

SUBJECT: Minutes from the 3 September 20 CWPPRA Technical Committee Meeting

1. The meeting was initiated at 9:35 a.m. The following Technical Committee members were in attendance:

Mr. Kevin Roy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Ms. Karen McCormick, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ms. Sarah Bradley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Acting Chairman
Mr. Brian Lezina, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)
Mr. Patrick Williams, NOAA Fisheries
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 via WebEx virtual meeting platform, due to the COVID 19 pandemic and public gathering restrictions. Ms. Sarah Bradley, USGS, introduced herself as acting chairman on behalf of Mr. Mark Wingate. She called the meeting to order, and asked Technical Committee members to introduce themselves. Ms. Bradley invited opening comments from the Technical Committee. Ms. McCormick mentioned that her prayers and thoughts are with those who have been impacted by Hurricane Laura. Mr. Williams concurred, and mentioned that impacts to CWPPRA projects are being assessed. Mr. Lezina agreed as well, and expressed appreciation for those in attendance at this virtual meeting in lieu of physical meetings. Ms. Bradley mentioned that the USACE has begun implementation of its FEMA-assigned Blue Roof program, and is expected to carry out its temporary housing program as well. Ms. McCormick also mentioned that EPA would be conducting its FEMA-assigned mission for air- and waste water-quality monitoring. Finally, Ms. Bradley acknowledged this year's 30th Anniversary of the CWPPRA Program; details for commemoration festivities are being devised in consideration of on-going COVID restrictions.

Mrs. Bradley asked the Technical Committee for any recommended changes to the agenda for today's proceedings. Mr. Paul requested the removal of Agenda Item #6 (Initial deauthorization of ME-32), allowing more time to consider options for project continuation.

Mrs. Bradley called for a motion to remove Agenda Item #6 and adopt the revised agenda.

Decision: Mr. Roy made the motion, which Mr. Paul seconded; the motion passed without opposition.

Mrs. Bradley iterated the protocol for Technical Committee participation and public comment in this virtual meeting format.

3. Agenda Item 2. Report: Status of CWPPRA Program Funds and Projects

Ms. Jernice Cheavis, USACE, presented an overview of CWPPRA funds. The fully funded total Program Estimate since its inception to the present (authorized projects from PPLs 1 – 29) is \$3.173 billion. The total funded estimate (received since inception, and anticipated through FY2021) is \$2.134 billion, leaving a potential gap of \$1.039 billion if the Program were to construct, operate and maintain all projects to date. This gap will likely be reduced as future federal funding is appropriated for CWPPRA beyond 2021. Current Task Force-approved funding for projects in Phase I, Phase II, and O&M and Monitoring totals \$2.299 billion. Authorized funding for each agency as allocated currently totals \$1.948 billion.

As previously mentioned the Program Estimate is currently \$3,173,295,715 for PPL's 1 – 29. A request will be made today for the Technical Committee to the annual budget request for Construction Program Technical Services in the amount of \$216,546. Additional budget increases will be presented (for several projects) totaling \$7,110,672. If all are approved, these budget increases bring the total program estimate to \$3,180,622,933.

The CWPPRA Program has \$2,228,655 of funding carried from the May 2020 Task Force meeting. The Program anticipates an estimate of FY21 DOI funding in the amount of \$82,702,222 (of which \$77,802,222 will be allocated for the FY21 construction program.) Thus, the total available construction funds for requests presented at today's proceedings are \$79,931,377. The total of anticipated funding requests (which will be presented individually at this meeting) is \$18,354,873. If all funding requests are approved, the Program will move forward into 2021 with available funds totaling \$61,576,504.

CWPPRA has authorized 226 projects. The 149 active projects including 32 in Phase I Engineering and Design, 16 in Phase II Construction and 5 support projects. There are 96 projects that have been constructed and are now in O&M phase, and 17 projects that have been closed financially. Additionally, CWPPRA has deauthorized 46 projects, transferred 8 projects, and placed 6 in the inactive category. The 5 technical support programs include Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS), monitoring contingency, storm recovery, Construction Program technical support, and the wetland conservation plan.

Mrs. Bradley opened the floor to discussion from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

4. Agenda Item 3. Report: Electronic Vote.

Kaitlyn Carriere, USACE, began with an explanation of the rationale for such proceedings, and reported the results of two recent electronic votes. On June 10, 2020, the Technical Committee approved revised fully funded budget of \$38,751,952 for CS-66 (Cameron Meadows Marsh Creation and Terracing). The request was due to higher than expected bids and cost overruns of \$252,931, and included a Phase 2 Increment 1 request of \$181,958. On August 28, 2020, the Technical Committee approved the use of O&M funds from Sabine Marsh Creation Cycles 4 & 5 for use on Cycle 3 (which did not have an O&M budget) to gap dikes and establish tidal creeks.

Mrs. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

5. Agenda Item 4. Decision: Status of Unconstructed Projects

On behalf of the Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Subcommittee, Kaitlyn Carriere, USACE, reported on the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects. She began with a reminder that the subcommittee meets annually to assess Phase I projects, which were approved for funding more than three years ago. The assessment serves to inform, evaluate, and assist efforts, and place projects in various categories for further consideration. Ms. Carriere reported that seventeen projects were reviewed on July 14, 2020. Of those, eight (8) projects are on schedule, two (2) projects are awaiting Phase II funding approval, one (1) project has been delayed, three (3) have been placed on the “critical watch” category, and three (3) are being recommended for deauthorization. Note: the third deauthorization was eliminated as a result of the previous agenda change. Ms. Carriere expanded with details as follows:

- a. Critical-watch unconstructed projects:
 - South Grand Chenier Marsh Creation (ME-20) is a PPL 11 project, which has received Phase 2 funding authorization. However, on two occasions construction bids have come in over budget, so the project will be re-advertised.
 - North Catfish Lake Marsh Creation (TE-112) is a PPL-22 project in Phase I Engineering & Design. Data collection had been delayed, but is now completed, and the 30% Design meeting is expected by the end of this year.
 - Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment (TE-117) is a PPL 23 project. A change in scope (decrease in acreage) was deemed necessary as a result of the 30% Design Review. The scope change request is expected to occur prior to the Phase 2 request later this year.

Mrs. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

Ms. Carriere continued, beginning with a summary of the deauthorization procedure, emphasizing that sometimes the process is administrative in nature as a way to retire project numbers.

- b. Unconstructed projects recommended by the project team for initial deauthorization:
 - Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration (TE-47) is a project already placed in the inactive category; another project has been constructed on its footprint.
 - ~~South Grand Chenier Marsh Creation – Baker Tract (ME-32)~~ (removed per request earlier in these proceedings)
 - Caminada Headlands Back Barrier Marsh Creation Increment #2 (BA-193), which was combined with BA-171.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public regarding the projects mentioned. None were proffered.

6. Agenda Item 5. Decision: Initial Deauthorization of Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration (TE-47)

Brad Crawford, EPA, presented the request to initiate of formal deauthorization procedures for the previously inactive project Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration (TE-47). He

explained that there is no longer a need for this project, as The NRDA Caillou Lake Headlands (TE-100) project has been constructed and includes this project's footprint.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee. Mr. Lezina affirmed the project's success and exemplified it as a cooperative effort between EPA, CPRA through CWPPRA, with funding ultimately through NRDA.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the public. None were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to initiate deauthorization of the Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration (TE-47) project.

Decision: Ms. McCormick made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Lezina; the motion carried without opposition.

7. Agenda item 6. Decision: Initial Deauthorization of South Grand Chenier Marsh Creation - Baker Tract (ME-32)

Omitted from agenda

8. Agenda Item 7. Decision: Initial Deauthorization of Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh Creation, Increment 2 (BA-193)

Brad Crawford, EPA, made the request on behalf of EPA and CPRA. He explained simply that the combining of BA-193 with the Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh Creation, Increment 1 (BA-171) project, was approved and therefore the BA-193 project number is no longer needed.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee. Ms. McCormick commended EPA and CPRA staff, and the CWPPRA program for recognizing efficiencies associated with combining the projects.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the public. None were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to initiate deauthorization of Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh Creation, Increment 2 (BA-193).

Decision: Ms. McCormick made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams; the motion carried without opposition.

9. Agenda Item 8. Decision: Request for Monitoring and O&M Budget Increases for the Sabine Refuge Water Control Structures Replacement (CS-23)

Kevin Roy, FWS, began the presentation by illustrating the location of the project, providing a brief history, describing (pictorially) its three complex water control structures, and reiterating its goals. Leigh Anne Sharp, CPRA, was called upon to iterate project efficacy and provide rationale for the request. She asserted that, according to CRMS data, the marsh salinity levels have been reduced, recently below target levels, due to chronic flooding. One contributor to chronic flooding are blocked canals which impede the flow of water to the control structures. She provided graphs comparing CS-23 water and salinity levels to corresponding levels on CS-04 (across Calcasieu Lake, where similar conditions exist). Recommendations are to conduct

canal dredging and to adjust the Operation and Maintenance of the water control structures by implementing a operations contract similar to CS-04. Mr. Roy concluded the presentation with a breakdown of the budget request. In summary, a \$177,843 increase in the Monitoring budget is needed to correct a shortfall, to fund remaining monitoring activities, and to provide staff coordination/ planning for the proposed structure operations contract. Additionally, a \$1,604,151 increase in the O&M budget is estimated for staff and activities associated with the proposed canal cleanout event, and the structure operations contract. He concluded with an overview of past funding increases and cost/ benefit figures.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee. Mr. Williams inquired about the use of dredge material and whether or not units of the refuge (breached after Hurricane Rita) would remain open. Mr. Roy deferred to CPRA; Dion Broussard responded with an assertion that dredge material would be placed adjacent to some of the banks (as opposed to spray dredging), in an effort to channelize and maintain historical drainage.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the public. Mart Black, Terrebonne Parish, inquired about any damage the water control structures may have sustained from Hurricane Laura. Mr. Broussard denies any significant damage, based on anecdotal evidence.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for a budget increase of \$177,843 for Monitoring and a budget increase in the amount of \$1,604,151 for O&M for the Sabine Refuge Water Control Structures Replacement (CS-23) and respectively.

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

10. Agenda Item 9. Decision: Request for a Change in Scope for the PPL25 - East Leeville Marsh Creation and Nourishment (BA-194)

Patrick Williams, NMFS, presented the request beginning with a timeline of Phase 0 and Phase 1 activities. He provided illustration of original project polygons, and indicated areas therein which have been eliminated from the design for various reasons – namely water depths, pipelines, land rights, and cultural resources. Mr. Williams also provided imagery of marsh creation areas to depict land loss from 2013 (when approved for Phase 0) to 2018. Thus, the change in scope reduces the acreage of feasible marsh creation. Mr. Williams continued with a description of design revisions and the rationale for them. He indicated that other possible funding sources would be sought for the removal of derelict pipelines, which would obstruct proposed project features. Lastly, he presented the budget estimate, pointing out that the percentage of change in both net acreage and cost/acre necessitate this scope change request.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for a Change in Scope for the East Leeville Marsh Creation and Nourishment (BA-194) project.

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

Mr. Roy interjected his opinion that scope changes should be considered earlier in the Phase 1 (E&D) process (perhaps just after the 30% Design review) rather than requesting a scope change just prior to Phase 2 competition (after investing in a 95% Design effort.) Mr. Lezina agreed with that idea and favors any attempt to make the program more efficient. Ms. McCormick clarified that the comments are not specific to or critical of the project just presented, but that in general, programmatic efficiencies are a fiscal responsibility in the use of public funds. Mr. Williams verbalized his appreciation of the comments, and agrees with principle of early scope changes. However, he pointed out that project modifications (which may or may not trigger a scope change) are potentially drastic between the 30% and 95% design reviews, especially in areas of the state where conditions are particularly challenging, or when conditions change rapidly. Ultimately Mr. Williams declared the need for (and his commitment to) more transparency throughout the analysis and design phases.

11. Agenda Item 10. Decision: Request for a Transfer of Approved O&M to Approved Monitoring for Coastwide Vegetative Plantings (LA-39)

Tommy McGinnis, CPRA, began his request with an overview of project intent, which is to provide a mechanism of timely response for vegetative plantings to occur. NRCS (federal sponsor) is largely responsible for E&D and construction contracts (O&M), and CPRA is largely responsible for addressing land rights issues and monitoring. Site selection occurs annually with an advisory panel; typically plantings occur within two years of selection. To date (over the ten-year life of the project) 36 plantings have occurred across the coast at a total cost of just under \$3.5 million. Monitoring is conducted through CPRA regional offices; activities include assessing vegetative cover (height, depth and coverage), collecting hydrologic data from CRMS sites and reporting. Mr. McGinnis provided a monitoring schedule, which indicates that future activities have been eliminated in order to accommodate previous expenditures. Therefore this request is to approve the transfer \$976,475 from existing O&M funds to the Monitoring budget to balance past allocations and complete anticipated monitoring for the remainder of the project life. Remaining O&M funds would be sufficient for selected plantings through Year 10 of the project. A revised Monitoring budget would total \$2,095,621; the transfer will not increase the total approved project cost.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for transfer \$976,475 from existing O&M funds to the Monitoring budget the Coastwide Vegetative Plantings (LA-39) project.

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

12. Agenda Item 11. Decision: Request for a Transfer of Approved O&M to Approved Monitoring for Grand-White Lakes Landbridge Protection (ME-19)

Leigh Anne Sharp, CPRA, succinctly requested approval to transfer \$29,912 from the O&M budget to the Monitoring budget for final monitoring and reporting as the project moves toward closeout. This request does not result in an increase of total approved project cost.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for transfer \$29,912 from existing O&M funds to the Monitoring budget for the Grand-White Lakes Landbridge Protection (ME-19) project.

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

13. Agenda Item 12. Decision: Request for Monitoring and O&M Budget Increases for the Cameron Creole Maintenance (CS-04a)

Ms. Sharp also presented the next request for increases in the Monitoring and O&M budgets for CS-04a. She reviewed project goals, which are primarily to control water and salinity levels, and provide real-time monitoring of isohaline levels within the area. She gave a history of the project, which was extended in 2017, and to which the CS-17 (Cameron Creole Plugs) project was added. Levee maintenance was transferred to the CS-04a O&M contract from the gravity drainage district in 2019. According to Ms. Sharp, monitoring of the real-time data, and corresponding operations by the contractor are conducted on a near-daily basis, and have been since 2012. She demonstrated graphically water and salinity levels and land change rates over the past 10-15 years. The current budget (approved when the project was extended) is insufficient to cover time, costs and effort associated with planning and implementation of Monitoring and O&M activities. A \$1,336,808 Monitoring budget increase and a \$3,259,349 O&M budget increase is thus requested; the increases are expected to cover such costs for the remainder of project life.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. None were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for an increase of \$1,336,808 in the Monitoring budget, and an increase of \$3,259,349 in the O&M budget for the Cameron Creole Maintenance (CS-04a) project.

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

14. Agenda Item 13. Decision: Request for O&M Budget Increase for the Oaks/ Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration (TV-13a)

Jody White, CPRA, began the presentation with an overview of project location, features and goals. She described the features that are functioning as purposed, and the most recent maintenance event. She provided photographic evidence of damage to the Cowpath Canal weir, pointing out that the damage preceded Hurricane Laura. Ms. White concluded with a breakdown of the budget to justify the request for an O&M budget increase in the amount of \$510,474, a total which would reconcile existing expenditure overages, replace the Cowpath Canal weir, and allow for additional CPRA administration.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee. Kevin Roy inquired about the design of the replacement weir. Ms. White affirmed that a rock pile weir would be constructed to replace the sheet pile weir. Mr. McGinnis clarified that the new weir will not include a boat bay. Pat Williams asked for more design clarification; Mr. McGinnis asserted that design height and other parameters were the same – only the materials will be different. Mr. Williams then expressed general concerns about the tendency to allocate funds for O&M and Monitoring increases rather than having the funds available for construction of new projects; he made a comparison to the previously discussed scope-change issue, and urged caution when considering such funding requests in the future.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to further comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for an increase of \$510,474 in the O&M Budget for the Oaks/ Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration (TV-13a) project.

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

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to pause the proceedings to address computer-recording issues. Ms. McCormick made the motion, which Mr. Williams seconded; the motion carried without opposition. The meeting was reconvened approximately seven minutes later with a first and second motion, and no opposition.

15. Agenda Item 14. Decision: Annual Request for Incremental Funding for FY23 Administrative Costs for Cash Flow Projects

Jernice Cheavis presented the this annual request on behalf of the USACE for funding approval in the amount of \$76,569 for FY23 administrative costs for cash flow projects beyond Increment 1. A list of the individual projects has been provided to the Technical Committee in their meeting documents.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the annual request for incremental for FY23 administrative costs for cash flow projects in the amount of \$76,569.

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

16. Agenda Item 15. Decision: Request for Funding for the CWPPRA Program's Technical Services

Michelle Fischer, USGS, presented the request for FY21 Technical Services for the CWPPRA program in the amount of \$216,546. She pointed out that the slight increase is for personnel salaries. She also specified technical services rendered, particularly LACoast.gov hosting, CWPPRA website content, and geospatial support for Phase 2 projects.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the annual request for request for FY21 Technical Services for the CWPPRA program in the amount of \$216,546.

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

17. Agenda Item 16. Decision: Request for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Incremental Funding

Kent Bollfrass, CPRA, presented the Technical Committee with the umbrella request for total FY23 O&M incremental funding in the amount of \$6,151,178 and O&M budget increases in the total amount of \$85,000. He began with PPL 9+ projects and highlighted projects requesting incremental finding above \$100,000*.

- a. PPL 9+ Projects requesting approval for FY23 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$3,079,907 for the following projects:
 - Barataria Landbridge Shoreline Protection- Phase 3 (BA-27c)
Increment Funding Request: \$100,000 (*for anticipated maintenance)
 - Hydrologic Restoration and vegetative Plantings in the Des Allemands Swamp (BA-34-2)
Incremental Funding Request: \$13,021
 - Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery System (BA-39)
Incremental Funding Request: \$4,467
 - Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation (BA-48)
Incremental Funding Request: \$4,093
 - Grand Liard Marsh and Ridge Restoration (BA-68)
Incremental Funding Request: \$7,688
 - Black Bayou Culverts Hydrologic Restoration (CS-29)
Incremental Funding Request: \$36,928
 - East Sabine Refuge Hydrologic Restoration (CS-32)
Incremental Funding Request: \$967,981 (*Maintenance for foreshore rock & weir repair)
 - Cameron Creole Grand Bayou Marsh Creation (CS-54)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,109
 - Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b)
Incremental Funding Request: \$1,650,043 (*for typical annual request for program administration and participant payments)
 - Coastwide Vegetative Plantings (LA-39)
Incremental Funding Request: \$8,650
 - Freshwater Introduction South of Highway 82 (ME-16)
Incremental Funding Request: \$15,977
 - South White Lake Shoreline Protection (ME-22)
Incremental Funding Request: \$9,180

- Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection (PO-30)
Incremental Funding Request: \$164,599 (*maintenance to remove debris & permitting)
- Goose Point/ Point Platte Marsh Creation (PO-33)
Incremental Funding Request: \$9,172
- Timbalier Island Dune and Marsh Creation (TE-40)
Incremental Funding Request: \$5,000
- Whiskey Island Back Barrier Marsh Creation (TE-50)
Incremental Funding Request: \$7,539
- Four Mile Canal Terracing and Sediment Trapping (TV-18)
Incremental Funding Request: \$52,000
- East Marsh Island Marsh Creation (TV-21)
Incremental Funding Request: \$15,460

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve the request for FY23 O&M incremental funding for PPL 9+ Projects totaling \$3,079,907.

Decision: Mr. Lezina made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. McCormick; the motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Bolfrass continued the request with PPL 1-8 projects, highlighting those requesting incremental funding above \$100,000*.

- b. PPL 1-8 Project requesting approval for FY23 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$3,071,271 and budget increases in the total amount of \$85,000 for the following projects:

- Cameron Creole Maintenance (CS-04a)
Incremental Funding Request: \$822,800 (*iterated in item #12)
- Replace Sabine Refuge Water Control Structures at Headquarters Canal, West Cove Canal, and Hog Island Gully (CS-23)
Incremental Funding Request: \$1,604,151 (*iterated in item #8)
- Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation Cycles 4 & 5 (CS-28-4-5)
Incremental Funding Request: \$48,846
- Bayou Chevee Shoreline Protection (PO-22)
Budget Increase Amount: \$85,000 (*for warning sign installation prior to closing)
Incremental Funding Request: \$85,000
- Oaks/ Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration, Increment 1 (TV-13a)
Incremental Funding Request: \$510,474 (*iterated in item #13)

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve FY23 O&M incremental funding in the total amount of \$3,071,271 and budget increases in the total amount of \$85,000 for PPL 1-8 Projects as outline above.

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

Mr. Williams interjected a question about the status of the “programmatic signage initiative.” Mr. Bollfrass responded with assurances that the development of cost estimates and land rights protocols are ensuing; those will be brought to the P&E subcommittee prior to presentation before the Technical Committee.

18. Agenda Item 17. Decision: Request for Monitoring Incremental Funding

Mr. Bollfrass presented the Technical Committee with the umbrella request for FY23 incremental funding in the total amount of \$11,910,580 and budget increases in the total amount of \$137,047, highlighting those requesting incremental funding above \$100,000*.

- a. PPL 9+ Projects requesting approval for FY23 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$1,392,529 and budget increases in the total amount of \$137,047 for the following projects:

- Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b)
Incremental Funding Request: \$116,610 (*typical annual coastwide survey and reporting)
- Coastwide Vegetative Plantings (LA-39)
Incremental Funding Request: \$920,749 (*iterated in item #10)
- Barataria Basin Landbridge Shoreline Protection (BA-27c)
Incremental Funding Request: \$5,515
- Little Lake Shoreline Protection/ Dredging Near Round Lake (BA-37)
Incremental Funding Request: \$39,196
- Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery System (BA-39)
Budget Increase Amount: \$137,047
Incremental Funding Request: \$121,631 (*for the remainder of monitoring & reporting)
- Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation (BA-42)
Incremental Funding Request: \$2,163
- Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery- Marsh Creation #3 and Terracing (BA-164)
Incremental Funding Request: \$24,172
- Delta Management at Fort St. Philip (BS-11)
Incremental Funding Request: \$36,928
- Black Bayou Culverts Hydrologic Restoration (CS-29)
Incremental Funding Request: \$81,141
- Grand-White Lakes Landbridge Protection (ME-19)
Incremental Funding Request: \$29,912
- Bayou Bonfouca Marsh Creation (PO-104)
Incremental Funding Request: \$1,965

- East Marsh Island Marsh Creation (TV-21)
Incremental Funding Request: \$12,547

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve FY23 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$1,392,529 and budget increases in the total amount of \$137, 047 for PPL 9+ Projects as outlined above.

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

Mr. Bolfrass continued the request with PPL 1-8 projects, highlighting those requesting incremental funding above \$100,000*.

- b. PPL 1-8 Project requesting approval for FY23 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$518,051 for the following projects:
 - Cameron Creole Maintenance (CS-04a)
Incremental Funding Request: \$258,054 (*item #12)
 - Replace Sabine Refuge Water Control Structures at Headquarters Canal, West Cove Canal, and Hog Island Gully (CS-23)
Incremental Funding Request: \$177,843 (*item #8)
 - Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation Cycle 3 (CS-28-3)
Incremental Funding Request: \$40,500
 - Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation Cycles 4 & 5 (CS-28-4-5)
Incremental Funding Request: \$41,654

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve FY23 Monitoring incremental funding in the total amount of \$518,051 for PPL 1-8 Projects as outlined above.

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

Finally, Mr. Bolfrass presented the request for FY23 incremental funding for CRMS.

- c. Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) requesting approval for FY23 incremental funding in the total amount of \$10,000,000
 - Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (LA-30)
Incremental Funding Request: \$10,000,000 (*typical annual request for the past two years)

Ms. Bradley opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public. No more were proffered.

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to approve FY23 incremental funding in the total amount of \$10,000,000 CRMS as outlined above.

Decision: Mr. Lezina made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. McCormick; the motion carried without opposition.

19. Agenda Item 18. Additional Agenda Items (Sarah Bradley, USACE)

None were proffered

20. Agenda Item 19. Request for Public Comments (Sarah Bradley, USACE)

None were proffered

21. Agenda Item 20. Announcement: Dates of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting

Kaitlyn Carriere sated that the next CWPPRA Task Force meeting will be held October 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; it is likely that the proceedings will be conducted virtually.

22. Agenda Item 21. Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings

Ms. Carriere continued to iterate upcoming dates:

October 29, 2020	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	TBD
December 3, 2020	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	TBD
January 2020	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	TBD

*Dates are subject to change. Please check back with lacoast.gov for the latest calendar.

Ms. Bradley called for final Technical Committee comments. Mr. Roy declared his understanding that the CRMS program had been awarded funding from NRDA through LATIG in the amount of approximately \$12 million for the next three years; he invited others to clarify any details regarding this news. Ms. Sharp affirmed that declaration, with a reminder that in 2017 CWPPRA approved a CRMS 20-year planning budget capped at \$10 million. At that time CPRA was tasked with investigating other funding sources. This award from NRDA is the successful result of those attempts. Ms. McCormick commended CPRA for their efforts, asserting the value of the CRMS program. She commended the staff of USACE as well, for their efforts to conduct these virtual proceedings on behalf of the CWPPRA Program.

23. Agenda Item 22. Decision: Adjourn

Ms. Bradley called for a motion to adjourn today's proceedings.

Decision: Ms. McCormick made the motion, which Mr. Williams seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.