

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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ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA

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AGENDA

- I. **Introductions**
 - A. Task Force Members or Alternates.
 - B. Other Attendees.
 - 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.
 - B. Distribution of FY 1992 Funds.
 - C. Potential Funding After FY 1996.
- VI. **Status of the Priority Project List**
- VII. **Status of Section 303(e) Implementation**
- VIII. **Preparation of an "Environmental Evaluation" by EPA**
- IX. **Additional Agenda Items**
- X. **Date/Location of the Next Task Force Meeting**
- XI. **Request for Written Questions from the Public**

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ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS



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

PARTICIPANT REGISTER *

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* If you wish to be furnished a copy of the attendance record, please indicate so next to your name.

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ENCLOSURE 4

CHARTER FOR THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GROUP

**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 calender year 1992. Each calender thereafter, a Chairman and Vice Chairman will be selected by the CPG members at the first CPG meeting of that calender 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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ENCLOSURE 5
FISCAL YEAR 1992 BUDGET

**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, & RESTORATION ACT
FY 1992 BUDGET PROPOSAL—
ALLOCATION OF COST & ASSOCIATED MANPOWER**

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Activity	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of the Army		Dept of Commerce		Dept of Interior		Environmental		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Soil Conservation Svc	US Army Corps of Engs	[2 Agencies]	[4 Agencies]	Protection Agency	State of Louisiana	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost	Manhrs	Cost
	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	144	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	628,870
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	962,000	9,392	556,000	12,951	658,200	5,270	508,000	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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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	144	3,770	336	8,417	240	7,200	960	21,120	3,208	88,113
RP 0030	272	8,140	248	7,902	80	2,094	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	27,511	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	240	6,722	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	2,208	128	3,280	764	24,739
RP 0100	1,686	53,349	1,532	46,988	328	8,185	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	59,854
Total Restoration Plan:	8,468	234,569	12,498	371,154	6,824	194,117	12,143	289,181	3,904	113,596	7,480	189,752	51,315	1,342,369
First Priority Project List														
PL 0010	46	1,524	296	9,335	32	717	40	1,268	40	1,568	160	4,240	272	7,793
PL 0020	208	5,524	296	9,172	56	1,702	120	3,361	72	2,472	240	6,080	870	25,459
PL 0030									150	4,610	160	4,240	870	25,248
PL 0040													0	0
PL 0050			72	1,990									72	1,990
PL A010											256	4,486	256	4,486
PL A020	2,780	7,278	64	1,958	16	562	143	976	24	976	143	2,509	527	13,283
PL A030	720	68,761	304	9,458	240	8,436	168	4,960	168	4,960	2,298	40,350	5,790	129,965
PL C040	1,280	31,162	32	886	240	8,436	24	728	24	728	1,723	30,257	2,739	55,965
PL C050			56	1,495	480	15,442	96	2,800	96	2,800	1,723	30,257	3,635	81,156
PL C060			224	6,683	40	1,168	575	3,736	128	3,736	575	10,093	967	21,680
PL C070			136	3,960	240	7,005	861	6,720	240	6,720	861	15,111	1,477	32,796
			128	3,933	80	2,504	143	1,040	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