

11 September 25

SUBJECT: Minutes from the 11 September 25 CWPPRA Technical Committee Meeting

1. The meeting was initiated at 9:30 a.m. The following Technical Committee members were in attendance:

Mr. Jeffery Varisco, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Acting Chairman
Mr. Wes LeBlanc, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)
Mr. Robert Dubois, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Mr. Doug Jacobson, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Mr. Jason Kroll, National Marine and Fisheries Services (NMFS)
Mr. Britt Paul, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

A copy of the agenda is included as **Encl 1**. A copy of the sign-in sheet is included as **Encl 2**.

2. Agenda Item 1. Meeting Initiation

The meeting was conducted in a hybrid fashion, in person and via MS Teams virtual meeting platform. Mr. Jeffery Varisco, USACE, introduced himself and called the meeting to order acknowledging the 9/11 anniversary and observed a moment of silence. He then asked Technical Committee members to introduce themselves and invited opening comments from the Technical Committee. He then acknowledged that over the summer, the CWPPRA workgroups, have been working hard in conducting site visits, collecting data, and developing phase 1 and phase 2 candidate projects. That hard work will lead to the Technical Committee recommendation project selection at the end of the year.

Mr. Varisco asked the Technical Committee for any recommended changes to the agenda for today's proceedings; none were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to adopt the agenda as is.

Decision: Mr. Jacobson made the motion, which Mr. LeBlanc seconded; the motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Varisco then asked Ms. Amanda Landry, USACE to iterate the protocol for Technical Committee participation and public comment in this hybrid meeting format, instructions which were provided on PowerPoint slides throughout the presentation. Ms. Landry explained the rules and protocol for public comment. She then acknowledged the retirement of long-time audio engineer, Mr. Randy Perkins, who was part of CWPPRA community since its inception 30 years ago.

2. Agenda Item 2. Report: Status of CWPPRA Program Funds and Projects (Ms. Connie Barbe, USACE).

Ms. Connie Barbe, USACE, presented an overview of CWPPRA funds. The fully funded total Program Estimate since its inception to the present (authorized projects from PPLs 1 – 34) is

\$3.553 billion, with \$3 billion committed federal share. She explained the total funded estimate (received since inception, and anticipated through FY2026) is \$2.6 billion, with the federal portion received through FY25 of \$2.1 billion with 98.8 million earmarked in the Arrows Table to be received into the program in fiscal year 26. Current Task Force-approved funding for projects in Phase I, Phase II, and O&M and Monitoring totals \$2.8 billion, with the federal commitment at \$2.3 billion. Authorized funding for each agency as allocated currently totals \$2.5 billion with a federal commitment of 2.1 billion. Ms. Barbe reviewed the federal funds received through FY25, 2.141 billion with a federal cost share requirement of 2.120 billion, leaving \$20,568,679.08 available.

As Ms. Barbe previously mentioned, the Program Estimate is currently 3.546 billion for PPLs 1 – 34. The first adjustment was for an electronic vote that passed to increase the budget of BS-32 the second adjustment was for fully funded cost increase in phase for TE-156. A request will be made today for the Technical Committee to the annual request for budget increase for Construction Program Technical Services in the amount of \$275,716 and for three O&M budget increases to ME-20, BS-03a, and ME-11. The total request is up to \$17,080,402, giving a new program estimate of \$3,563,081,686.

Ms. Barbe stated the CWPPRA Program has funding carried coupled with the earmarked funds to be received in fiscal year 26 totaling \$119 million. The sum of the budget, annual and incremental funding increase request, is \$21 million. This total represents the 85 percent federal share. After a decision is made for approval, the remaining balance will be \$98,378,521.

CWPPRA has authorized 241 projects. The 108 active projects including 21 in Phase I Engineering and Design, 18 in Phase II Construction and 6 support projects. There are 65 projects that have been completed and 63 projects that have been constructed and are now in O&M phase. Additionally, CWPPRA has deauthorized 49 projects, transferred 10 projects, and placed 9 in the inactive category. The 6 technical support programs include Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS), Monitoring Contingency Fund, Storm Recovery Procedures, Construction Program Technical Services, the Wetland Conservation Plan, and Programmatic Signage.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to discussion from the Technical Committee and the public;
No comments were proffered from either the Technical Committee or the public.

3. Agenda Item 3. Report: Electronic Votes and Approvals (Amanda Landry, USACE)

Ms. Landry stated there was only one electronic vote since the last meeting on the BS-32 Mid Breton Land Bridge Marsh Creation and Terracing project. The project began construction in 2023. Fish and Wildlife Service and CPRA requested Technical Committee and Task Force approval for a construction budget increase of \$3,471,776. On June 12, the Technical Committee and Task Force voted to approve this request. As a result, the construction and contingency budget will increase by \$2,883,909. S&I will increase by \$279,867, and CPRA S&A will increase by \$308,000, for a new fully funded amount of \$40,830,735.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to discussion from the Technical Committee and the public;
No comments were proffered from either the Technical Committee or the public.

4. Agenda Item 4. Report: Status of Unconstructed Projects (SOUP) (Amanda Landry, USACE)

Ms. Landry explained that the P&E subcommittee had its annual meeting over the summer to assess unconstructed projects that are at least three years old. In the interest of providing quality coastal restoration projects that are timely and cost effective, the goal is to identify projects with issues that should be addressed, especially those with issues critical enough to impede project progress. She explained the “critical watch” designation serves as a means of tracking unconstructed projects that have seen delays in construction and as a result may be at risk. Projects determined as critical watch may be on the list due to a number of factors, including age, cost growth, land rights issues, borrow etc. Of the 7 projects that will be presented 4 are on the list due land right issues, two due to cost growth, and one due to age. Ms. Landry provided a summary of seven “Critical Watch” CWPPRA projects to bring closer attention to them as issues are being resolved. They are as follows: West Fourchon Marsh Creation and Nourishment, TE-134, land rights, Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation and Nourishment, TE-166, land rights, Northeast Turtle Bay Marsh Creation and Critical Shoreline Protection, BA-206, land rights, Northeast Turtle Bay Marsh Creation Extension, BA-258, land rights, Phoenix Marsh Creation East Increment, BS-42, cost growth, Phoenix Marsh Creation West Increment, BS-44, cost growth, and Fritchie Marsh Creation and Terracing, PO-173, age.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

5. Agenda Item 5. Decision: Request for Project O&M Budget Increase for ME-20 South Grand Chenier Marsh Creation Project (Breese Barnes, NRCS)

Mr. Barnes introduced himself of an engineer with NRCS speaking on behalf of Fish and Wildlife Service and NRCS, requesting an O&M increase for the ME-20 Marsh Creation Project. Initially slated for design in 2002 as part of PPL 11, faced several delays over the years due to scope changes, land rights issues, and unfavorable bids. Construction was eventually completed in 2022. However, post-construction surveys revealed that the marsh elevation was lower than expected. Vegetation that grew in the summer after construction died off when water levels rose, leaving the area submerged and below the optimal inundation range required for healthy marsh development.

Upon further investigation, several design issues were identified. The geotechnical analysis of the borrow material, taken from the Gulf, had underestimated the soil characteristics. The top 10 feet of material consisted of a light clay that was more easily moved, while the bottom 10 feet contained stiff clay that clogged dredge pipes and hindered the dredging process. Additionally, the original elevation surveys, conducted in 2008, relied on equipment that had since become faulty, leading to undetected subsidence and a lower-than-expected starting elevation for the project.

To address these issues, the ME-32 project, which is scheduled for construction soon, provides an opportunity to correct the elevation of the ME-20 marsh. Both projects share the same borrow area and landowners, allowing for the efficient addition of dredge material during ME-32 construction. An additional 615,000 cubic yards of material will be required to raise the ME-20 area to a level conducive to vegetation growth and healthy marsh development.

A cost analysis showed that completing the required work for ME-20 as a standalone project would cost approximately \$16.5 million. However, integrating the work with the ME-32 project

would reduce the cost to \$9 million, as the dredging equipment and pipes would already be mobilized for ME-32. The total funding request for the project is \$9,029,582, bringing the overall project cost to \$31.6 million, including construction and additional federal inspection funds.

In terms of cost-effectiveness, the new cost per net acre for both projects combined would be approximately \$101,500, which is slightly above the \$100,000 threshold typically used to determine project feasibility. However, since the ME-32 project was originally estimated at \$98,000 per net acre, the combined project remains within the program's cost-effectiveness standards.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public.
None were proffered from either the Technical Committee or the public.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion for the Request for Project O&M Budget Increase for ME-20 South Grand Chenier Marsh Creation Project

Decision: Mr. Dubois made the motion, which Mr. Paul seconded; the motion passed without dissent.

6. Agenda item 6. Decision: Request for Project Close Out with O&M Budget Increase and 1-year extension for BS-03a Caernarvon Diversion Outfall Management Project (Angela Trahan, NRCS)

Ms. Angela Trahan from NRCS, on behalf of NRCS and CPRA, presented a request to the Technical Committee for approval for project close out with an additional funding amount of \$517,899 for a final O&M event for the Caernarvon Diversion Outfall Management Project. The request also includes a one-year extension to complete the final maintenance work. This project, which is a PPL 2 initiative, has a 20-year lifespan that extends until June 2026. Located in the Breton Sound Basin in Plaquemines Parish, the project encompasses several key features, including 8 flow-through culverts, 3 plug closures with armored protection, and approximately 13,000 feet of spoil bank restoration. Completed in September 2002, the project has a fully funded cost of \$4.5 million, with approximately \$54,000 remaining in the budget.

The additional funding is needed to address necessary repairs at six locations across the project area. While much of the marsh has converted to open water, some areas have accreted with sediment from the diversion, and repairs are required to ensure the structures are in good working order before project closeout. The proposed work includes the removal and refurbishment of sluice gates, the replacement of damaged gates and sluice gate stems, and the repair of spoil banks and navigation aids at various sites such as Forty Arpent Canal, Bayou Mandeville, DP Canal, and others. Specific tasks include the reuse of armor stone, installation of geotextile material, and clearing and grubbing at several sites.

The project's original O&M budget was \$1.2 million, with \$54,000 remaining. However, with the additional repairs, the total estimated expenditures for O&M are around \$572,000, resulting in the need for an extra \$517,899 to complete the work. This brings the revised fully funded cost

of the project to just over \$5 million. Angela concluded her presentation by inviting any questions from the committee.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered from either the Technical Committee or the public.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion for recommendation to approve project close out with O&M budget increase and 1-year extension for BS-03a Caernarvon Diversion Outfall Management Project

Decision: Mr. Paul made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jacobson; the motion carried without opposition.

7. Agenda Item 7. Decision: Request for a Final Deauthorization of TE-117 Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment (Jason Kroll, NMFS).

Jason Kroll from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) presented an update on the Island Road Project (TE-117) and requested final deauthorization due to changed site conditions, design issues, and challenges with constructability. This request mirrors a previous presentation made in the spring to the Technical Committee and Task Force, with some updated dates and details.

The Island Road Project was part of the PPL 23 initiative and is located between Bayou Lafourche and Bayou Terrebonne, within the Eastern Terrebonne Land Bridge. The project aims to create 296 acres of saline marsh and perform nourishment, which would net 206 acres over the 20-year project life, at a cost of approximately \$167,000 per net acre. However, the project faced numerous challenges throughout its design and development phases. After Phase 1 approval in January 2014, the design process took several years, with iterative changes made to address the deep, challenging site conditions and poor soils. A 95% design was reached by September 2021, but the scope had to be revised, which led to Phase 2 approval in January 2023.

During the design process, Hurricane Ida impacted the site, requiring CPRA to conduct additional surveys and geotechnical analyses to assess stability and the feasibility of building containment dikes. By March 2025, the technical teams concurred on the findings, leading to the decision to initiate deauthorization of the project.

The primary issues contributing to the deauthorization include difficulty in obtaining land rights, particularly with Apache Louisiana Minerals and LL&E, and challenges related to the depth of the marsh, which increased from -3 to -3.5 elevation. These deeper areas, combined with poor soils and pipeline crossings, created risks for constructing and maintaining the required containment dikes. Additionally, access to the site for equipment was limited, further complicating construction.

The project's total approved budget was \$29,204,548, and there are an estimated \$25.6 million in unexpended federal funds, subject to final adjustments as the project closes out. As a result,

NMFS and CPRA recommended that the Technical Committee approve the deauthorization of the project, which would involve a scope change, funding increase, and acreage decrease.

In addition, Kroll emphasized that despite this project being deauthorized, the program remains committed to the Eastern Terrebonne Land Bridge. A separate project, funded by the Task Force in January, will focus on identifying a viable alignment for the eastern Terrebonne land bridge and proceed with the design for its first increment. Kroll thanked Mart Black for his continued patience and support, reaffirming the agency's dedication to addressing the challenges in the region.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion for recommendation for a Request for a Final Deauthorization of TE-117 Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment

Decision: Mr. Kroll made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paul; the motion carried without opposition.

8. Agenda Item 8. Decision: Request for Operations and Maintenance Budget Increase for ME-11 Humble Canal Hydrologic Restoration (Brent Bouy, CPRA)

Brent Bouy from CPRA presented an update on the ME-11 Humble Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, which is located near Humble Canal, where it meets the Mermentau River. This project, approved under Priority Project List 8, was completed in 2003 and involved the construction of a five-barrel control structure, a marine barrier, and a hyacinth fence. The purpose of the project was to manage excess water levels in the area while also providing protection from salinity damage.

In 2009, a maintenance event was conducted to repair the gates, lock arms, and stop gates, along with placing 45 tons of rip rap around the wing walls and 60 tons of crushed stone aggregate on the embankment. The total cost for this event was \$74,614.

A previous request for the project's closeout and transfer was made in April 2022, which included an approved \$75,000 budget for monitoring, land rights, engineering and design (E&D), construction, and CPRA administration. A two-year extension was also approved, extending the project life until March 2025. However, since that approval, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District constructed a new structure just north of ME-11, effectively negating the need for the existing structure. As a result, the landowner requested that the project be removed and no longer transferred.

In light of these changes, the current request from CPRA and NRCS is for project closeout, which includes an increase in the O&M budget to \$337,528. This budget would cover land rights extension, construction costs, and CPRA administration for the removal of the ME-11 structure. The breakdown of the funding includes \$337,528 for an O&M budget increase, \$380,000 in estimated construction costs, \$51,700 in CPRA Administration costs, 25% contingency is \$107,925 with the remaining E&D obligations at \$123,755.

The request is now for approval to close out the project and allocate the additional O&M funding.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion for a Request for Operations and Maintenance Budget Increase for ME-11 Humble Canal Hydrologic Restoration (Brent Bouy, CPRA)

Decision: Mr. LeBlanc made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paul; the motion carried without opposition.

9. Agenda Item 9. Decision: Request for Funding for the CWPPRA Program's Technical Services (Cole Ruckstuhl, USGS)

Mr. Ruckstuhl presented the USGS and CPRA request for FY2026 technical services for the CWPPRA program in the amount of \$275,716. Examples of funding uses include LaCoast.gov website hosting, maintenance and security protocols, back-end databases, which allows multiagency sharing of information, public outreach, web content, fact sheets, and geospatial support of projects in engineering and design, construction, and end of life. He stated there was no net increase from last year.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to approve the annual budget request for the CWPPRA Program's Technical Services in the amount of \$275,716.

Decision: Mr. Jacobson made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kroll; the motion carried without opposition.

10. Agenda Item 10. Decision: Annual Request for Incremental Funding for FY28 Administrative Costs for Cash Flow Projects (Connie Barbe, USACE)

Ms. Barbe The US Army Corps of Engineers is requesting funding approval for \$101,840 for administrative costs for cash flow projects beyond increment 1. The itemized list is included in the meeting materials.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to approve the Annual Request for Incremental Funding for FY28 Administrative Costs for Cash Flow Projects in the amount of \$101,840.

Decision: Mr. Dubois made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paul; the motion carried without opposition.

11. Agenda Item 11. Decision: Request for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Incremental Funding (Skylar Liner, CPRA)

Skylar Liner, coastal resource scientist with CPRA, presented the annual request for FY28 incremental funding for Operations and Monitoring totaling \$3,562,159.19. Ms. Liner presented the PPL9+ Projects requesting approval for FY28 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$3,354,315.19 as follows, highlighting specifically those exceeding \$100,000 in incremental funding.

a. PPL9+ Projects requesting approval for FY28 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$3,354,315.19 for the following projects:

- Cameron-Creole Freshwater Introduction (CS-49)
Incremental Funding Request: \$67,863.00
- Cameron-Creole Grand Bayou Marsh Creation (CS-54)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,997.00
- Cameron Meadows Marsh Creation (CS-66)
Incremental Funding Request: \$3,200.00
- Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline Protection with LA-08 (ME-18)
Incremental Funding Request: \$27,506.00
- Grand Lake Shoreline Protection with LA-08 (ME-21)
Incremental Funding Request: \$9,428.00
- Cole's Bayou Marsh Creation (TV-63)
Incremental Funding Request: \$22,341.00
- GIWW Critical Areas Shoreline Protection (TE-43)
Incremental Funding Request: \$30,000.00
- West Belle Pass Headland (TE-52)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,110.00
- Bayou Decade Ridge Restoration (TE-138)
Incremental Funding Request: \$3,236.00
- Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou Pass Barrier Shoreline Restoration (BA-35)
Incremental Funding Request: \$5,738.00
- Pelican Island and Pass La Mer to Chaland Pass Restoration (BA-38)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,030.00
- Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Restoration (BA-48)
Incremental Funding Request: \$23,535.00
- Grand Liard Marsh and Ridge Restoration (BA-68)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,151.00
- Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery-Marsh Creation 3 (BA-164)
Incremental Funding Request: \$81,940.19
- Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b)
Incremental Funding Request: \$3,043,406.00

- Coastwide Vegetative Planting (LA-39)
Incremental Funding Request: \$2,834.00

Ms. Liner noted the project that exceeds the \$100,000 threshold increase requiring reporting is the Coastwide Nutria Program of \$3,043,406 for FY28 funding for that program.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor for any additional comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to recommend to the Task Force approval of FY28 O&M Incremental Funding for PPL 9+ Projects totaling \$3,562,159.19 as presented.

Decision: Mr. LeBlanc made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jacobson; the motion carried without opposition.

Ms. Liner presented PPL1-8 Projects requesting approval for FY28 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$207,844.00.

- b. PPL1-8 Projects requesting approval for FY28 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$207,844.00 for the following projects:

- Sabine NWR Water Control Structures (CS-23)
Incremental Funding Request: \$180,672.00
- Freshwater Bayou Wetland Protection (ME-04)
Incremental Funding Request: \$13,916.00
- Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation Cycles 4 & 5 (CS-28-4-5)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,298.00
- Delta Wide Crevasses (MR-09)
Incremental Funding Request: \$4,958.00

Ms. Liner noted the Sabine NWR Water Control Structures (CS-23) incremental funding request of \$180,672.00 is higher than the \$100,000 threshold for reporting.

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to approve FY28 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$207,844.00 for PPL 1-8 Projects as outline above.

Decision: Mr. Dubois made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc; the motion carried without opposition.

12. Agenda Item 12. Decision: Request for Monitoring Incremental Funding (Joseph Johnston, CPRA)

The total request for FY28 Monitoring incremental funding is \$10,916,067.34. Mr. Johnston presented the requests as follows, highlighting those requests which exceed \$100,000 which is Northwest Turtle Bay Marsh Creation, BA-125, with the increased incremental fund amount being \$132,486.

a. PPL9+ Projects requesting approval for FY28 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$678,220.34 for the following projects:

- Coastwide Vegetative Planting (LA-39)
Incremental Funding Request: \$16,648.00
- Black Bayou Culverts Hydrologic Restoration (CS-29)
Incremental Funding Request: \$44,993.00
- Cameron-Creole Freshwater Introduction (CS-49)
Incremental Funding Request: \$50,967.00
- Cameron-Creole Watershed Grand Bayou Marsh Creation (CS-54)
Incremental Funding Request: \$15,462.00
- Cameron Meadows Marsh Creation and Terracing (CS-66)
Incremental Funding Request: \$53,332.00
- South Grand Chenier Marsh Creation (ME-20)
Incremental Funding Request: \$67,554.00
- Rockefeller Refuge Gulf Shoreline Stabilization (ME-18)
Incremental Funding Request: \$39,472.00
- Northwest Turtle Bay Marsh Creation (BA-125)
Incremental Funding Request: \$132,486.00
- Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation (BA-42)
Incremental Funding Request: \$2,389.00
- Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery- Marsh Creation and Terracing #3 (BA-164)
Incremental Funding Request: \$4,020.00
- Dedicated Dredging on the Barataria Basin Landbridge (BA-36)
Incremental Funding Request: \$63,951.00
- Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Restoration (BA-48)
Incremental Funding Request: \$3,981.00
- Hydrologic Restoration and Vegetative Plantings in the Des Allemands Swamp (BA-34-2)
Incremental Funding Request: \$44,766.00
- Bayou De Cade Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation (TE-138)
Incremental Funding Request: \$49,890.34
- Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b)
Incremental Funding Request: \$88,309.00

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to approve this request for monitoring incremental funding for PPLs 9+ in the amount of \$678,220.34.

Decision: Mr. Jacobson made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paul; the motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Johnston presented the PPL 1-8 projects requesting approval for FY28 monitoring increase of the amount of \$237,847, with the bulk of that being Cameron Creole Maintenance, CS-04a, for a total increase -- or incremental funding request of \$189,946.

b. PPL1-8 Projects requesting approval for FY28 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$237,847.00 for the following projects:

- Cameron Creole Maintenance (CS-04a)
Incremental Funding Request: \$189,946.00
- Delta Wide Crevasses (MR-09)
Incremental Funding Request: \$47,901.00

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to approve FY28 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$237,847 for PPL 1-8 Projects as outlined above.

Decision: Mr. Paul made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc; the motion carried without opposition.

- c. Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) requesting approval for FY28 incremental funding in the total amount of \$10,000,000
- Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (LA-30)
Incremental Funding Request: \$10,000,000

Mr. Varisco opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to approve FY28 incremental funding in the total amount of \$10,000,000 CRMS as outlined above.

Decision: Mr. LeBlanc made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jacobson; the motion carried without opposition.

13. Agenda Item 13. Additional Agenda Items (Amanda Landry, USACE)

No additional agenda items were proffered.

14. Agenda Item 14. Request for Public Comments (Amanda Landry, USACE)

Mr. Kenneth Ragas inquired via Teams chat function, “Any projects for protection from the storm surge?” Mr. Ragas was given opportunity to speak on the topic. No additional public comments were proffered.

15. Agenda Item 15 and 16. Announcement: Dates of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting (Amanda Landry, USACE)

Ms. Landry announced the following:

The Task Force meeting will be held October 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the USACE District Assembly Room, New Orleans

October 9, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
December 11, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
January 22, 2026	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	TBD

Dates/ locations are subject to change; those updates will be posted on lacoast.gov or CWPPRA Newsflash.

17. Agenda Item 17. Decision: Adjourn

Mr. Varisco called for a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Mr. Kroll made the motion, which Mr. Dubois seconded; the motion carried without dissent, and the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.