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Mr. Gordon E. Dove  
Chairman  
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board  
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Dear Mr. Dove:

Thank you for your letter dated July 1, 2025, requesting an additional 30 days for the State's review and consideration of its position regarding the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD) project and its DA permit (MVN-2012-02806-EEO). The request is granted. In accordance with your request, we expect an update in 30 days. The permit will remain suspended during that time.

You have also requested that the permit for MBSD not be considered as part of the Future Without Project condition in the event the District resumes a feasibility study for the Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove with Dedicated Dredging (MDMG) project, which was one of the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Program's 15 potential projects authorized by the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007. If that study is resumed and if at that time the MBSD permit remains in place, we will coordinate this request with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Headquarters.

Regarding the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's (CPRA) Letter of Intent dated April 26, 2024, requesting resumption of the LCA study to modify the Davis Pond Diversion Project, we note that a USACE 2012 assessment indicated that the MDMG and Davis Pond should not be operated independently of one another; joint operation of the proposed MDMG with Davis Pond would be key to maintaining the condition of the overall Barataria Basin ecosystem. We believe evaluation of the continued or modified operation of Davis Pond would therefore need to include any potential recommendations from the MDMG study.

We appreciate your continued coordination and look forward to receiving additional clarity regarding the State's intent to proceed with either the LCA MDMG or the MBSD. Should you have additional questions, please reach out to Mr. Durund F. Elzey, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Division, at (504) 862-2204 or [Durund.Elzey@usace.army.mil](mailto:Durund.Elzey@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

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