factors Bearing on Precision of Results

Identify different project types.

Other considerations: projects may mix better, worse elements; demonstration values; information values; accretion versus water management, etc.

3.5 Role of Environmental Evaluation

Improve Cost-effectiveness; make uncertainties explicit; address factors not captured by index.

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*As defined
by Fel Wilson*

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4. ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

4.1 Concept of an Impact Matrix

See previous material provided to EPA.

4.2 Basis for Identification of Impact Categories

Checklist table, based on programmatic and equivalent NEPA documents.
Examples: oyster bed bacteria; dredge QW; marine access. West Bay
Diversion categories: land types; utilities; T&E lists; nesting colonies;
aesthetics; parks; mineral resources; QW; national register; arch. sites;
air and noise; commercial; pop/employment; income; public facilities;
displacements; general growth; property value; public health.

4.3 Basis for Identification of Impacts

Checklist table, equals a summary of LWA work effort: documents, contacts

4.4 Presentation of Matrix

PRIORITY

4.5 Significant Results

"Major" impacts, fatal flaws.

5. OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE EVALUATION

5.1 Range in Cost-Effectiveness

Conceptual quantification

5.2 Coordination with Other Programs

Table being developed

5.3 Demonstration and Information Values

Ability of monitoring to provide quick results.

5.4 Consistency with Long-term Planning

Project types are as follows : DIVERSIONS, MARSH BUILDING,
LARGE-SCALE PROTECTION (barriers, vegetation), LARGE-SCALE MANAGEMENT,
SMALL-SCALE PROTECTION, SMALL-SCALE MANAGEMENT

5.5 Public Input

Any results from any point in the process

6. ENVIRONMENTAL RANKINGS

6.1 Methodology

Subjective judgements; relativistic.

6.2 Results

Mainly an identification of projects whose value is "much greater" and "greater" than given by index alone, due to consistency with long-term goals; role in a mix; demonstration/information value. Results in table form, perhaps a matrix in which index and "other" values are ranked 1 through 3 and given equal weight. Use an "expert panel" for this?

6.3 Conclusions

Again:
we don't
need separate
Eval. System!

Tab E

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TASK FORCE "VISION STATEMENT"

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TASK FORCE "VISION STATEMENT"

Recommendation For Task Force Approval:

Approve the attached Task Force "Vision Statement".

Additional Considerations:

The attached "Vision Statement" outlines the short- and long-term goals and objectives of the Task Force with respect to the Priority Project List and the Restoration Plan.

Tab F

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SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

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COASTAL WETLAND PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

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DRAFT REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The State of Louisiana contains 40 percent of the Nation's coastal wetlands, but is experiencing 80 percent of the Nation's coastal wetland loss. The widespread and complex nature of this coastal wetland loss problem, coupled with the diversity of agencies involved and numerous alternatives proposed, has led many in Federal, state, and local government and the general public to the conclusion that a comprehensive approach is needed. The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (PL 101-646) was signed into law by President Bush on November 29, 1990, to address this need for a comprehensive approach to this significant environmental problem.

This draft report documents the implementation of Section 303(a) of this legislation.

II. STUDY AUTHORITY

Section 303(a) of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA), displayed in Appendix A, "Summary and the Complete Text of the CWPPRA", directs the Secretary of the Army to convene the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force to:

"....to initiate a process to identify and prepare a list of coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana to provide for the long-term conservation of such wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations in order of priority, based upon the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, and enhancing coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration."

III. STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of this study effort was to prepare the Priority Project List and transmit the List to Congress by November 28, 1991, as specified in Section 303(a)(3) of the CWPPRA.

IV. PROJECT AREA

Figure 1, on the following page is a map displaying the 20 Louisiana Parishes that are expected to contain coastal wetlands, as defined in Appendix B, "Definition of Coastal Wetlands." The CWPPRA does not define coastal wetlands, so the Task Force developed the definition in Appendix B.

V. STUDY PARTICIPANTS

Section 303(a)(1) directs the Secretary of the Army to convene a Task Force consisting of the following members (See Appendix C, "Task Force Members") :

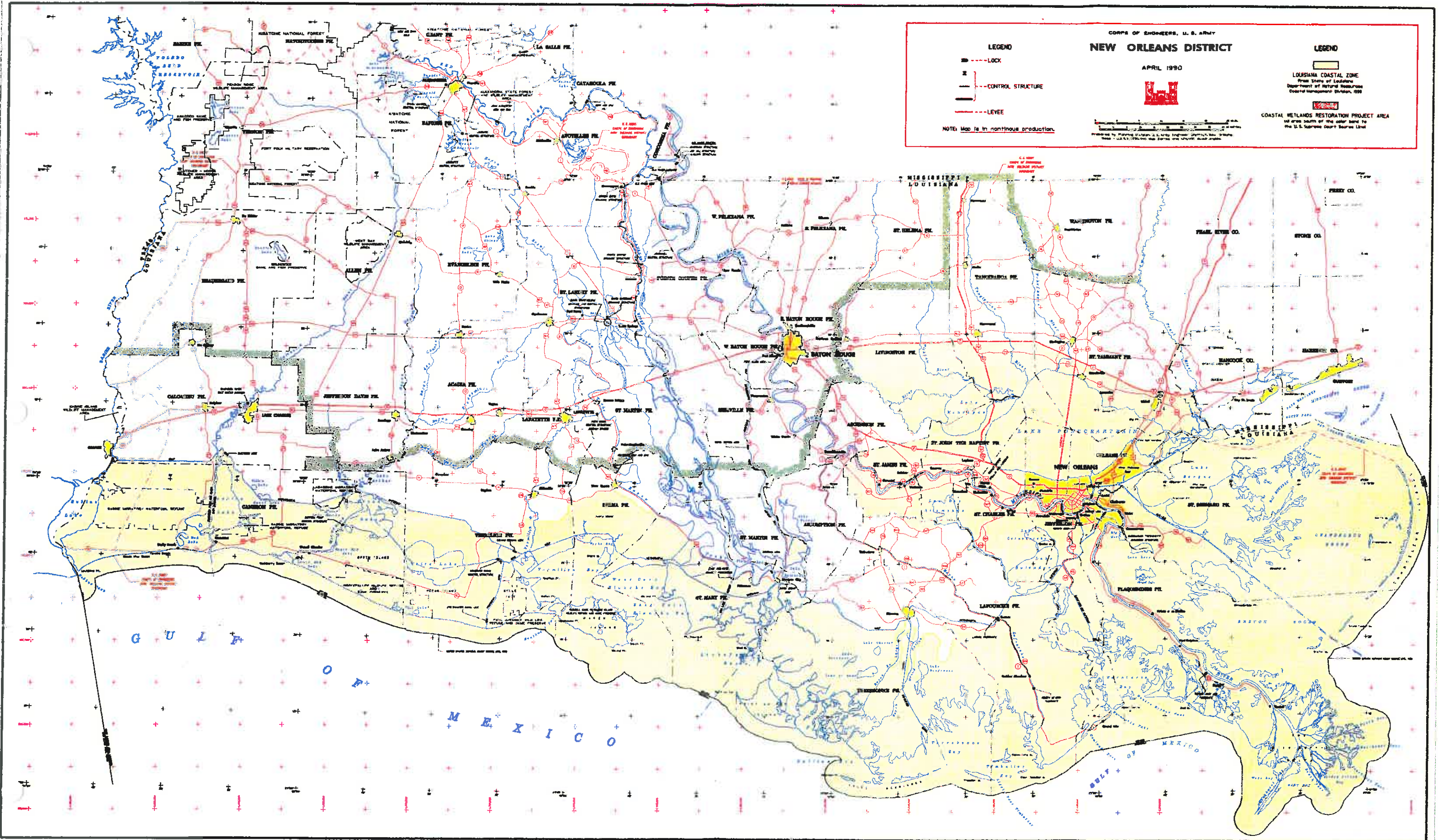
- Secretary of the Army (Chairman)
- Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Governor, State of Louisiana
- Secretary of the Interior
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Secretary of Commerce

The State of Louisiana is a full voting member of the Task Force except for selection of the Priority Project List (Section 303a.2.), as stipulated in President Bush's November 29, 1990 signing statement, displayed on the last page of Appendix A. In addition, the State of Louisiana may not serve as a lead Task Force member for wetland projects of the Priority Project List.

VI. FORMULATION PROCESS FOR THE PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

A. Identification of Candidate Wetland Projects

The CWPPRA defined a coastal wetlands restoration project in Section 302(6) and specified criteria for inclusion of these wetlands projects on the Priority Project List. These criteria are displayed in Appendix D, "Priority Project List Criteria". Each Task Force member proposed candidate wetland projects and completed the fact sheets displayed in Appendix E, "Candidate Project Fact Sheets". The Task Force reviewed each fact sheet to ensure that the candidate wetland projects satisfied the criteria in Appendix E and that the cost and wetland benefit data were of sufficient detail to allow a meaningful evaluation.



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LOUISIANA COASTAL ZONE
From State of Louisiana
Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Management Division, 1989

COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT AREA
100 acres south of the color band to
the U.S. Supreme Court Survey Line

B. Evaluation of Candidate Projects

The CWPPRA directed the Task Force to develop a prioritized list of wetland projects "...based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, and enhancing coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands". The Task Force satisfied this requirement through the integration of a traditional time-value analysis of life-cycle project costs and an evaluation of wetlands benefits using a community-based version of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' "Habitat Evaluation Procedures". The product of these two analyses was a Cost/Habitat Unit figure for each project, which was used as the primary ranking criterion.

1. Cost Analysis

Detailed cost analyses are displayed for each of the wetlands projects in Appendix E. Wetland project cost data were received from each lead Task Force member for their projects. These costs were then expressed as first costs, fully funded costs, present worth costs, and average annual costs. The Cost/Habitat Unit criterion was derived by dividing the average annual cost for each wetland project by the Average Annual Habitat Units (AAHU) for each wetland project. The average annual costs figures are based on 1991 price levels, a discount rate of 8-3/4 percent, and a project life of 20 years. The fully funded cost estimates developed for each project were used to determine how many projects could be supported by the funds expected to be available in FY 1992.

2. Wetland Benefit Analysis

Appendix F, "Wetland Value Assessment Methodology", displays the wetland-quality-assessment method developed specifically for the CWPPRA by biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with assistance from biologists from the other Task Force members. These biologists then applied this non-monetary assessment to each of the candidate wetland projects, after evaluating the with- and without-project wetland benefit projections for each project. In several cases, the wetland benefit projections were modified to gain a consensus among the biologists. The output of the Wetland Value Assessment was a series of with- and without-project Habitat Unit values by target year for each wetland project. These Habitat Unit values were then annualized and combined with the annualized cost data to produce the Cost/Habitat Unit criterion. The Habitat Unit values were annualized over a 20-year project life, using a zero percent discount rate.

Report

3. Environmental Impact Analysis

The ~~evaluation of~~ the environmental ^{report on} impacts of the wetland projects on the Priority Project List, required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is contained in Appendix G, "Environmental Report". This report was prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency, *or per the Task Force's direction* a contractor of

C. Ranking of Candidate Projects

The Cost/Habitat Unit was the primary criterion used by the Task Force to prioritize the wetland projects in decreasing order of their cost effectiveness. This primary criterion, however, was supplemented by the secondary criteria displayed in Appendix D.

VII. DRAFT PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

The 18 wetland projects comprising the draft Priority Project List are displayed in Table 1, "Ranking of Projects by Cost/AAHU". Figure 2, on the following page, displays the location of each of the 18 wetland projects. The Priority Project List consists of 14 wetland projects that fall within the funding limit for FY 1992 and 4 wetland projects that have been deferred to the Second Priority Project List unless these projects are pursued separately through the State of Louisiana's Wetlands Restoration Plan or unless implementation of one or more of the 14 projects is delayed for some unforeseen reason. The BA-6 project was deferred because significant wetland benefits are not expected to accrue until project year seven and because BA-6 is already part of the State of Louisiana's Wetland Restoration Plan. The Tiger Pass project was deferred because of its relatively high fully funded cost and its location near the West Bay Sediment Diversion project, which will provide substantially greater wetland benefits to the Mississippi River Basin. The Falgout Canal South project was deferred in order to allow time to reformulate the project in order to obtain the sediments from the dredged material disposal islands in Atchafalaya Bay rather than from the Mississippi River. The mining of the disposal islands will provide a less expensive source of sediment and remove barriers to the distribution of sediments within the Atchafalaya Bay, thus benefiting a hydrologic basin not represented on the Priority Project List. The Lake Salvador Shoreline project was deferred in favor of the Isle Dernieres project which is the only barrier island restoration project on the Priority Project List. Table 2, "Ranking of Projects by Type", displays how many types of wetland projects occur on the Priority Project List. Table 3, "Ranking of Projects by Hydrologic Basin", displays how well distributed the wetland projects are along the coast of Louisiana.

Table 1

Ranking of Projects by Cost (\$) per AAHU

	Lead Task Force Member*	Cost (\$) per AAHU**	Fully Funded Cost (\$1,000)	Cumulative Fully Funded Cost (\$1,000)
Fourchon	CO	21	252	252
BA-2 (GIWW to Clovelly)	AG	68	8,142	8,394
Cameron Creole Watershed	IN	128	502	8,896
Bayou Sauvage Refuge	IN	180	1,105	10,001
Turtle Cove	IN/LA	194	386	10,387
Sabine Refuge	IN	253	4,844	15,231
Vegetative Plantings--Demonstration	AG	282	848	16,079
West Bay Sediment Diversion	AR	305	8,517	24,596
Barataria Bay Waterway	AR	518	1,625	26,221
Lower Bayou La Cache	CO	837	1,254	27,475
Bayou La Branche	AR	2,369	4,327	31,802
Cameron Prairie Refuge	IN	3,171	1,111	32,913
Vermilion River Cutoff	AR/LA	6,196	1,523	34,436
Eastern Isle Dernieres	EPA	13,949	6,345	40,781
Projects Deferred †				
BA-6 (GIWW to Hwy 90)	AG	323	4,583	4,583
Tiger Pass	AR	1,661	7,078	11,661
Falgout Canal South	EPA	5,950	6,109	17,770
Lake Salvador Shoreline	AR	10,376	4,427	22,197

* The lead task force member (Federal sponsor) for the project, represented by the following acronyms:

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LA--State of Louisiana

AG--U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

AR--U.S. Dept. of the Army

IN--U.S. Dept. of the Interior

EPA--Environmental Protection Agency

† Action on these projects will be deferred to the second Priority Project List unless they are pursued separately through the State of Louisiana's Wetland Restoration Plan or unless implementation of one of the above-listed projects is delayed for some unforeseen reason.

** Average Annual Habitat Units

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
APRIL 1990

LEGEND

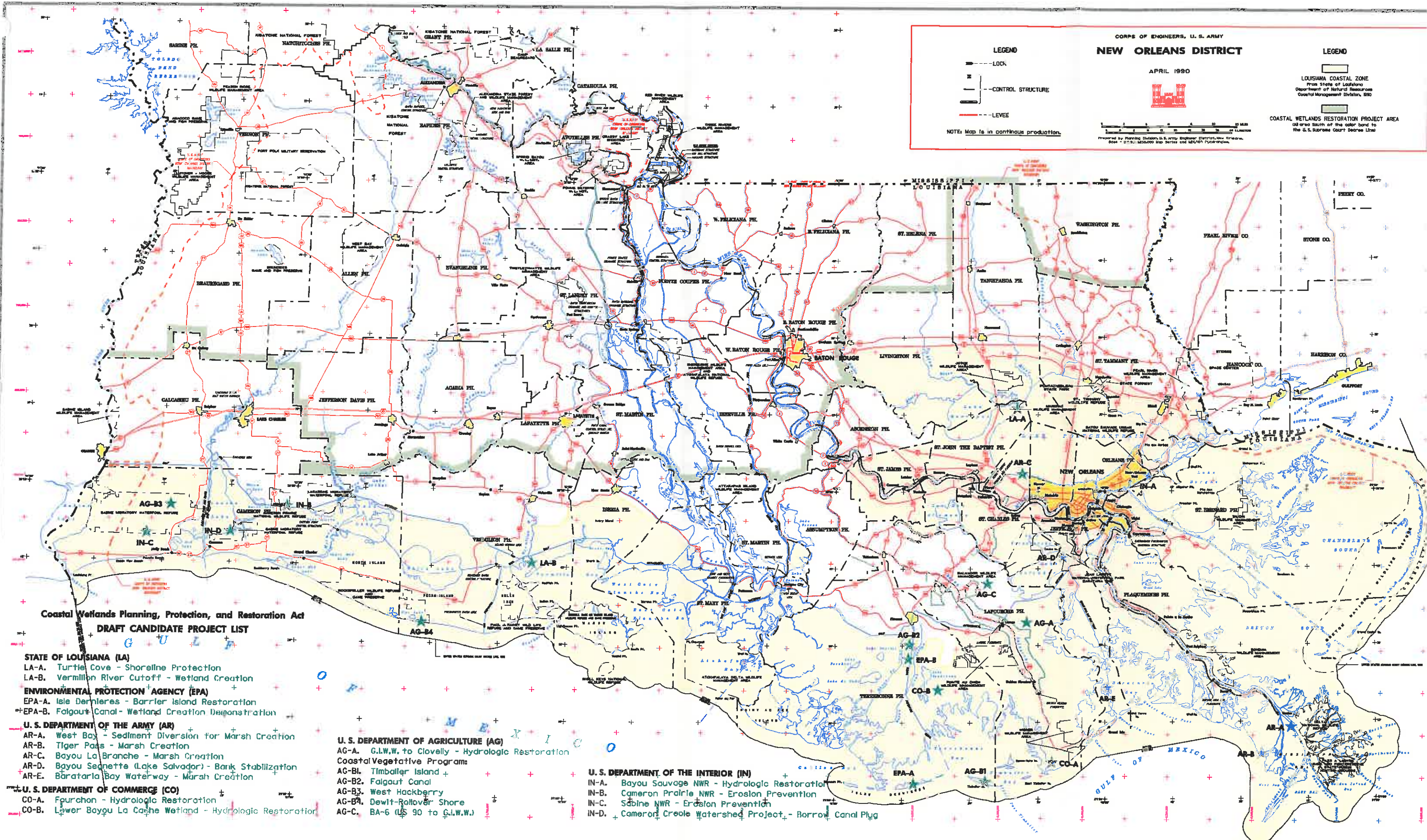
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NOTE: Map is in continuous production.

Prepared by Planning Division, U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1989. Based on USGS 1:250,000 Map Series and USACE Publications.

LEGEND

- LOUISIANA COASTAL ZONE
From State of Louisiana
Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Management Division, 1990
- COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT AREA
500 acres South of the color band to
the U.S. Supreme Court Decree Line



**Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act
DRAFT CANDIDATE PROJECT LIST**

- STATE OF LOUISIANA (LA)**
- LA-A. Turtle Cove - Shoreline Protection
- LA-B. Vermilion River Cutoff - Wetland Creation
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)**
- EPA-A. Isle Dernieres - Barrier Island Restoration
- EPA-B. Falgout Canal - Wetland Creation Demonstration
- U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (AR)**
- AR-A. West Bay - Sediment Diversion for Marsh Creation
- AR-B. Tiger Pass - Marsh Creation
- AR-C. Bayou La Branche - Marsh Creation
- AR-D. Bayou Segnette (Lake Salvador) - Bank Stabilization
- AR-E. Barataria Bay Waterway - Marsh Creation
- U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (CO)**
- CO-A. Fourchon - Hydrologic Restoration
- CO-B. Lower Bayou La Cade Wetland - Hydrologic Restoration

- U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (AG)**
- AG-A. G.L.W. to Clovelly - Hydrologic Restoration
Coastal Vegetative Program
- AG-B1. Timballer Island +
- AG-B2. Falgout Canal
- AG-B3. West Hackberry
- AG-B4. Dewitt-Rollover Shore
- AG-C. BA-6 (US 90 to G.L.W.)

- U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (IN)**
- IN-A. Bayou Sauvage NWR - Hydrologic Restoration
- IN-B. Cameron Prairie NWR - Erosion Prevention
- IN-C. Sabine NWR - Erosion Prevention
- IN-D. Cameron Creole Watershed Project - Borrow Canal Plug

Table 2
 Ranking of Projects by Type

	Lead Task Force Member*	Cost (\$) per AAHU**	Fully Funded Cost (\$1,000)	Cumulative (by Type) Fully Funded Cost (\$1,000)
Marsh Building with Sediment Diversion				
West Bay Sediment Diversion	AR	305	8,517	8,517
Water Management (Hydrologic Restoration)				
Fourchon	CO	21	252	252
BA-2 (GIWW to Clovelly)	AG	68	8,142	8,394
Cameron Creole Watershed	IN	128	502	8,896
Bayou Sauvage Refuge	IN	180	1,105	10,001
BA-6 (GIWW to Hwy 90)†	AG	323	4,583	14,584
Lower Bayou La Cache	CO	837	1,254	15,838
Marsh Building with Dredged Sediments				
Barataria Bay Waterway	AR	518	1,625	1,625
Tiger Pass†	AR	1,661	7,078	8,703
Bayou La Branche	AR	2,369	4,327	13,030
Falgout Canal South†		5,950	6,109	19,139
Shoreline Erosion Control with Structures				
Turtle Cove	IN/LA	194	386	386
Sabine Refuge	IN	253	4,844	5,230
Cameron Prairie Refuge	IN	3,171	1,111	6,341
Vermilion River Cutoff	AR/LA	6,196	1,523	7,864
Lake Salvador Shoreline†	AR	10,376	4,427	12,291
Barrier Island Restoration with Dredged Sediments				
Eastern Isle Dernieres	EPA	13,949	6,345	6345
Demonstration Project				
Vegetative Plantings	AF	282	848	848

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** Average Annual Habitat Units

Table 3
Ranking of Projects by Hydrologic Basin

	Lead Task Force Member*	Cost (\$) per AAHU ††	Fully Funded Cost (\$1,000)	Cumulative (by Basin) Fully Funded Cost (\$1,000)
Pontchartrain Basin				
Bayou Sauvage Refuge	IN	180	1,105	1,105
Turtle Cove	IN/LA	194	386	1,491
Bayou La Branche	AR	2,369	4,327	5,818
Breton Sound Basin				
None				
Mississippi River Basin				
West Bay Sediment Diversion	AR	305	8,517	8,517
Tiger Pass†	AR	1,661	7,078	15,595
Barataria Basin				
Fourchon	CO	21	252	252
BA-2 (GIWW to Clovelly)	AG	68	8,142	8,394
Barataria Bay Waterway	AR	518	1,625	10,019
BA-6 (GIWW to Hwy 90)†	AG	323	4,583	14,602
Lake Salvador Shoreline†	AR	10,376	4,427	19,029
Terrebonne Basin				
Falgout Canal (Vegetative Plantings)	AG	**		
Isle Dernieres (Vegetative Plantings)	AG	**		
Lower Bayou La Cache	CO	837	1,254	1,254
Eastern Isle Dernieres	EPA	13,949	6,345	7,599
Falgout Canal South†	EPA	5,950	6,109	13,708
Atchafalaya Basin				
None				
Teche/Vermilion Basin				
Vermilion River Cutoff	AR/LA	6,196	1,523	1,523
Mermentau Basin				
Dewitt-Rollover (Vegetative Plantings)	AG	**		
Cameron Prairie Refuge	IN	3,171	1,111	1,111
Calcasieu/Sabine Basin				
Cameron Creole Watershed	IN	128	502	502
Sabine Refuge	IN	253	4,844	5,346
West Hackberry (Vegetative Plantings)	AG	**		

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** The vegetative plantings project includes four sites in three basins. The overall cost of the project is \$282/AAHU.

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†† Average Annual Habitat Units

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ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED

ISSUE 1: Compliance with Section 303(e).

Each Task Force member will describe the "terms and conditions" they will establish to ensure the requirements of Section 303(e) are satisfied.

ISSUE 2: To be determined after receipt of comments.

This sheet will be updated to reflect significant issues raised during the review/comment process. This updated sheet will be included in the document provided to the Task Force members at the October 31, 1991 Task Force meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THE PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

Recommendation For Task Force Approval:

Approve the Priority Project List for transmittal to Congress.

Additional Considerations:

The comments resulting from the review process will be incorporated into the draft Priority Project List, to the extent deemed appropriate by the Task Force.

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POTENTIAL NON-FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

A representative from the State of Louisiana will report on the potential for the State of Louisiana to enter into Cooperative Agreements with local agencies and private entities who are interested in funding coastal wetlands restoration projects under the CWPPRA.

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A representative from the State of Louisiana will describe the State's LCA approval process with special emphasis on the involvement of the State Legislature in the approval of expenditures from the State Wetlands Trust Fund.

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STATUS OF THE "ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION"

The Chairman of the Technical Committee will report on the results of the committee's review of the format of the "Environmental Evaluation" and the committee's conclusions concerning use of a contractor to prepare the "Environmental Evaluation".

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A representative from the Program Management Office of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will report to the Task Force on the status of the allocation of Fiscal Year 1992 CWPPRA funds.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FY 1992 FUNDS

A representative from the Office of the Comptroller of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will report to the Task Force on the status of the distribution of Fiscal Year 1992 CWPPRA funds.

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Each Task Force member has the opportunity at this point to propose additional items/issues for the consideration of the Task Force.

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Recommendation For Task Force Approval:

DATE: December 11, 1991

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: District Assembly Room
New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Foot of Prytania Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

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REQUEST FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Task Force meetings are open to the public. Interested parties may submit a completed "Question Submittal Card" to the Task Force Chairman at this time. Questions and comments will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Task Force meeting.

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