

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING

June 21, 1995

MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION

Colonel Kenneth Clow, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the nineteenth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:45 a.m. on June 21, 1995, in the District Assembly Room of the Corps of Engineers headquarters in New Orleans. 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 Record for the Task Force meeting is attached as enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. All members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Bigford, who was represented by Mr. Tim Osborn.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. David Frugé, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Thomas Bigford, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel Kenneth Clow, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on March 15, 1995 (enclosure 3) were approved unanimously with no discussion. Mr. Osborn made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Frugé seconded it. [1/62]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Fiscal Year 1995 Public Outreach Budget.

Mr. Jim Addison, Public Affairs Officer for the New Orleans District, presented the public outreach committee's proposed budget for fiscal year 1995 (enclosure 4). [1/445-507]

¹ The Task Force meeting was recorded on audio tape. The bracketed figures represent the tape no./counter no. for the discussion of this item. Multiple tape/counter numbers are used when an item is discussed more than once during the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve the fiscal year 1995 public outreach budget as proposed by the public outreach committee. [1/178-252]

Second: Mr. Osborn.

Passed unanimously.

B. Duplication of the "Reversing the Tide" video.

Dr. van Heerden advised the Task Force that the State had produced over 500 copies of the "Reversing the Tide" video. Dr. Good requested that the State be reimbursed for the duplication cost. [1/316-380]

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force reimburse the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$1,000 for the cost of duplicating the video "Reversing the Tide."

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Passed unanimously. [1/380]

C. Deauthorization of Approved Priority List Projects.

Mr. Schroeder summarized the project deauthorization procedure recommended by the Technical Committee. The procedure called for the lead agency, after coordinating with the local sponsor (i.e., the State), to bring a request for deauthorization to the Technical Committee. [2/74] Dr. van Heerden, foreseeing that many of the deauthorization requests would be initiated by the State, requested that expenditures be required to cease as soon as the State makes a request to the lead agency. [2/119] There was general agreement with Dr. van Heerden's proposal. [2/533] Dr. van Heerden also proposed that the procedure should deal with cost overruns during construction; Dr. Good suggested that contract termination is a separate issue, and would probably be dealt with differently by each lead agency. [2/442-480] There was considerable discussion over whether the State should be able to bring a deauthorization request to the Technical Committee. [2/321-442] The Task Force assigned a work group to revise the language and report back during the meeting. The revised procedure is at enclosure 5.

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force accept the project deauthorization procedure recommended by the Technical Committee, as revised.

Second: Mr. Osborn.

Passed unanimously. [4/5-78]

D. Approval of Monitoring Plans.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval of monitoring plans for the following projects:

Bayou LaBranche (PO-17)
Dewitt-Rollover Vegetative Plantings (ME-8)
Isles Dernieres (Phases 0 and 1) (TE-20/XTE-41)
Sabine NWR (CS-18)
Point au Fer (TE-22)
Southwest Shore of White Lake (ME-12)
East Mud Lake (PCS-24)
Timbalier Vegetative Plantings (TE-18)
Red Mud Demonstration Project (PO-20)

W. Hackberry Veg. Plantings (CS-19)
Cameron Prairie Refuge (ME-9)
Boston Canal (TV-9)
Vermilion River Cutoff (TV-3)
Freshwater Bayou (ME-4)
B. Sauvage (phases 1 and 2) (PO-16, 18)
Barataria Bay Waterway (BA-19)
Clear Marais (CS-22)

Mr. Schroeder noted that the monitoring plan for the Red Mud Demonstration Project has been modified by the Technical Committee to include \$33,000 for porewater analysis, pushing the cost beyond the 125 percent limit. [4/483-497]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for approval of the above listed monitoring plans.

Second: Mr. Osborn.

Passed unanimously. [4/498]

E. Approval of Projects.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for final construction approval of the following projects: Southwest Shore of White Lake, Bayou Sauvage (Phase 2), and Red Mud. Mr. Thomas noted that the Red Mud project is over budget at 134 percent of the baseline cost. Mr. Frugé expressed his appreciation for the fact that the lead agency and local sponsor had agreed to fund additional testing for the project in the amount of \$33,000. [4/502-546]

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for approval of the above listed projects.

Second: Mr. Rhoades.

Passed unanimously. [4/547]

F. Budget Amendment: Academic Assistance Group.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for an increase in the approved budget for the Academic Assistance Group from \$110,000 to \$117,000. [4/554]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for for an increase in the approved budget for the Academic Assistance Group from \$110,000 to \$117,000.

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Passed unanimously. [4/560]

G. Carryover of Fiscal Year 1994 Funds: Academic Assistance Group.

Ms. Sue Hawes reported that the Academic Assistance Subcommittee had recommended expanding the role of the Academic Assistance Group to include assistance from law schools on legal considerations of diversions--uncompensated damages to oyster leases, displacement of fisheries, and easements. She suggested that carryover funds from fiscal year 1994 could be used for this purpose. [4/563-590]

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force approve the use of unexpended fiscal year 1994 funds budgeted for the Academic Assistance Group to fund a legal assistance effort to investigate legal considerations of diversions, such as uncompensated damages to oyster leases, displacement of fisheries, and easements.

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Passed unanimously. [4/592]

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the actions of the Technical Committee with respect to project selection criteria. He told the Task Force that the committee is working to revise the cost-effectiveness index to provide an accurate reflection of the relative values of the projects (as measured by cost-effectiveness). He also said that the risk and uncertainty value was revised from 1 point per vote to 1.42 per vote, to give a potential maximum value of 10 points, equivalent to the potential maximum values of the other criteria. Dr. Bahr pointed out that there is considerable confusion as to what is meant by selection criteria. He described the three-step process as consisting of nomination (which he suggested needs to be examined carefully), screening (after which only good projects should remain), and evaluation, which is a process for ranking the projects which passed through the screening. It is in this third step, he said, that the selection criteria would be used. [1/8-170]

B. Ms. Beverly Ethridge gave a report on the status of the Conservation Plan. She told the Task Force that the Memorandum of Agreement has been finalized, with signatures by the USFWS and USACE. Once the agreement has been signed by EPA (which should be within a week), it will be sent to the Governor for his signature. The grant application for development of the plan has been prepared and coordinated among the agencies; it has now been formally submitted to the EPA. The document will be routed back to the USFWS and USACE for formal comments. Funding

(\$239,000, of which \$179,000 is Federal) will be requested after the governor has signed the application. [3/68-130]

C. Mr. Podany briefed the Task Force on the activities of the feasibility study Steering Committee. He noted that the two study managers are preparing schedules for project study plans, which they see as necessary for obtaining buy-in from the Washington level of the Corps of Engineers. Both studies are proceeding while the schedules are being prepared. LDNR has awarded a \$2.25 million contract to T. Baker Smith and Son for the Barrier Shoreline study; as the amount authorized in the fiscal year 1995 budget is \$750,000, the Task Force may need to consider amending the budget or shifting some line items. Mr. Podany informed the Task Force that a one-page fact sheet will be furnished in the future, with milestones, expenditures, activities completed and underway, and issues.

D. Dr. DeRouen reported on the status of the Barrier Shoreline study. He confirmed the contract award to T. Baker Smith and Son, and announced a kick-off meeting for June 22, 1995. He said the Governor has sent a letter to the Minerals Management Service expressing an interest in mining Ship Shoal sand for restoration of the Isles Dernieres and Timbalier Island. LDNR is pursuing CWPPRA funding of this project. He informed the Task Force that LDNR has been meeting with MMS and EPA at the Washington level to discuss Federal sponsorship of the environmental impact statement. He reported that MMS and LDNR will develop a game plan for phase 1 of the EIS; the plan will be presented to the Task Force in a few weeks. Mr. Rhoades advised the Task Force that EPA's Region VI will be involved in discussions of the EIS. Dr. van Heerden said that he understood that LDNR would be initiating the EIS, in response to which Mr. Rhoades stated that the parties involved would meet to work out the issues. [3/187-274]

E. Mr. Axtman gave a report on the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient, and Freshwater Redistribution study. He told the Task Force that a tentative study schedule has been sent to all study participants and that MIPR's providing study funds have been forwarded to the agencies. He reported that the public notice initiating the study was in review and should be mailed out soon. In response to a question from Mr. Frugé, he said that the May floods in New Orleans had caused some delays as personnel were diverted to damage survey work, but the study is close to being on schedule. [3/281-370]

F. Reports on the status of projects from priority project lists one through four were given by Messrs. Elguezabal, Thomas, Gohmert, Yakupzack, and Osborn. [4/106-450]

G. Dr. van Heerden, in reference to the land rights issues associated with the Isles Dernieres restoration projects, said that a document is currently on the table with language satisfactory to the state Attorney General's office. He reported that the legislature has passed a constitutional amendment which creates a mechanism for resolving land rights issues. There are provisions in the amendment for using

mineral royalties to benefit the state's restoration trust fund. The amendment will go before the voters in November. [4/237-298]

H. Mr. Elguezabal informed the Task Force that his office will be making an effort to notify the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, within four months of approval of a priority project list, of areas which should be declared off limits to oyster leases. Dr. Good reported the LDNR has made considerable progress in working with LDWF on the oyster lease issue. He said that LDNR now has on GIS a comprehensive map of oyster leases, which could be made available for planning activities. [4/466-482]

I. Mr. Green reported that the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee had completed the selection of candidate projects for the 5th Priority Project List. [5/13-84]

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

A. Public Outreach.

Mr. Addison reported on the findings of the Outreach Committee with regard to the proposal presented by Gus Weill, Inc., at the March 15, 1995, Task Force meeting. (Enclosure 6 is a copy of the committee's report.) He informed the Task Force that the committee found some items unsuitable for support by the Federal agencies; some of these, such as a toll-free number, bumper stickers, billboards, and radio announcements, will be funded by the State. He said the committee found that Federal support would be appropriate for producing handout materials and a slide program. The committee recommended funding a coastal liaison individual, probably someone with the LSU Cooperative Extension Service, at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000. [1/256-315] The committee also recommended that the Task Force fund a full-time public involvement officer at an estimated cost of \$109,000. In response to a question from Ms. Karen Gautreaux (Office of the Governor) concerning whether the program could be initiated in fiscal year 1995, Col. Clow directed the Outreach Committee to prepare a report identifying the items which could be begun this year. [1/417-455]

Mr. Oneill Malbrough advised the Task Force that there is concern among local interests with respect to the process of nominating priority list projects. While acknowledging that he believes the agencies are open minded in their selections, he said members of the public are unable to prepare presentations as elaborate as those of the agencies, which they perceive as making it difficult for their projects to compete with the agencies'. [1/456-558]

Dr. van Heerden informed the Task Force that LDNR is involving parish governments in the process of reviewing approved priority list projects to determine which ones should be presented for deauthorization. He said the rankings provided by the parishes will be considered carefully by the State and will be made available to the agencies in due time. [1/559-588]

B. Revision of Cost Sharing Agreements.

Ms. Cathy Brignac Mitias informed the Task Force that the State is scheduling a meeting (probably for 28 June) to discuss the State's policy on cost overruns and the impact of that policy on cost sharing agreements. She said that it would probably be necessary to meet individually with the various agencies to work out language in accordance with each agency's procedures. Col. Clow requested a report on the meeting. [2/9-71]

C. State Policy on Coastal Restoration.

Dr. van Heerden made a presentation on the State's White Paper, which outlines its policy regarding coastal restoration. He said the paper was developed in recognition of the need to have a game plan when the State attempts to secure funding for major restoration projects. He presented the major elements of the White Paper as: development of a unified State plan; implementation of large-scale projects; securing of innovative funding; implementation of fiscal responsibility; and support for new legislation. He went on to describe the major elements of the unified State plan: barrier shoreline restoration; diversion of a significant portion of the annual spring flood on the Mississippi River through multiple diversions and reconnection of old distributaries; sediment conveyance on a major scale; separation of coastal communities from coastal wetlands in order to maximize diversions; and modification of navigation channels, with the potential for phasing out the MR-GO. Dr. Bahr remarked on the bold nature of the White Paper, calling it a watershed document. [5/85-268]

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the appropriate Task Force response to the White Paper. At issue was whether the Task Force should endorse the document or commend the State for its development. [5/269-end, 6/41-300]

Col. Clow suggested that the exact wording should be worked out at a later time. [6/302]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force send the Governor and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources a resolution commending them for their efforts in the development of the White Paper, to be worded by Col. Clow and signed by members of the Task Force.

Second: Col. Clow.

Passed unanimously. [6/307]

D. Mississippi/Atchafalaya Flow Distribution.

Dr. Mike Walden, of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, made a presentation concerning the diversion of intermediate level flows from the Mississippi River into the Atchafalaya River via the Old River Control Structure. Dr. Walden informed the Task Force that an average annual increase of 48,000 cubic feet per second could be obtained by diverting more water into the Atchafalaya for flows above the twentieth percentile and below the eightieth. He said the increased water levels in the Atchafalaya Basin would improve access to the back swamp and increase fisheries production. Growth of the delta in Atchafalaya Bay would accelerate. A

detrimental impact would be increased river stages at Morgan City as a result of delta growth. However, Dr. Walden said that as carrying capacity was lost from the Atchafalaya River, it would be gained in the Mississippi. [6/322-524]

Dr. Good asked what has been done to address section 307(b) of the CWPPRA, which authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Army to:

... study the feasibility of modifying the operation of existing navigation and flood control projects to allow for an increase in the share of the Mississippi River flows and sediment sent down the Atchafalaya river for purposes of land building and wetlands nourishment.

Col. Clow replied that the matter has not been addressed under CWPPRA or Corps authorities. He said he will discuss the matter with the Corps' Lower Mississippi Valley Division. Dr. van Heerden stated that LDNR supports the study called for by the act. [6/525-end of tape].

Mr. Doug Svendson, Executive Director of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association, pointed out the fact that a severe navigation problem already exists on the Wax Lake Outlet; additional flows would make the situation more dangerous. [7/7-47]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. van Heerden informed the Task Force that a letter written by Secretary McClanahan concerning the barrier island Ship Shoal project had been endorsed by the Louisiana congressional delegation. He requested some input from the Task Force with respect to the letter. Col. Clow replied that there have been some discussions among the Task Force members on this issue, and they are continuing to work on it.

VIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

In accordance with established policy, the next Task Force meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 1995. Mr. Thomas asked that the possibility of a two-day meeting be considered. Col. Clow agreed to consider the request, recommending that Task Force members block out two days for the meeting (September 20 and 21), and also suggested that an interim meeting might be scheduled. Task Force members will be contacted to confirm the date.

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gohmert moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Frugé seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

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AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1995 BUDGET

For Task Force decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation concerning amendment of the FY95 budget to increase funding for the Academic Advisors Group. A summary of the FY95 budget is enclosed.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force amend the fiscal year 1995 budget to increase funding for the Academic Advisors Group from \$110,000 to \$117,000.

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FY95 Budget Summary

20 Jun 95

	Amount (\$)
State of Louisiana	
DNR	416,700
Gov's Ofc	94,200
LDWF	20,000
Total State	530,900
EPA	252,300
Dept of the Interior	
USFWS	152,400
NBS	87,500
USGS	7,800
Total Interior	247,700
Dept of Agriculture	509,500
Dept of Commerce	331,900
Dept of the Army	759,200
Agency Total	2,631,500

		Amount (\$)	
<u>Approved at 15 Mar 95 Task Force meeting</u>	<u>Recommended by Technical Committee 21 Jun 95</u>		
Barrier Shoreline Study	Academic Advisory Group	1,007,000	7,000
Miss R Diversion Study		919,900	
Academic Advisory Group		110,000	
Land Loss Maps		40,000	
Public Outreach			
Aerial Photography			
Total Amendments	Total Proposed Amendments	2,076,900	7,000
Total Allocated	Total Allocated	4,708,400	4,715,400
Unallocated Balance	Unallocated Balance	291,600	284,600

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REPORT ON PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

For Task Force decision.

Mr. Jim Addison (Public Affairs Officer, USACE) will present a proposed budget for fiscal year 1995 activities. A copy of the budget is enclosed.

For information.

Mr. Addison will also report on the Outreach Committee's review of a proposal by Gus Weill, Inc.

Approved June 1995

**CWPPRA
PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE
MARCH 1995**

A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1994

1. Conducted public ceremonies for three projects:
 1. Bayou LaBranche Marsh Creation Project
 2. Boston Canal-Vermilion Bay Shoreline Stabilization Project
 3. Freshwater Bayou Wetland Protection Project, Phase I
2. Printed and distributed project pamphlets for the above projects.
3. Awarded a contract for the publication of a biannual newsletter.
4. Produced a portable exhibit.
5. Assisted in production of the video documentary "Reversing the Tide," which was aired statewide on PBS stations this January and February.
6. Coordinated numerous press reports, including TV feature series by WWL and WVUE in New Orleans.
7. Conducted a coastline aerial photography mission.
8. Prepared a CWPPRA slide presentation.

B. PLANS FOR 1995

1. Publish and distribute two issues of the CWPPRA newsletter (June and December).
Print 15,000 copies of first issue for use as an orientation handout.
2. Exploit opportunities to display CWPPRA exhibit.
3. Conduct dedication events as projects are completed.
4. Publicize public meetings, project starts/completions, and priority project lists.
5. Establish liaison with parish contacts for state coastal zone program.
6. Promote and publicize a speakers bureau.
7. Explore establishing CWPPRA "Home Page" on Internet.
8. Distribute copies of "Reversing the Tide" video documentary.

C. 1994 PUBLIC OUTREACH EXPENDITURES
PRODUCTS/ACTIVITIES **COST**

1. Project Pamphlets	\$ 1,042
2. Newsletter Contract Admin (NRCS)	\$ 3,000
3. Exhibit	\$ 7,175
4. Graphics Support	\$ 7,773
5. Aerial Photography	\$ 4,804
6. Airboat/Helicopter Rental (DNR)	\$ 7,708
TOTAL	\$31,502

D. 1995 PUBLIC OUTREACH BUDGET
PRODUCTS/ACTIVITIES **COST**

1. Newsletter Contract (obligated)	\$22,047
2. Newsletter Printing & Mailing	\$11,500
3. Exhibit Trans & Travel	\$ 5,000
4. Project Pamphlets	\$ 1,500
5. Graphic Support	\$ 3,000
6. Aerial Photography	\$ 5,000
7. Internet "Home Page"	\$ 5,000
8. Speakers Time & Travel	\$ 3,000
9. <i>store copies of video</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
TOTAL	\$58,050

*\$1,000 to reimburse state
for previous copies of
video distributed*

E. PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Jim Addison, Chair, ACOE
- Herb Bourque, NRCS
- Jane Ledwin, USF&WS
- Tenna Scott, EPA
- Phyllis Darensbourg, LA DNR