

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
May 20, 1993

MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the tenth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:55 a.m. on May 20, 1993, 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 Mr. Rhoades, who was represented by Mr. Norm Thomas, all were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. David Frugé, U.S. Department of the Interior (Acting)
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Tim Osborn, U.S. Department of Commerce (Acting)
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 April 6, 1993, were reviewed. Mr. Thomas requested a clarification of the decision concerning demonstration projects, stating his understanding that demonstration projects should stand alone and that costs could exceed the imposed \$2 million cap if warranted. He could accept the minutes with that understanding. Col. Diffley agreed with Mr. Thomas' statement. A motion to accept the minutes of that meeting was made by Mr. Frugé and seconded by Dr. Bahr, and the minutes (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved. [1/46-85]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

- A. The Task Force unanimously passed a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding cultural resources reports. Mr. Oscar Rowe explained that the SHPO had agreed to accept a management summary from federal agencies with a staff archaeologist in lieu of waiting for a final report before issuing formal comments, saving six to eight weeks in the construction schedule. Mr. Ruebsamen had amended the motion to allow the District Commander, New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to sign the agreement for the Task Force. The motion was made by Mr. Gohmert and seconded by Mr. Frugé. [1/101-243]
- B. Col. Diffley tabled discussion of a proposal to use project construction funds for aerial photography on all priority list projects regardless of the status of the cost sharing agreements for particular projects. The National Wetlands Research Center had requested funds to conduct aerial photography of all projects on the first Priority Project List. The consensus which evolved during the discussion was that too much uncertainty exists on many of the projects to warrant expenditures for aerial photographs of all of them at this time. [1/328-475]

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Thomas presented the status of the State Conservation Plan, which is presently in development. He advised the Task Force that the State needs help in drafting its proposal for the plan. Specifically, definitions for such terms as "no net loss" and "developmental activity" must be determined. He is considering issuing the State a small grant for the development of the proposal. [1/252-325]

¹ The Task Force meeting was recorded on audio tape. These bracketed figures represent the Tape#/Counter# for the discussion of this item. Multiple tape/counter numbers are used when an item is discussed more than once during the meeting.

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. The Task Force representatives furnished comments on the Preliminary Draft Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan. Others in attendance were then afforded the opportunity to comment on the preliminary draft report. Col. Diffley directed that the report be revised for submittal to EPA on 18 June 1993. [1/480-end, 2/all, 3/all, 4/all, 5/all, 6/all]
- B. Col. Diffley directed Mr. Robert Schroeder to consult with the New Orleans District's Office of Counsel regarding the procedure for formal involvement of the academic community and the Citizen Participation Group. [6/274-353]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items were offered.

VIII. DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The Task Force did not set a date for its next meeting.

IX. Questions from the Public

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. Adjournment

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA

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- I. **Introductions**
 - A. Task Force Members or Alternates
 - B. Other Attendees
 - C. Opening Remarks by Task Force Members
- II. **Adoption of Minutes from the April 6, 1993 Meeting**
- III. **Status of Tasks from April 1993 Meeting Requiring Further Action**
 - A. Status of the State's Conservation Plan--see item V
 - B. Review of the Draft Restoration Plan--see item VII
- IV. **Approval of Agreement for Certification of Cultural Resources--Mr. Rowe**
- V. **Status of the Development of the State Conservation Plan--Mr. Thomas**
- VI. **Authorization for Release of Construction Funds for Pre-project Monitoring**
 - A. Authorization of approved PPL1 projects--Mr. Elguezabal
 - B. Authorization of unapproved PPL1 projects--Mr. Elguezabal
- VII. **Discussion of Comments on the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan**
 - A. Task Force comments
 - B. General comments
- VIII. **Additional Agenda Items**
- IX. **Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting**
- X. **Request for Written Questions from the Public**

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ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 20 May 1993	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION Planning Division	LOCATION District Assembly Room
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PURPOSE Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act Task Force Meeting

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