

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

September 1, 1992

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the ~~fifth~~^{eight} meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:40 a.m., September 1, 1992, 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. With the exception of Dr. Lewsey and Mr. Sewell, who were represented by Mr. Ric Ruebsamen and Mr. David Fruge respectively, all were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, 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 Task Force meeting held on May 28, 1992, were reviewed, and Mr. Fruge requested that two additions be made. Additional information was inserted into Section V, paragraph C, concerning the management of inter-agency disbursement of CWPPRA funds. Under Section VII an additional paragraph was inserted. Paragraph A concerns the comments made regarding Real Estate compliance with section 303e. The minutes (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved as amended by the Task Force members. [1/504] *

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

The Task Force voted on and passed the following motions:

- A. Mr. Fruge outlined a request by the USFWS for additional FY 92 funding for their GIS effort in support of the CWPPRA to date. An amount of \$37,000 was requested to fund completed and additional requests for GIS support. Mr. Rhoades moved that the funding be approved and was seconded by Mr. Ruebsamen. The Task Force unanimously approved the motion. [2/029]
- B. Mr. Austin requested additional FY 92 funding for a proposed study of flotant marsh development. The SCS study required an additional \$20,000 of planning funds. However, the detailed proposal had not been reviewed at the time of the Task Force meeting. Because the Task Force would not meet again prior to the end of the FY Mr. Austin moved that the funding be approved contingent on the review and approval of the proposal by the Technical Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fruge and approved unanimously by the Task Force. [2/098]
- C. Col. Diffley outlined a summary of the proposed FY 93 budget for the Task Force. (Enclosure 4) It was noted that the entire \$5,000,000 allocated for FY 93 was budgeted with no contingencies. It has been projected that a substantial amount of FY 92 funds will be carried over into FY 93. It is proposed that all FY 92 carry over funds be remanded to the Task Force to reallocate for contingencies in FY 93. Mr. Rhoades moved that the FY 93 budget be adopted as presented and was seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion was approved unanimously by the Task Force. [2/380]

V. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

A. Col. Diffley requested that each Basin Captain schedule a meeting with him sometime during the month of September. The intent of these meetings is to exchange detailed information on the status and the direction of the individual basin plans and to provide the Basin Captain guidance. Col. Diffley extended an open invitation to the other members of the Task Force or their representatives to join him for these briefings. [2/396]

B. Dr. Bahr presented a strawman proposal from the State concerning the management of the monitoring and data collection program for CWPPRA projects. Following a discussion concerning the administration of a monitoring program, Col. Diffley expressed some reservations with portions of the State's proposal. He requested that Dr. Stewart and the Monitoring Work Group also develop a proposal for the administration of the monitoring program. The Colonel outlined 3 elements that should be addressed:

- I. Deciding who defines the data to be collected
- II. Who does the data collection and storage
- III. Who does the data analysis

The task of reviewing any proposals and providing the Task Force a recommendation was remanded to the Technical Committee to be provided by the next Task Force meeting. [6/400-550]

C. Dr. Bahr introduced a proposal from Dr. Joseph Suhayda to modify an existing hydraulic model of the Louisiana coast developed by FEMA. The enhanced model would be used to evaluate proposed CWPPRA projects. Col. Diffley felt that presentation of the amount of information necessary to adequately evaluate the proposal would be too time consuming. The review and evaluation of the proposal was tasked to the Technical Committee. [7/099]

VI. STATUS OF FISCAL MATTERS

B. Mr. Rowe informed the Task Force that the desired cutoff for submission of FY 92 billings will be the end of the first quarter of FY 93. He also stated that he and Ms. Weber of the New Orleans District finance and accounting office would compose a letter to the finance and accounting offices of the other Task Force member agencies. This letter will indicate the desired

deadline for bills and the Task Force's intentions for fiscal 1992 carryover funds. The charging of labor to FY 93 funds should begin as soon after October 1st as possible. This is contingent upon the delivery of FY 93 MIPR's by the Corps and may require some lead time. Col. Diffley indicated that processing of these funds would be expedited as soon as clearance is received from the Corps headquarters finance and accounting office. [2/124]

VII. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mr. Elguezabal informed the Task Force that a draft scope of services for the management of inter-agency disbursement of CWPPRA funds had been supplied to the member agencies. A mid September meeting was anticipated, as needed, to resolve any comments on the draft scope of work. [1/510]
- B. Mr. Rowe informed the Task Force that the method for continuing involvement of the congressional delegation would include inviting its members or their staffs to Task Force meetings, the sending of the minutes to local offices and invitations to any special briefings. It was noted that all Task Force meetings are open and the attendance of the members of the congressional delegation, or their staffs, would be welcomed. [1/530]
- C. The Task Force did not provide an endorsement, by vote, of the conceptual plans for each of the coastal basins. The members instead requested that the Basin Captains consider the comments provided at the meeting. Col. Diffley noted that additional comments and suggestions might result from the Basin Captains individual briefings he had requested. [7/281]

VIII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Dr. Stewart commented on the need to develop a means of administering the monitoring effort. Dr. Bahr responded to these comments by presenting the State's proposal on this topic. The subsequent discussion resulted in the action item outlined in Section V, paragraph B of these minutes. [6/208-624]
- B. Dr. Bahr's presentation of Dr. Suhayda's proposal for developing a model for the Task Force resulted in the action item outlined in Section V, paragraph C of these minutes. [7/031]

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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 May 28, 1992 Meeting

III. Status of Tasks from May 1992 Meeting Requiring Further Action

- A. Development of a Scope of Services for management of inter-agency disbursement of CWPPRA funds--Mr. Elguezabal
- B. Development of a method for the updating and continuing involvement of the congressional delegation and their staff--Mr. Rowe
- C. Preparation of a one-page status report on Priority List projects for inclusion in Task Force meeting books--Mr. Rowe

IV. Budget for Fiscal Year 1992

- A. USFWS request for additional funds to complete FY92 GIS (Geographic Information System) support work--Mr. Fruge
- B. Proposed cut-off date for FY 92 bills--Mr. Rowe
- C. Discussion and Action by Task Force

V. Authorization of Planning Budget for Fiscal Year 1993--Mr. Rowe

VI. Review and Endorsement of Conceptual Plan for Each Basin--Basin Captains

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| A. Pontchartrain | Ms. Hawes |
| B. Breton Sound | Ms. Keller-Bivona |
| C. Mississippi River Delta | Mr. Axtman |
| D. Barataria | Mr. Holder |
| E. Terrebonne | Mr. Thomas |
| F. Atchafalaya | Ms. Powell |
| G. Teche/Vermilion | Mr. Demcheck |
| H. Mermentau | Mr. Conti |
| I. Calcasieu/Sabine | Mr. Landreneau |

- J. Discussion and Action by Task Force

VII. Additional Agenda Items

VIII. Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting

IX. Request for Written Questions from the Public

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**ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS**



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 1 Sep 1992	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION Planning Division	LOCATION District Assembly Room
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PURPOSE. Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Task Force

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ENCLOSURE 4

Summary of the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget

**Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
FY 1988 Budget Proposal
Allocation of Cost and Associated Manpower**

Activity	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of the Army		Dept of Commerce		Dept of Interior		Environmental		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Soil Conservation Svcs Manhrs	Cost (\$)	HB Army Corps of Engng Manhrs	Cost (\$)	(2 Agencies) Manhrs	Cost (\$)	(4 Agencies) Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Protection Agency Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)
Other Costs														
Graphics	-	2,600	-	900	-	-	-	1,400	-	616	-	5,916	-	-
Printing	-	1,800	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	616	-	3,416	-	-
Travel	-	21,500	-	22,540	-	37,000	-	57,910	-	42,247	-	181,197	-	-
Contracts	-	36,000	-	-	-	90,000	20,000	230,000	-	61,404	-	437,404	-	-
Other	-	20,000	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	20,616	-	70,616	-	-
Total Other	-	81,900	-	24,440	-	157,000	20,000	299,310	-	125,499	-	698,149	-	-
Overhead:	-	234,647	-	690,928	-	133,615	-	102,639	-	92,904	-	1,290,408	-	-
Contingencies:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total-Detailed Plug Schedule	20,356	681,993	21,774	1,601,172	6,506	523,353	7,312	306,177	7,011	553,980	19,592	639,992	82,543	4,506,667
Added Items														
Hired Labor						48,423	11,520	265,913					11,520	314,336
Other Costs														
Graphics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0
Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	5,715	-	13,842	-	-	-	-	-	19,557
Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,725	-	-	-	-	-	45,725
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,600	-	-	-	-	-	9,600
Total Other	-	0	-	0	-	5,715	-	68,667	-	0	-	-	-	74,382
Overhead:	-	-	-	-	-	15,628	-	97,282	-	-	-	-	-	112,910
Contingencies:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-Added Items	0	0	0	0	0	69,766	11,520	431,862	0	0	0	0	11,520	507,628
Total Budget Proposal	20,356	681,993	21,774	1,601,172	6,506	593,119	18,832	758,039	7,011	553,980	19,592	639,992	94,063	5,008,295

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Activity	Dept of Agriculture Soil Conservation Dist		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 (\$)
1st Priority Project List														
SR 1020	28	1,048	44	1,813	0	0	24	654	33	916	0	0	129	4,431
Subtotal 1st List	28	1,048	44	1,813	0	0	24	654	33	916	0	0	129	4,431
2nd Priority Project List														
PL 2060	72	2,547	300	12,750	40	1,400	120	3,335	80	2,900	124	3,444	736	26,376
PL 2070	80	2,489	300	12,750	84	2,958	96	2,639	78	2,820	244	5,659	882	29,315
PL 2080	48	1,286	288	11,695	40	1,680	72	1,828	55	1,320	306	6,941	809	24,750
PL 2100	0	0	24	1,081	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	3,937	206	5,018
PL 2110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SR 2010	96	2,252	552	21,270	320	10,400	160	3,614	116	3,232	312	6,496	1,556	47,264
Subtotal 2nd List	296	8,574	1,464	59,546	464	16,438	448	11,416	329	10,272	1,168	26,477	4,189	132,723
3rd Priority Project List														
PL 3010	1,360	37,470	1,600	64,686	870	31,030	520	12,669	520	15,920	1,082	23,437	5,952	185,212
PL 3020	64	2,152	208	8,902	184	6,768	80	2,442	320	10,640	100	2,764	956	33,628
PL 3040	248	7,161	368	15,116	84	3,148	144	3,510	104	3,440	446	10,057	1,394	42,432
PL 3060	1,140	35,865	2,040	85,598	320	11,040	0	0	495	14,560	252	5,540	4,267	152,603
PL 3060	160	5,395	224	9,645	16	480	0	0	128	3,696	98	2,294	626	21,510
PL 3070	128	3,368	158	6,481	64	2,208	88	2,369	136	3,792	48	784	622	19,002
PL 3080	1,052	27,377	664	25,397	370	13,020	560	13,900	344	9,408	498	10,741	3,488	99,843
PL 3090	688	17,965	312	12,324	200	6,960	160	3,914	180	4,800	350	6,785	1,890	52,768
PL 3100	448	11,783	148	5,964	84	2,808	160	3,914	78	2,196	424	9,875	1,342	35,540
PL 3110	60	1,310	128	5,232	32	1,088	0	0	40	1,280	36	1,020	296	9,930
PL 3120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1,400	406	8,677	446	10,077
PL 3130	208	6,127	80	3,422	32	1,040	64	1,760	104	3,488	390	8,577	878	24,414
PL 3140	264	6,531	436	16,469	40	1,680	320	7,807	84	2,528	248	6,888	1,392	41,903
PL 3150	48	1,524	92	4,096	0	0	48	1,465	40	1,400	414	9,257	642	17,742
PL 3160	80	2,472	208	9,152	100	3,440	96	2,639	80	2,800	234	5,341	798	25,844
PL 3170	48	2,254	116	4,878	0	0	160	4,399	186	6,612	314	7,437	824	25,580
Subtotal 3rd List	5,996	168,774	6,802	277,362	2,396	84,710	2,400	60,788	2,879	87,920	5,340	118,674	25,813	798,028
Total Priority List	6,328	178,396	8,310	338,721	2,880	101,148	2,872	72,858	3,241	99,108	6,508	144,951	30,131	985,182
Total Hired Labor	20,366	563,446	21,774	685,804	6,508	232,738	7,312	188,538	7,011	211,736	19,582	440,848	82,543	2,518,110

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FY 1983 Budget Proposal
Allocation of Cost and Associated Manpower**

1 Sep 82

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Work Items-Detailed Planning Schedule														
Hired Labor Items														
Restoration Plan														
RP 0110	2,565	67,069	2,132	91,012	316	11,770	0	0	600	16,160	1,240	28,840	6,853	214,801
RP 0120	160	5,314	216	9,141	40	1,200	0	0	100	3,200	496	10,736	1,012	29,591
RP 0130	385	11,909	412	15,358	300	11,160	0	0	50	1,560	1,216	28,976	2,363	68,983
RP 0140	0	0	132	4,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	2,484	216	7,284
RP 0145	492	14,705	0	0	340	14,280	120	3,047	200	6,560	744	19,944	1,896	58,536
RP 0150	1,830	43,464	780	29,510	440	14,880	960	23,702	280	7,120	1,240	22,040	5,530	140,716
RP 0160	860	20,712	576	22,245	240	8,160	320	7,829	240	6,060	704	13,384	2,960	78,390
RP 0170	280	7,460	388	17,401	40	1,360	40	894	100	2,800	430	10,265	1,278	40,180
RP 0175	1,164	36,538	960	42,300	0	0	0	0	300	8,800	0	0	2,424	87,638
RP 0180	552	17,489	560	23,448	80	3,360	240	5,928	50	1,720	310	7,425	1,792	59,370
RP 0190	240	5,918	1,124	44,513	0	0	208	5,269	220	6,280	430	10,825	2,222	72,805
RP 0200	1,084	28,139	504	17,803	40	1,680	340	5,850	160	4,320	248	4,408	2,276	62,200
RP 0210	128	4,443	268	11,463	120	4,470	72	2,001	60	2,200	290	6,945	938	31,522
RP 2220	48	2,254	100	4,359	16	560	72	2,001	100	3,800	266	6,421	602	19,395
RP 0230	1,600	42,510	1,808	70,371	600	20,400	760	18,762	400	11,920	1,640	32,240	6,808	196,203
RP 0235	0	0	0	0	40	1,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1,400
RP 0240	88	3,961	104	4,637	160	6,160	160	4,399	130	4,868	430	10,745	1,072	34,770
RP 0250	432	14,421	148	6,279	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	580	20,700
RP 0260	96	3,769	144	6,722	120	4,280	96	2,639	118	4,260	310	7,425	884	29,095
RP 0270	724	17,845	984	37,183	40	1,680	360	8,896	136	3,888	642	13,663	2,886	83,155
RP 0280	440	14,518	760	32,449	160	5,760	192	4,717	300	10,000	350	8,905	2,202	76,349
RP 0290	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	484	10,595	484	10,595
RP 0300	168	5,479	244	10,431	96	3,000	240	5,850	70	2,500	528	12,239	1,346	39,499
RP 0310	680	17,133	1,120	45,658	440	16,080	360	8,896	156	4,592	992	27,392	3,748	119,751
Total Restoration Plan	14,036	388,030	13,464	547,083	3,628	131,990	4,440	110,680	3,770	112,628	13,074	296,897	52,412	1,582,928