

CWPPRA

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

April 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Location:

LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Louisiana Room
2000 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Virtual Component:

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Agenda Item

- 1. Meeting Initiation 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.**
 - a. Introduction of Technical Committee or Alternates
 - b. Opening remarks of Technical Committee Members
 - c. Request for Agenda Changes/Additional Agenda Items/Adoption of Agenda
- 2. Report: Electronic Votes and Approvals (Amanda Landry, USACE) 9:40 a.m. to 9:50 p.m.** USACE will report out on recent electronic votes and approvals.
- 3. Report: Status of CWPPRA Program Funds and Projects (Jernice Cheavis, USACE) 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Ms. Jernice Cheavis will provide an overview of the status of CWPPRA accounts and available funding in the Planning and Construction Programs.
- 4. Decision: Request for Final Phase II-Increment 1 Funding Approval for TE-156 Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation and Ridge Restoration (Kevin Roy, FWS). 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.** At the January 23, 2025, meeting of the Task Force, Phase II-Increment 1 approval was granted to the TE-156 project contingent upon funding availability. Based on the current construction program balance of \$58.5M and the expected return of approximately \$20.9M via first cost reconciliations and project closeouts, FWS and CPRA request final Phase II-Increment 1 approval for TE-156 in the amount of \$36,596,029

- 5. Report/Decision: Upcoming 20-Year Life Projects (Amanda Landry, USACE) 10:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** The project sponsors will present recommended paths forward for projects nearing the end of their 20-year lives. The Technical Committee will vote on a recommendation to the Task Force on the path forward for the following projects.

PO-33	Goose Point/Point Platte Marsh Creation	FWS	12 Feb 29
TE-44	North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration	FWS	16 Dec 29
BA-36	Dedicated Dredging on the Barataria Basin Landbridge	EPA	15 Apr 30
CS-29	Black Bayou Culverts Hydrologic Restoration	NRCS	26 Jan 30
ME-16	Freshwater Introduction South of Highway 82	FWS	13 Dec 26
CS-32	East Sabine Lake Hydrologic Restoration	FWS	11 Aug 29
BA-27	Barataria Basin Landbridge Shoreline Protection, Phase 1&2	NRCS	5 Mar 29
PO-30	Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection	EPA	12 Apr 30
ME-11	Humble Canal Hydrologic Restoration	NRCS	31 Mar 25

- 6. Report/Decision: Request to Initiate Deauthorization of the Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment Project (TE-117) (Patrick Williams, NOAA) 10:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.** Due to changed site conditions, design, constructability, and need for authorization of a change in scope comprised of a funding increase and an acreage decrease, NMFS and CPRA recommend the Technical Committee approve a recommendation to the Task Force to initiate deauthorization of the TE-117 project.
- 7. Decision: FY26 Planning Budget Approval, including the PPL 36 Process, and Presentation of FY26 Outreach Budget (Process, Size, Funding, etc.) (Amanda Landry, USACE) 10:40 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.** The P&E Subcommittee will present their recommended FY26 Planning Program Budget development, including the PPL 36 Process.
- a. The Technical Committee will vote on a recommendation to the Task Force to approve that the PPL 36 Process include selecting four nominees in the Barataria Basin, four nominees in the Terrebonne Basin; three in the Breton Sound Basin, three in the Pontchartrain Basin; two in the Mermentau Basin, two in the Calcasieu/Sabine Basin, two in the Tech/Vermilion Basin; and one in the Atchafalaya Basin.
 - b. The Technical Committee will vote on a recommendation to the Task Force to approve the FY26 Outreach Committee Budget, in the amount of \$452,113.
 - c. The Technical Committee will vote on a recommendation to the Task Force to approve the FY26 Planning Budget (includes Outreach Committee Budget), in the amount of \$5,000,000.
- 8. Report/Decision: Selection of Ten Candidate Projects to Evaluate for PPL 35 (Kristen Ramsey, FWS) 10:55 a.m. to 11:25 p.m.** The Technical Committee will consider preliminary costs and benefits of the 35th Priority Project List (PPL) projects. The Technical Committee will select 10 projects as PPL 35 candidates to be evaluated for Phase 0 analysis, which will be considered later for final selection of projects that will be approved for Phase I (Planning and Engineering and Design). A demonstration and/or a coastwide project may or may not be selected to move forward.

Region	Basin	PPL 35 Nominees	Agency
1	Pontchartrain	Biloxi Marsh Shoreline Protection	FWS
1	Pontchartrain	Manchac WMA Shoreline Protection	NRCS
1	Pontchartrain	Central Wetlands Marsh Creation	EPA
2	Breton Sound	Reggio West Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration	EPA
2	Breton Sound	Bayou Gentilly Marsh Creation	FWS
2	Breton Sound	Spanish/Grand Lake Shoreline Restoration and Marsh Creation	FWS
2	Barataria	Bayou L'Ours Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation	NRCS/NOAA
2	Barataria	Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation	NOAA
2	Barataria	Bayou Laurier Marsh Creation & Terraces	EPA
2	Barataria	Lower LaFourche Parish Marsh Restoration	EPA
3	Terrebonne	Carencro Bayou Diversion	NRCS
3	Terrebonne	West Lake DeCade Marsh Creation Project	NOAA
3	Terrebonne	West Isle de Jean Charles Marsh Creation	FWS
3	Terrebonne	Point au Fer Marsh Creation	EPA
3	Atchafalaya	Natural Re-distribution of Materials to Mitigate Coastal Degradation	Dr. Howard
3	Teche-Vermilion	Freshwater Bayou East Restoration	NOAA
3	Teche-Vermilion	Boston-Oaks Canal Hydrologic Restoration	NRCS
4	Mermentau	South Pecan Island Marsh Creation	NOAA
4	Mermentau	Gulf Shoreline Protection West	FWS
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	Peconi Bayou Marsh Creation	NOAA
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	West Cove South Marsh Creation	EPA
	Demonstration	Concrete Dome Structures - Shore Shells™	NRCS/Lemaire
	Demonstration	QuickReef Living Shoreline	Native Shorelines

BREAK 11:25 p.m. to 11:35 a.m.

9. Additional Agenda Items (Amanda Landry, USACE) 11:35 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

10. Request for Public Comments (Amanda Landry, USACE) 11:40 a.m. to 11: 50 a.m.

11. Announcement: Date of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting (Amanda Landry, USACE) 11:50 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. The Task Force meeting will be held May 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

12. Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings* (Amanda Landry, USACE) 11:50 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

May 8, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
September 11, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee Meeting	Baton Rouge
October 8, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette
December 11, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee Meeting	New Orleans

*subject to change

13. Decision: Adjourn