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**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION
AND RESTORATION ACT**

TASK FORCE MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 1994

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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TASK FORCE MEETING

4 February 1994

9:30 a.m.*

- I. Introductions
- II. Presentation to the Family of Charles W. "Bill" Savant
- III. Adoption of Minutes from the 1 October 1993 Meeting
- IV. Status of Tasks from the October 1993 Meeting Requiring Further Action
 - a. i. report on public outreach program (NOD PAO)
 - ii. consideration of a proposal for a documentary video from WLAE TV
 - b. report on CPG status
 - c. report on scientific advisors program
 - d. report on FY 93 expenditures (lead agencies)
 - e. development of new procedure for selection of Priority Project Lists
- V. Status of Development of the State Conservation Plan
- VI. Report on Status of Priority Project List Projects (lead agencies)
- VII. Signing of Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan Report
- VIII. Report on Selection of Fiscal Year 1994 Feasibility Studies
- IX. Additional Agenda Items
- X. Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting
- XI. Request for Written Questions from the Public

* There will be an informal reception in honor of Bill Savant's family prior to the start of the meeting (9:15).

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND
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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TASK FORCE PROCEDURES

I. Task Force Meetings and Attendance

A. Scheduling/Location

The Task Force will hold regular meetings quarterly, or more often if necessary to carry out its responsibilities. When possible, regular meetings will be scheduled as to time and location prior to the adjournment of any preceding regular meeting.

Special meetings may be called upon request and with the concurrence of a majority of the Task Force members, in which case, the Chairperson will schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Emergency meetings may be called upon request and with the unanimous concurrence of all members of the Task Force at the call of the Chairperson. When deemed necessary by the Chairperson, such meetings can be held via telephone conference call provided that a record of the meeting is made and that any actions taken are affirmed at the next regular or special meeting.

B. Delegation of Attendance

The appointed members of the Task Force may delegate authority to participate and actively vote on the Task Force to a substitute of their choice. Notice of such delegation shall be provided in writing to the Task Force Chairperson prior to the opening of the meeting.

C. Staff Participation

Each member of the Task Force may bring colleagues, staff or other assistants/advisors to the meetings. These individuals may participate fully in the meeting discussions but will not be allowed to vote.

D. Public Participation (see Public Involvement Program)

All Task Force meetings will be open to the public. Interested parties may submit written questions or comments that will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

II. Administrative Procedures

A. Quorum

A quorum of the Task Force shall be a simple majority of the appointed members of the Task Force, or their designated representatives.

B. Voting

Whenever possible, the Task Force shall resolve issues by consensus. Otherwise, issues will be decided by a simple majority vote, with each member of the Task Force having one vote. The Task Force Chairperson may vote on any issue, but must vote to break a tie. All votes shall be via voice and individual votes shall be recorded in the minutes, which shall be public documents.

C. Agenda Development/Approval

The agenda will be developed by the Chairperson's staff. Task Force members or Technical Committee Chairpersons may submit agenda items to the Chairperson in advance. The agenda will be distributed to each Task Force member (and others on an distribution list maintained by the Chairperson's staff) within two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Additional agenda items may be added by any Task Force member at the beginning of a meeting.

D. Minutes

The Chairperson will arrange for minutes of all meetings to be taken and distributed within two weeks after a meeting is held to all Task Force members and others on the distribution list.

E. Distribution of Information/Products

All information and products developed by the Task Force members or their staffs will be distributed to all Task Force members normally within two weeks in advance of any proposed action in order to allow adequate time for review and comment, unless the information/product is developed at the meeting or an emergency situation occurs.

III. Miscellaneous

A. Liability Disclaimer

To the extent permitted by the law of the State of Louisiana and Federal regulations, neither the Task Force nor any of its members individually shall be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of an employee, agent or representative selected with reasonable care, nor for anything the Task Force may do or refrain from doing in good faith, including the following: errors in judgement, acts done or committed on advice of counsel, or mistakes of fact or law.

B. Conflict of Interest

No member of the Task Force (or designated representative) shall participate in any decision or vote which would constitute a conflict of interest under Federal or State law. Any potential conflicts of interest must clearly be stated by the member prior to any discussion on the agenda item.

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February 4, 1994

**PRESENTATION TO THE FAMILY OF
CHARLES W. "BILL" SAVANT**

The Task Force will present copies of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan report and EIS dedicated to the memory of Charles W. "Bill" Savant to his family.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING

October 1, 1993

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the eleventh meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:45 a.m. on October 1, 1993, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 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 Records for the Task Force meeting are attached as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. With the exception of Mr. Rhoades, who was represented by Mr. Norm Thomas, all were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. James Pulliam, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. William Fox, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on May 20, 1993, were approved unanimously with no discussion (the minutes are attached as Enclosure 3). Mr. Gohmert made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Thomas seconded it. [1/100-110]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

- A. Mr. Oscar Rowe (chairman, Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee) presented the fiscal year 1994 budget (Enclosure 4) of \$4.2 million as recommended by the Technical Committee. He noted that \$800,000 was left unbudgeted for other

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items such as feasibility studies, outreach efforts, etc. Colonel Diffley expressed concern about the size of the budget and the relatively small amount of money left to do feasibility studies. Dr. Len Bahr expressed the State's desire to get started on feasibility studies of large projects. This prompted a lengthy discussion of the issue. Colonel Diffley described his vision of the way the Task Force should approach implementation of the comprehensive Restoration Plan. He said that CWPPRA planning funds (100 percent Federal) should be used to develop large-scale projects to the feasibility level; individual agencies must then take over the projects to find funding for construction. The State, as the cost-sharing partner for any projects which would be constructed, should determine which feasibility studies would be accomplished. [1/641-2/end]

Motion by Mr. Thomas: That the Task Force approve the fiscal year 1994 budget as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Dr. Fox

Approved unanimously.

- B. Mr. Robert Schroeder (chairman, Technical Committee) presented the Technical Committee's recommendation to adopt a standardized status report for CWPPRA priority list projects. [3/0-34]

Motion by Mr. Thomas: That the Task Force adopt a standardized status report for CWPPRA priority list projects as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Dr. Bahr

Approved unanimously.

- C. Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for the 3rd Priority Project List. Mr. Thomas wished to postpone the vote and reconvene the Technical Committee to further review several projects which were opposed by one or more agencies. Dr. Bahr noted that the State supported the proposed list, and asked for a vote at this meeting. Dr. Fox and Mr. Gohmert each expressed a willingness to review those projects to which some agencies had objections, but both wanted a vote at this meeting. Mark Davis (Director, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana) asked the Task Force to postpone the vote to allow participation by the Citizen Participation Group (CPG), which he maintained had not been involved in the selection process; Mrs. Hawes pointed out that the candidate projects had been presented at a CPG meeting at the Louisiana Nature Center (August 23, 1993).

Mr. Thomas began the discussion of projects by presenting a list of proposed projects to be substituted for three projects which he believed ought not to be recommended by the Task Force: Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration; Replace Hog Island, West Cove, and Headquarters Control Structures; and Cameron-Creole Maintenance (see Enclosure 5 for the proposed substitutions). Mr. Thomas asserted that the Cote Blanche area is undergoing natural growth; Ms. Faye Talbot (SCS) maintained that the proposed project would make better use

of natural processes and should show results very quickly. Mr. Darryl Clark (LDNR) observed that the project has been on the State list for several years. Mr. Thomas stated his opposition to the Replace Hog Island, etc. Control Structures project, noting that the structures in question are relatively new and the project area is already protected. Mr. Rick Hartman (NMFS) suggested that most of the project's benefits were attributable to a single structure, and that incremental analysis of this project would be appropriate. The discussion of the Cameron-Creole project centered around the question of dedicating a large sum of money toward maintenance of an existing project whose local sponsor was not able to meet its financial obligations.

Mr. Pulliam expressed concern with the Red Mud demonstration project, wishing to ensure that no CWPPRA funds would be spent on construction until toxicity testing was completed and the material was shown to be safe for use as marsh substrate. Mrs. Sue Hawes (USACE) pointed out that an Environmental Assessment (of which toxicity testing will be a part) must be done prior to construction. Col. Diffley noted that the EA, including toxicity testing, will be completed before the project is funded for construction. [3/35-5/238]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve the 3rd Priority Project List as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Pulliam

Motion by Dr. Fox: Amend the motion on the floor so as to defer consideration of the Hog Island project (to be remanded to the Technical Committee for additional analysis, including incrementalization) and the Cameron-Creole project (to be remanded to the Technical Committee for determination of the 5-year maintenance cost).

Second: Mr. Thomas

In favor: Dr. Fox and Mr. Thomas

Opposed: Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Pulliam, and Col. Diffley

In favor (of motion by Dr. Bahr): Messrs. Gohmert and Pulliam, Dr. Fox, and Col. Diffley

Opposed: Mr. Thomas

The 3rd Priority Project List as approved by the Task Force is attached as Enclosure 6.

- D. Colonel Diffley presented the Technical Committee's recommendation to dedicate the Restoration Plan report to Bill Savant. [5/413-450]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force approve the recommendation of the Technical Committee to dedicate the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan report to the memory of Mr. Charles W. "Bill" Savant.

Second: Mr. Pulliam

Passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mrs. Sue Hawes (Project Manager for the Environment, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District) reported on the status of the CPG, the effort to formalize the involvement of the scientific community, and the need to improve public outreach. She stated that the CPG is exempt from the Federal Advisory Committees Act as long as the members participate as individuals and the CPG is not called upon to achieve consensus and provide recommendations as a group.

Mrs. Hawes reported that the scientific community would be formally brought into the process through a cooperative agreement between LUMCON and the EPA. The group should consist of about twelve members of different disciplines to be recommended by the Task Force. The cost will be \$50,000 to \$75,000. Mr. Thomas promised his agency's cooperation.

Ms. Hawes next advised the Task Force of the need to establish a formal public outreach program, including a newsletter; slide shows; media invitations to groundbreakings; media briefings; and annual briefings for higher agency authorities, national groups, and legislators. This work is not presently budgeted for the current fiscal year. Colonel Diffley recommended his Public Affairs Officer as a point of contact for the effort. [1/110-375]

- B. Mr. Thomas informed the Task Force that little progress had been made recently on the development of the State Conservation Plan. He expected to move forward again after the Restoration Plan and 3rd Priority Project List were finalized. [1/393-418]
- C. Dr. Jimmy Johnson (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Research Center) presented the results of an analysis of wetlands loss data. The annual loss rate between 1978 and 1990 of 34.9 sq.mi. was higher than the previous U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimate. [1/419-640]
- D. Mr. Rowe informed the Task Force that the scheduled date for submission of the Restoration Plan report and EIS to EPA had slipped to November 19, 1993; the Notice of Availability will appear in the Federal Register on November 26. Dr. Len Bahr requested time for agency review of the final report. He was concerned that issues such as flood control should be addressed. Mr. Rowe pointed out the large volume of comments to be resolved and promised to contact all of the participating agencies during the following week to discuss the matter, as well as schedule a Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Schroeder extended an invitation to all of the other agencies to send personnel to his office to provide assistance for the effort. [5/274-412]

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. Colonel Diffley, at the end of Ms. Hawes' presentation, requested that the following items be placed on the agenda for the next Task Force Meeting: [1/275-375]
- 1) A report on the next CPG meeting.
 - 2) A report by the Corps' Public Affairs Officer on the development of the outreach program, including a budget proposal.
 - 3) A report by Mr. Thomas on the status of the EPA's cooperative agreement with the scientific advisory group.
- B. Colonel Diffley asked Mr. Rowe to provide a breakdown of FY93 expenditures at the next Task Force meeting. [2/0-5]
- C. Colonel Diffley directed Mr. Schroeder to develop a new process for selecting priority list projects. The process should include adequate CPG and scientific participation. The revised selection process should be submitted to the agencies for their approval prior to the next Task Force meeting, at which Mr. Schroeder will report on the status of that procedure. [5/250-268]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Dr. Bahr advised the Task Force of the need to address the concerns of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation regarding the Bonnet Carré Freshwater Diversion project. He referred to Governor Edwards' endorsement of a request that the Task Force set up a committee to develop an outfall management plan for the project to increase wetlands benefits and enhance water quality. Colonel Diffley said that the Corps would pursue that effort under its own authority until a project could be developed which would be appropriate for funding under the CWPPRA or until the Corps reached an impasse and requested the assistance of the Task Force. [5/477-562]

VIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

No specific date was set for the next Task Force meeting. Colonel Diffley suggested that it be held between January 5 and January 25, 1994. Mr. Gohmert asked that several dates be circulated for consideration.

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Gohmert seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

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ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

October 1, 1993

AGENDA

- I. **Introductions**
 - A. Task Force Members or Alternates
 - B. Other Attendees
 - C. Opening Remarks by Task Force Members
- II. **Adoption of Minutes from the May 1993 Meeting**
- III. **Status of Tasks from May 1993 Meeting Requiring Further Action**

Formal involvement of Scientists and Citizen Participation Group--Mrs. Hawes
- IV. **Status of Development of the State Conservation Plan--Mr. Thomas**
- V. **Summary of National Wetlands Research Center Analysis of Wetlands Loss Data, 1978-1988--Dr. Johnston**
- VI. **Fiscal Year 1994 Budget**
 - A. Recommendation of Technical Committee--Mr. Rowe
 - B. Discussion and Action by Task Force
- VII. **Preparation of Standardized Status Reports for Priority List Projects**
 - A. Recommendation of Technical Committee--Mr. Schroeder
 - B. Discussion and Action by Task Force
- VIII. **Selection of 3rd Priority Project List**
 - A. Recommendation of Technical Committee--Mr. Schroeder
 - B. Discussion and Action by Task Force
- IX. **Schedule Change for the Final Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan Report and EIS--Mr. Rowe**

- X. Dedication of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan Report and EIS to Charles W. "Bill" Savant**
 - A. Recommendation of Technical Committee--Mr. Schroeder
 - B. Discussion and Action by Task Force
- XI. Additional Agenda Items**
- XII. Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting**
- XIII. Request for Written Questions from the Public**

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
October 1, 1993

ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Encl 2



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 1 Oct 93	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION Planning Division	LOCATION District Assembly Room
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PURPOSE Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act Task Force Meeting

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ENCLOSURE 3

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 1993, TASK FORCE MEETING

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
May 20, 1993

MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the tenth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:55 a.m. on May 20, 1993, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 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 Records for the Task Force meeting are attached as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. With the exception of Mr. Rhoades, who was represented by Mr. Norm Thomas, all were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. David Frugé, U.S. Department of the Interior (Acting)
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Tim Osborn, U.S. Department of Commerce (Acting)
Col. Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Task Force meeting held on April 6, 1993, were reviewed. Mr. Thomas requested a clarification of the decision concerning demonstration projects, stating his understanding that demonstration projects should stand alone and that costs could exceed the imposed \$2 million cap if warranted. He could accept the minutes with that understanding. Col. Diffley agreed with Mr. Thomas' statement. A motion to accept the minutes of that meeting was made by Mr. Frugé and seconded by Dr. Bahr, and the minutes (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved. [1/46-85]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

- A. The Task Force unanimously passed a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding cultural resources reports. Mr. Oscar Rowe explained that the SHPO had agreed to accept a management summary from federal agencies with a staff archaeologist in lieu of waiting for a final report before issuing formal comments, saving six to eight weeks in the construction schedule. Mr. Ruebsamen had amended the motion to allow the District Commander, New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to sign the agreement for the Task Force. The motion was made by Mr. Gohmert and seconded by Mr. Frugé. [1/101-243]
- B. Col. Diffley tabled discussion of a proposal to use project construction funds for aerial photography on all priority list projects regardless of the status of the cost sharing agreements for particular projects. The National Wetlands Research Center had requested funds to conduct aerial photography of all projects on the first Priority Project List. The consensus which evolved during the discussion was that too much uncertainty exists on many of the projects to warrant expenditures for aerial photographs of all of them at this time. [1/328-475]

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Thomas presented the status of the State Conservation Plan, which is presently in development. He advised the Task Force that the State needs help in drafting its proposal for the plan. Specifically, definitions for such terms as "no net loss" and "developmental activity" must be determined. He is considering issuing the State a small grant for the development of the proposal. [1/252-325]

¹ The Task Force meeting was recorded on audio tape. These bracketed figures represent the Tape#/Counter# for the discussion of this item. Multiple tape/counter numbers are used when an item is discussed more than once during the meeting.

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. The Task Force representatives furnished comments on the Preliminary Draft Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan. Others in attendance were then afforded the opportunity to comment on the preliminary draft report. Col. Diffley directed that the report be revised for submittal to EPA on 18 June 1993. [1/480-end, 2/all, 3/all, 4/all, 5/all, 6/all]
- B. Col. Diffley directed Mr. Robert Schroeder to consult with the New Orleans District's Office of Counsel regarding the procedure for formal involvement of the academic community and the Citizen Participation Group. [6/274-353]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items were offered.

VIII. DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The Task Force did not set a date for its next meeting.

IX. Questions from the Public

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. Adjournment

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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ENCLOSURE 4
FISCAL YEAR 1994 BUDGET

Encl 4

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
 FY 1994 Budget Proposal
 Allocation of Cost and Associated Manpower

29 Sep 93

Activity	Dept of Agriculture Soil Conservation Svc		Dept of the Army US Army Corps of Engns		Dept of Commerce (2 Agencies)		Dept of Interior (4 Agencies)		Environmental Protection Agency		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)	Mnhrs	Cost (\$)
Work Items-Detailed Planning Schedule														
Hired Labor Items														
Restoration Plan														
RP 0310				30,299					210	6,360	409	9,100	0	30,299
RP 0320	4,900			5,584	200	7,040			74	2,360	68	2,070	0	32,984
RP 0330	22,744										68	2,070	0	22,744
RP 0340		577									68	2,070	142	4,430
RP 0350		6,032		62,004	120	4,360			200	5,680	365	8,300	715	86,376
RP 1010		23,627		137,195	160	5,360			400	11,680	1,129	25,600	755	203,462
RP 1100		16,497		18,957	64	1,920			220	7,040	501	12,400	1,593	56,814
RP 1120		20,149		33,346					110	3,520	501	12,400	721	69,415
RP 1130		5,718		4,975	180	6,120			60	1,720	143	4,100	791	22,633
RP 1140		9,387		25,464	40	1,200			20	600	143	4,100	243	40,751
RP 1150		3,287		8,630	80	2,960			80	2,560	204	6,200	304	23,397
RP 1160		6,346		25,464	80	3,360			30	1,000	143	4,100	223	36,910
RP 1170		3,344		970	80	3,360			30	1,000	204	6,200	314	15,774
RP 1180		10,327		21,221	32	960			30	1,200	286	6,200	376	39,908
Total Restoration Plan		132,895		373,929	956	33,280			1,454	45,600	4,204	102,340	7,065	688,544
2nd Priority Project List														
SR 2010		9,550		3,255	400	14,080			20	600			420	27,485
Subtotal 2nd List		9,550		3,255	400	14,080			20	600			420	27,485
3rd Priority Project List														
PL 313A		4,638		2,892										7,530
PL 3140				37,088										37,088
PL 3136				3,154	8	240			40	1,400	60	1,200		5,994
PL 3138				26,520	16	480			16	560	60	1,200		28,760
PL 3170				2,547	80	3,160			60	2,070	68	2,070	208	12,964
PL 3175				3,584					10	300	45	800	55	10,636
PL 3180				3,530					40	1,500	45	800	101	7,809
PL 3200				458					20	1,000	45	800	45	4,198
PL 3210											532	12,880	632	12,880
SR 3010		16,837		62,890	128	4,512			186	6,780	955	19,750	1,063	129,829
Subtotal 3rd List		16,837		62,890	128	4,512			186	6,780	955	19,750	1,063	129,829

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 Allocation of Cost and Associated Manpower

Activity	Dept of Agriculture Soil Conservation Srs		Dept of the Army US Army Corps of Engrs		Dept of Commerce (2 Awardees)		Dept of Interior (4 Awardees)		Environmental Protection Agency		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)
4th Priority Project List														
PL 4020		29,450		60,400	1,010	37,010			340	10,080	683	14,780	2,033	151,720
PL 4030		5,651		22,585	280	10,460			130	4,120	592	13,518	992	55,734
PL 4040		19,292		24,414	60	1,940			220	7,040	533	11,600	813	64,286
PL 4060		2,692		2,910	80	2,400			220	6,600	143	4,100	443	18,702
PL 4070		100,168		62,705	184	5,808			160	4,880	296	6,200	640	159,761
PL 4080		148,749		160,103	480	17,280			220	6,080	1,164	26,400	1,864	358,612
PL 4090		4,655		7,275	40	1,200			50	1,580	68	2,070	158	16,780
PL 4110		70,557		31,525	440	15,600			100	3,280	365	7,600	905	128,962
PL 4120		27,571		14,610	200	6,960			400	12,840	767	15,800	1,417	77,781
PL 4130		7,116		14,530	40	1,680			48	1,504	296	6,200	384	31,050
PL 4140		29,562		9,780	100	3,480			80	2,400	143	4,100		43,242
PL 4150		23,130		4,850	84	2,808			200	6,400	296	6,200		43,388
PL 4160		17,168		4,850	72	2,544			80	2,640	296	6,200		33,402
PL 4170		1,822		1,940	56	1,792			60	2,000	68	2,070		9,624
PL 4180		2,452		1,940					32	1,120	140	4,100		9,612
PL 4190		7,087		10,066	80	2,952			60	2,000	68	2,070		24,175
PL 4200		3,556		7,487	100	3,520			60	2,000	68	2,070		18,633
PL 4210		3,615		41,633	80	2,880			20	600	143	4,100		52,628
PL 4220		3,034		4,421	32	960			32	1,120	143	4,100		10,645
PL 4230		4,999		28,338	16	480			10	300	143	4,100		34,697
PL 4240				2,547	16	480			24	800	143	4,100		7,927
Subtotal 4th List	0	506,126	0	698,849	3,434	121,754	0	0	2,450	79,384	6,476	149,448	10,736	1,385,561
Total Priority List	0	506,126	0	698,849	3,434	121,754	0	0	2,450	79,384	6,476	149,448	10,736	1,385,561
Total Hired Labor	0	665,408	0	959,923	4,910	173,626	0	0	4,110	132,564	11,635	272,038	19,283	2,201,619

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Activity	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of the Army		Dept of Commerce		Dept of Interior		Environmental		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Soil Conservation Bx	US Army Corps of Engng	12 Agencies	14 Agencies	Protection Agency	State of Louisiana	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)
Other Costs														
Graphics														
Printing														
Travel					22,000				40,090		6,700			68,790
Contracts					90,000				190,000		40,554			320,554
Other					15,000						20,400			35,400
Total Other	0	0			127,000				230,090		67,654			424,744
Overhead					99,661				93,891		97,368			230,060
Contingencies														0
Total--Detailed Pmg Schedule	0	0	4,910	0	400,287	0	0	4,110	595,545	11,635	437,000	19,283	2,856,223	
Added Items														
Hired Labor	147,047	470,000			100,000						64,000	0	1,267,047	
Other Costs														
Graphics														
Printing														
Travel														
Contracts														
Other														
Total Other	0	0			0				0		64,500			64,500
Overhead											19,470			19,470
Contingencies														0
Total--Added Items	0	470,000	0	0	100,000	0	484,000	0	0	0	149,970	0	1,351,017	
Total Budget Proposal	0	1,428,923	4,910	500,287	484,000	4,310	395,545	4,310	586,970	11,635	586,970	19,283	4,207,240	

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ENCLOSURE 5

**EPA'S PROPOSED SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE
3RD PRIORITY PROJECT LIST**

EPA PROPOSED CHANGES TO PPL #3

ADD

XTV - 19	Little Vermilion Bay Sediment	1,516,000
BS - 5	Bayou Lamoque Outfall Management	534,000
XPO - 83	Lake Athanasio Spit Marsh Creation	1,040,000
PBS - 6	Grand Bay Crevasse	1,776,000
XAT - 6	Atchafalaya Booster Pump Marsh Creation	1,091,000
XTV - 26	Two Mouth Bayou Freshwater Div.	615,000
BS3B - 6A	Lake Lery Pump Outfall	3,039,000
XEA - 1C	Grand Pierre Island Restoration	3,301,000
CS 4a	Cameron-Creole Structures Maintenance	<u>500,000</u>
		13,412,000

DROP

TV - 4	Cote Blanche Hydro Rest.	5,173,000
XCS 47,48, etc.	Replace Hog Island Control Structures	4,583,000
CS - 4a	Cameron-Creole Maintenance	<u>3,719,000</u>
		13,475,000

DEFERRED

XME - 22	Pecan Island Terracing	1,231,000
XCS - 14	Trigud Bayou	762,000

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ENCLOSURE 6

THE 3RD PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

3rd Priority Project List

Project Number	Project Name	Basin	Lead Agency	Cost Effectiveness (\$/AAHU)	Fully Funded Cost (\$)	Cumulative Cost (\$)
XPO-71	MRGO Back Dike Marsh Prot	Pont	USACE	100	532,000	532,000
BA-4c	West Pt.-a-la-Hache Outfall Mgmt	Bar	SCS	140	881,000	1,413,000
XMR-10	Channel Armor Gap Crevasse	Miss R	USACE	286	808,000	2,221,000
TV-4	Cote Blanche Hydro Rest	T/V	SCS	371	5,173,000	7,394,000
XBA-65a	B. Perot/B. Rigolettes Marsh	Bar	NMF	380	1,835,000	9,229,000
CS-4a	Cameron-Creole Maintenance	Calc	SCS	437	3,719,000	12,948,000
PMR-9b	Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse	Miss R	USACE	440	2,858,000	15,806,000
XTE-67	E. Timbalier Restoration	Terr	NMF	686	2,047,000	17,853,000
XCS-47,48i, etc.	Replace Hog Island etc. Cntrl Structs	Calc	FWS	753	4,582,000	22,435,000
BS-4a	White's Ditch Outfall Mgmt	Bret	SCS	781	756,000	23,191,000
PTE-23/26a/33	L. Chapeau Mrsh Crtn and HR	Terr	NMF	876	4,149,000	27,340,000
PTE-15bi	Whiskey Island Restoration	Terr	EPA	922	4,844,000	32,184,000
PTE-26b	Brady Canal Hydro Rest	Terr	SCS	1,017	4,718,000	36,902,000
PO-9a	Violet Freshwater Distribution	Pont	SCS	3,305	1,821,000	38,723,000
Demonstration Projects						
BA-15	L. Salvador Shore Protection Demo	Bar	NMF	586	1,445,000	40,168,000
PME-6	SW Shore White Lake Demo	Merm	SCS	1,840	126,000	40,294,000
XTE-43	Modified Red Mud Demo	Terr	EPA	N/A	350,000	40,644,000
Deferred Projects						
BS-5	B. Lamoque Outfall Mgmt	Bret	SCS	357	534,000	41,178,000
XTV-19	Little Vermilion Bay Sed Trap	T/V	NMF	800	1,516,000	42,694,000

USACE U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
 EPA Environmental Protection Agency
 FWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 NMF National Marine Fisheries Service
 SCS Soil Conservation Service

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TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE
PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Mr. Jim Addison will brief the Task Force on the status of efforts to formalize a program for public involvement and education.

CWPPRA TASK FORCE
PUBLIC OUTREACH STRATEGY
FY 1994

1. Improve dissemination of information to the public

- A. Establish mailing list consisting of elected officials and key staff of participating federal, state and local agencies; interested citizens (from attendance sign-in sheets at past public meetings); national and state environmental organizations; libraries; and state news media, to include state-wide university media.
- B. Publish a ^{semi-annual}~~biannual~~ four to eight-page newsletter containing:
 - * Reports by lead agencies on priority projects
 - * Reports by basin captains on status of Basin Plans
 - * Financial report (planning and construction expenditures)

2. Publicize specific CWPPRA projects

- A. Issue news releases for construction start-ups and completions.
- B. Invite media to selected groundbreakings and project completion ceremonies, and site visits to projects under construction.
- C. Prepare maps, photos and graphics for use by print and electronic media.
- D. Produce simple brochures for selected projects to provide to the media, public and local tour guides. Produce maps of easily accessible project sites for local tour guides.

3. Celebrate annual progress

- A. Hold press briefings in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Houma/Morgan City, Lafayette, and Lake Charles after project lists are finalized.
- B. Prepare a traveling exhibit to spotlight CWPPRA activities at conferences, schools and public events.
- C. Prepare annual briefings for higher authorities of Task Force agencies and the congressional delegation.
- D. Publish a color brochure showing completed projects in FY 95.

4. Support public meetings

- * Involve Public Affairs in early planning for public meetings to improve advance publicity, media coverage and public participation.

5. Conduct a Speakers Bureau Program

- A. Identify groups and organizations as potential audiences for speakers.
- B. Identify and publicize Speakers Bureau participants.
- C. Invite and coordinate speaking engagements.
- D. Produce/maintain current slide presentation for Speakers Bureau use.

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**CWPPRA PROJECTS SCHEDULED
FOR START OR FINISH
FY 1994**

Priority Project List 1

- 1. Bayou LaBranche Wetland Creation**
Start: 1/94
Federal sponsor: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Cost: \$4 M
- 2. GIWW to Clovelly**
Start: 3/94
Federal sponsor: Soil Conservation Service
Cost: \$8.1 M
- 3. Cameron Prairie Refuge Protection**
Start: 4/94
Federal sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Cost: \$1.5 M
- 4. Dewitt-Rollover Plantings**
Start: 5/94
Federal sponsor: Soil Conservation Service
Cost: \$208,000
- 5. Timbalier Island Plantings**
Start: 5/94
Federal sponsor: Soil Conservation Service
Cost: \$422,000
- 6. Bayou Sauvage Refuge Wetland Restoration Project**
Start: 5/94 NOV-94
Federal sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Cost: \$1.45 M
- 7. Cameron-Creole Watershed Protection**
Start: 6/94
Federal sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Cost: \$723,000
- 8. Sabine Refuge Protection**
Start: 6/94
Federal sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Cost: \$1.5 M

9. **West Hackberry Plantings**
Finish: 6/94
Federal sponsor: Soil Conservation Service
Cost: \$208,000
10. **Isles Dernieres Restoration (Phase 0)**
Start: 7/94
Federal sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency
Cost: \$6.3 M
11. **Mud Lake Management**
Start: 9/94
Federal sponsor: Soil Conservation Service
Cost: \$2.9 M

Priority Project List 2

1. **Boston Canal/Vermillion Bay Shore Protection**
Start: 6/94
Federal sponsor: Soil Conservation Service
Cost: \$1 Million
2. **Isle Dernieres (Phase 1)**
Start: 7/94
Federal sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency
Cost: \$6.9 M

Priority Project List 3

None scheduled

**PROPOSED BUDGET
PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES
FY 1994**

LABOR:

Kelly Haynes, DNR -- Five full working days of planning required per project (\$9.84 per hour) (assume 8 projects).

Labor for federal public affairs personnel to be charged to overhead accounts.

EST. TOTAL: \$3,200

NEWSLETTER:

Design and printing of two, one color, 8-page newsletters (800 copies).

EST. TOTAL: \$3,000

REPROGRAPHICS:

Production of photographs, maps, graphics, ceremony programs and simple brochures.

EST. TOTAL: \$15,000

EXHIBITS:

Procure two exhibit systems.

EST TOTAL: \$4,000

HELICOPTER SERVICE:

Provide aerial photography and support site visits; 6-hour days on six occasions (\$615/hour).

EST. TOTAL: \$22,200

AIRBOAT SERVICE (DNR):

To support ceremonies and site visits for 8 events.

EST. TOTAL: \$6,400

MISC. SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND RENTALS (DNR):

To support ceremonies and site visits for 8 events (8 days).

- Cellular phone - \$6.30/day
- CRD airboat - \$111.11/day
- 17' whaler - \$172/day
- 20' tunnel hull - \$100/day

Supplies/rental - \$250/project

EST. TOTAL: \$5,100

TOTAL: \$58,900

Motion for this item budget was passed

T.C. agreed to purchase it, but look at ways to cut costs

WLAE/PLANT COMMUNICATIONS FILM PRODUCTION:

TOTAL: \$38,124

GRAND TOTAL: \$97,024.00

Len Duhr - Get Paul Correll involved

EPA - Get message to schools (primary, secondary, univ)

Duffy - Concerned about cost; need greater level of detail

Thin through budget. Cut # of projects being given high priority. Use existing agency budgets. Cut helicopter costs.

Duhr: Toughen overall on budget req. next year.

Met with DOTD Sec. - Much discussion; prob. will do small highway work

Next Meeting (Mid-April) - Come back w/ Report on how program developed last month. Present a more detailed budget.

Go for new tour when check on site

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

**CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR A
DOCUMENTARY VIDEO SUBMITTED BY WLAE TV**

Mr. Schroeder will present the recommendation of the Technical Committee to the Task Force.



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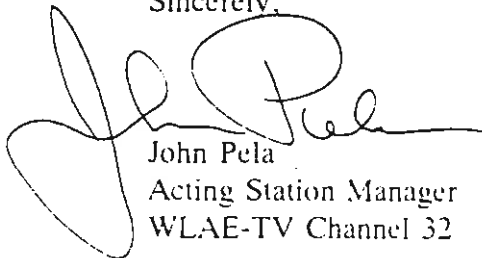
Ms. Beth Cottone
CELMN-PP
Corps of Engineers
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New Orleans, LA 70160

Dear Ms. Cottone:

Enclosed is the proposal requested by Dom Elguezabal, about which we spoke by telephone today.

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pela', is written over the typed name and title.

John Pela
Acting Station Manager
WLAE-TV Channel 32

Enclosure

JP:cml

Army Corps/DNR Wetlands Restoration Program

Project Description

The WLAE/Planit Communications Joint Venture will produce a video documentary of the restoration of wetlands at LaBranche in St. Charles Parish.

The 15-30 minute documentary will examine the vital importance of Louisiana's estuaries, coastal marshes and wetlands to the U.S. economy and local environment. It will explain why the restoration and preservation programs are crucial to continued seafood production, preservation of species and prevention of continued land loss. This is the "hook", the opening of the story that will capture viewer attention. These estuaries are breeding grounds for a major percentage of the nation's commercial seafood. They are vital nesting grounds in the flyways of most of the western hemisphere's waterfowl and tropical songbirds. They provide the critical first stages in the web of aquatic life. The viewer will understand the importance of saving wetlands, as well as the processes (governmental, engineering and physical) that are necessary to reach the restoration goal.

As the first in a series of restoration programs statewide the Labranche project will serve as a model for overall success. The documentary will trace the project from start-to-finish. We will see its progress from the halls of Congress, to the State Capitol and DNR in Baton Rouge, to the computer rooms and drafting tables of the U.S. Army Corps office in New Orleans, to the dredge barges in the Lake. The video will include interviews with key players (legislators and executive leaders, Corps of Engineer, wetlands experts and users), scenes of dredging/restoration progress, aerial photography enhanced by 3-D computer animation showing restoration potential over time, and examination of future projects as part of the \$40 million Breaux-Johnston bill.

Program Goals

The documentary will educate the public about the importance (and success) of Army Corps/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program to restore vital wetlands, coastal marsh and estuaries in coastal south Louisiana. Because of the educational nature of the program, distribution will also reach schools and public libraries.

The program will provide publicity and strengthen the images of organizations involved (US Army Corps, Louisiana DNR, government officials). It will educate employees and staff members within the organizations. It will provide visual support and proof of the project's success for governmental leaders seeking future wetlands restoration funding.

Video Documentary Outline

I. Setting the Stage

A. Importance of Louisiana Wetlands

The documentary begins with sounds and scenes of a Louisiana marsh at dawn. Waterfowl alight in the mist. Minnows and shrimp surface in the water. We hear the sounds of a shrimp boat and then see fishermen pulling their bounty from this vital estuarine habitat. Narration begins, stating the importance of our wetlands.

- Beauty of Louisiana's wetlands
- Scenes of shrimp boats - economic importance
- Scenes of waterfowl - importance of habitat
- Interviews on the importance of wetlands ecosystem.
- Interviews with commercial/recreational fishermen.

B. The Problem

The sights and sounds of life fade. We dissolve to a bleak image of a dying marsh. Narrator reveals disturbing data of a dramatic loss of wetlands. High altitude photography enhanced by 3-D animation show the situation exacerbated by Hurricane Andrew. Scientists - Corps experts discuss future losses. Officials discuss loss of economic resources of the wetlands.

- Scenes of a dying marsh
- Maps and animation show loss to date
- Interviews with experts discuss future problems
- Interviews with officials on anticipated economic loss

II. Developing Solutions

A. Arming for Battle

Cut to the excitement of the U.S. Senate floor. A gavel wraps the panel to order. The nation's lawmakers are in session. Narrator explains how a possible solution has gained the attention of the federal government. Senators Breaux and Johnston explain their bill to help begin the fight. We switch to Baton Rouge, where state leaders discuss how Louisiana's efforts made the Breaux bill possible.

- Scenes of U.S. Senate
- Scenes of Louisiana Capitol
- Federal and State leaders discuss plan to restore wetlands

B. The Drawing Board

We are inside the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers headquarters in New Orleans, where experts plot out the first restoration programs. Wireless microphones capture "natural sound" of the experts at work.

- Scenes inside the Corps. office - planning & strategy

III. Work in Progress

A. We hear the sounds of a dredge in Lake Pontchartrain. We see people at work, mud flying, progress in motion. Narrator describes the scene. Corps engineers on-site explain how this major movement of mud will soon transform a dying marsh into a thriving ecosystem. We see time-lapse images of progress. We accompany Senator Breaux on an air boat to witness the results of his bill in progress. We hear words of encouragement.

- Scenes of dredge work over time - several visits
- Interviews on-site
- Video of Senator Breaux visiting site

Add Johnston

IV. The Results

A. Life Returns to LaBranche

After 3-4 months the wetlands at LaBranche have returned. We see waterfowl and fish and hear the sounds of life. We see green where there was once only muddy water. Project leaders delight in the success. 3-D sequence shows us what has happened to the map that only 4 months ago indicated a lost marsh.

- Scenes showing the completed project
- 3-D map shows a before and after sequence
- Project leaders' interviews

B. Hope for the Future

Corps engineers plot out new projects. Officials discuss how the successful scenario will be played out again and again along the coast. We end with voices of optimism over scenes of marsh beauty.

- Scenes of engineers discussing next projects
- Scenes of a thriving wetlands environment
- Interviews with project leaders & officials about success

Project Chronology, Milestones and Deadlines

Start Date - December, 1993
Completion - April 30, 1994

Final product deadline is contingent upon completion of dredge and restoration operation. We would like to hold the video's release until the restored area is visually presentable. If significant regeneration and vegetative regeneration is not reached by April, the project completion deadline could be re-examined by the parties involved.

December, 1993

- Dec 1 - Proposal delivered to US Army Corps of Engineers
- by Dec 31 - Obtain aerial and ground-level video of Labranche wetlands.
- Obtain video at Army Corps - preparation stage.
- Conduct research of issue (Breux bill, economic analysis, wetlands issues)

January, 1994

- Obtain video of initial dredging operation
- Obtain video of "groundbreaking" ceremonies
- Obtain interviews with state and federal officials involved
- Obtain maps and data for 3-D animation
- Obtain video of waterfowl in Labranche area
- Obtain video and interviews of "users" of the Labranche wetlands (fishermen, etc)

February, 1994

- Obtain additional interviews w/state and federal officials
- Obtain interviews related to economic impact of wetlands
- Obtain video of progress of dredging operation
- Render 3-D computer animation of maps
- Log and review all interviews
- Write documentary script,

March, 1994

- Obtain script approval from Army Corps & DNR
- Obtain approval of 3-D animation and maps from Army Corps & DNR
- Revised script
- Obtain additional video of dredge progress

April, 1994

- Obtain video of restored wetlands area
- Present draft of documentary for approval
- Make necessary revisions
- Present final documentary for distribution

PRODUCTION COSTS

1. Pre-Production Coordination/Producing/Writing

Coordination:

Meetings w/project leaders	- 10 hours at \$75	= \$ 750.00
Project Coordinator	- 10 days at \$200	= \$ 2,000.00
Preparing preliminary outlines and shooting schedules	- 10 hours at \$75	= \$ 750.00
Location scouting	- 8 hours at \$75	= \$ 600.00

Producing:

Location shooting	- 6 days at \$750	= \$ 4,500.00
Editing	- 4 days at \$750	= \$ 3,000.00
Tape review (selecting intv. segments and shots)	- 2 days at \$750	= \$ 1,500.00

Writing:

Script first draft	- 4 days at \$750	= \$ 3,000.00
Script final draft	- 1 day at \$750	= \$ 750.00

Subtotal for Group 1

\$16,850.00

2. Location Video Services

Field Video

2 Days at US Army Corps in New Orleans at \$1,000/day	= \$ 2,000.00
Coastal marsh footage for opening segment - 1 day	= \$ 1,000.00
3 Days at LaBranche Wetlands	= \$ 3,000.00
Helicopter time (at \$715/hour) plus 1/2 day shooting - aerials	= \$ 2,145.00 = \$ 500.00
2 Days - Washington, DC plus travel & meals - 2 person crew	= \$ 2,000.00 = \$ 1,700.00
1 Day - Baton Rouge	= \$ 1,000.00

Subtotal for Group 2

\$13,345.00

3. Computer Graphics

Animated Open - 20 seconds	= \$ 3,600.00
Maps showing general coastal land-loss (3 map sequence)	= \$ 2,700.00
Maps showing LaBranche project area before and after	= \$ 1,800.00
Subtotal for Group 3	<u>\$ 8,100.00</u>

4. Editing & Post-Production**Editing**

4 Days in Sony On-Line Suite at \$1,500/day = \$ 6,000.00

Post

Sound mixing half-day on-line = \$ 750.00

Super/Graphic overlay half-day = \$ 750.00

Tape Stock

Field tapes (10) 30 minute BetaSP Metal at 50/each = \$ 500.00

Master tapes (2 copies) = \$ 100.00

DAT audio tape for narration = \$ 10.00

Sound library = \$ 1,250.00

Narration

Talent fee = No Charge

Subtotal for Group 4 **\$9,360.00**

Total Groups (1-4) **\$47,655.00**

Less 20% Discount **\$9,531.00**

GRAND TOTAL **\$38,124.00**

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February 4, 1994

**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE
SCIENTISTS ADVISORY GROUP**

Mrs. Sue Hawes will brief the Task Force on the status of efforts to formalize the involvement of the scientific community.

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**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GROUP**

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REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 1993 EXPENDITURES

The Lead Agencies will brief the Task Force on the final status of expenditures during FY 93.

Summary of USACE Expenditures
FY 93

Organization	Expenditure (\$)
Engineering Division	188,000
Planning Division	
Chief	88,000
Economics	121,000
Environmental	295,000
Plan Formulation Branch	909,000
Subtotal	1,413,000
Real Estate Division	<u>2,000</u>
Total	1,603,000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/COASTAL RESTORATION DIVISION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1992/93

BUDGET CODE DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL BUDGET	OCT/92	NOV/92	DEC/92	JAN/93	FEB/93	MAR/93	APR/93	MAY/93	JUNE/93	JULY/93	AUG/93	SEP/93	TOTAL	YTD BALANCE
SALARY	\$314,856.00	\$38,937.84	\$24,356.11	\$23,731.61	\$19,966.97	\$28,195.61	\$27,220.33	\$30,899.22	\$26,269.00	\$26,752.98	\$27,220.91	\$24,597.42	\$24,423.07	\$330,993.47	(\$16,137.47)
TRAVEL	\$30,711.00		\$232.85	\$381.41	\$16.00	\$358.98		\$333.71	\$63.52	\$772.88	\$602.30	\$898.52	\$166.99	\$3,850.24	\$26,860.76
CONTRACTS	\$80,788.00	\$5,839.00	\$7,759.24	\$3,782.95	\$3,733.35	\$5,766.73	\$4,274.28	\$14,888.85	\$5,081.44	\$6,823.35	\$4,429.16	\$15,074.16	\$3,401.10	\$60,472.81	(\$19,684.81)
OTHER ACQUISITIONS	\$50,000.00													\$22,128.50	(\$2,128.50)
INDIRECT COSTS	\$73,645.00						\$34,305.80		\$6,905.80		\$18,795.88		\$9,736.92	\$70,744.20	\$2,900.80
TOTAL	\$500,000.00	\$44,776.84	\$32,350.30	\$27,885.37	\$23,746.32	\$34,342.32	\$65,800.21	\$51,911.36	\$38,339.76	\$36,146.59	\$52,046.25	\$40,970.10	\$58,859.58	\$506,189.22	(\$5,189.22)

DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET CATEGORIES:
 SALARY = NO. OF HOURS MULTIPLIED BY COST PER HOUR
 CONTRACTS = CONSULTANT SERVICES, HELICOPTER & AIRBOAT SERVICES, SUPPLIES, OPERATING SERVICES
 OTHER ACQUISITIONS = MAJOR CAPITAL PURCHASES, SUCH AS BOATS, CARS
 INDIRECT COST = 25.77% OF TOTAL PERSONNEL SALARIES

FY 1993 DEPT. OF INTERIOR PLANNING-RELATED EXPENDITURES*
SEC. 303 COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

<u>Bureau/Office</u>	<u>FY 1993 Available Funds</u>	<u>FY 1993 Expenditures</u>
Fish and Wildlife Service (Southeast Region)	\$323,600	\$323,100
Fish and Wildlife Service** (National Wetlands Research Center)	\$244,200	\$244,200
Minerals Management Service	\$ 50,200	\$ 50,200
National Park Service	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
U.S. Geological Survey (Baton Rouge, LA)	\$ 66,000	\$ 65,100
U.S. Geological Survey (Reston, VA)	<u>\$ 27,900</u> \$738,100	<u>\$ 27,900</u> \$737,700

All figures rounded to nearest \$100

** National Wetlands Research Center is now part of the National Biological Survey

$$\begin{array}{r} 738.1 \\ 737.7 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Habitat Conservation Division
c/o Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803-7535

February 3, 1994

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504/389-0508

MEMORANDUM FOR
FROM
SUBJECT

Gary Rauber, COE Planning

Ruebsamen
Rickey N. Ruebsamen, NMFS

FY93 Planning Budget

NMFS funding allocation for FY93 totaled \$523,353. Expenditures for this budget period were: Manpower - \$261,646; Contracts - \$121,815; Travel - \$20,993; and Other - \$23,641. FY93 expenditures totaled \$428,095.



SUMMARY OF SCS EXPENDITURES

AGENCY SUPPORT FUNDS

FY - 93

Water Resources Planning Staff -	\$429,000
Field Office Project Staff -	\$181,000
Field\Area Office Staff -	\$270,000

TOTAL

\$880,000

→
100%
of
allocation

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

**REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PROCEDURE
FOR SELECTION OF PRIORITY PROJECT LISTS**

Mr. Rowe will brief the Task Force on the status of the efforts of the P&E and Technical Committees to develop improved procedures for the selection of priority list projects.

WPTS (P&E)
Delby 2 weeks
to allow committee
advancing further
CG to allow

4th Priority Project List Development 1994 Tentative Schedule



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1. Candidate project selection meetings.
 - Mar. 1-2 @ Lake Charles; Teche-Vermilion, Mermentau & Calcasieu-
14-15 Sabine Basins. Nominees submitted by Feb. 15th.
 - Mar. 9-10 @ New Orleans; Pontchartrain, Breton Sound & Mississippi
River Delta Basins. Nominees submitted by Feb. 23rd.
 - Mar. 24-25 @ Thibodaux; Barataria, Terrebonne & Atchafalaya River
Basins. Nominees submitted by Mar. 1st.
2. Begin WVA and Engineering field trips and project engineering and design.
Mar. 25th (to continue as necessary, this task may overlap the start of
benefit assessment.)
3. WVA project benefit assessment meetings, and Fact Sheet and cost estimate
development.
May 15th to Aug. 5th
4. Development of project economic data.
Aug. 5th thru the 15th
5. Candidate project review and comment by State Task Force & CPG and approval
by P&E Subcommittee & Technical Committee.
Aug. 15th to Sept 15th
6. Review and approval by CWPPRA Task Force.
Sept. 15th to Oct. 1st
7. Development of 4th Priority Project List Report.
Oct. 1st thru the 31st

Low Budget
con. but we still have
joint state/ CPG & Public
Meetings. That will be
done.

Duffy:
3 "itches"
- more public input needed
- Need to produce
Selection Criteria per sec.

- Need to avoid "low-balling"
cost estimates
Sep + include E+D costs
Eng + Design SOP
Ask Jones
35% of
Standard
at
garlic
E+D
Remi

EPA also
wants
WVA, etc to
be looked at

Possible
opportunity
for
Selection
Committee

Need
Special
Group to
re-evaluate
do during
95 Budget
Formulation

Duffy
need object in
cost Eng - w/ 25% or
Nempi based

Basin Meeting Recommendations

1. Basin meetings grouped by basins in threes, held near affected basins; CPG, Academic representatives, local interests and public invited. PO, BS, MR - meet in New Orleans (Mar 9-10); TE, BA, AT - meet in Thibodaux (Mar 24-25); TV, ME, CS - meet in Lake Charles (Mar 1-2).
2. Meetings to be held and overseen by the P&E Subcommittee. Basin meetings moderated (facilitated) by the P&E (for consistency) with basin captain leading basin strategy discussion.
3. Same set of "rules" used for each basin meeting.
4. All Task Force member agencies recommend for each basin up to three "candidate" projects from the restoration plan. For the federal agencies these should be projects which they would be willing to sponsor. Recommendations will be submitted to the Chairman of P&E at least two weeks prior to the basin meeting. COE provides list of nominated projects for each basin with meeting announcements and distributes "potential" project data sheets at meetings.
5. Basin captains lead discussions by sponsor agencies concerning each candidate project nomination. Sponsor agencies describe projects (about 5 minutes/project, about 2 hour process/basin).
6. Public and local interests allowed to nominate one project each if these projects are already in the Restoration Plan.
7. Public allowed to comment on agency nominated projects (about 3-5 minutes each).
8. Public also allowed to submit "screening sheets" for additional projects they wish to see considered for revisions of the restoration plan. Such projects will only be placed in the revised restoration plan and considered for the 1995 PPL if they meet established criteria.
9. P&E representatives (agencies only) vote on the projects on the nomination list using a format similar to what was used in past basin meetings. The top three projects from each basin are placed on candidate list.
10. Process for evaluation of candidates will involve up-front field level team meetings of sponsor agency, basin teams, Engineering Work Group, WVA Work Group and all others concerned with project development to establish a closer working relationship between all these elements throughout the project evaluation process.

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TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION PLAN

Mr. Norm Thomas will brief the Task Force on the status of the Conservation Plan authorized by section 304 of the CWPPRA.

See Alex / R. Rhonda will be meeting soon —

Make back to get on track. Clock ^{Not} Running until Demo Approved.

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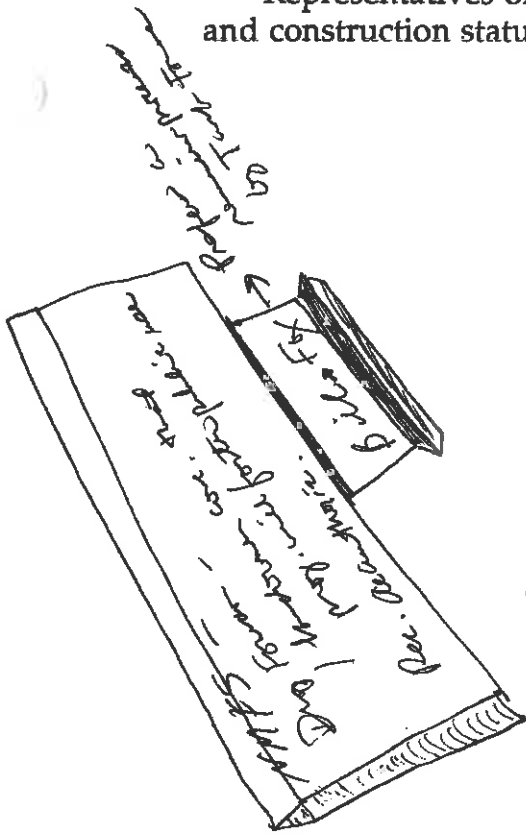
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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF PRIORITY PROJECT LIST PROJECTS

Norm Thomas:
 Need to notify Congress
 when projects taken off
 (ground requirement (oss))
 50% design done.
 See Dam 10/11/93 PL 2 Proj
 to \$2M —
 Not done → State
 Payment 15%
 \$ Total dollar
 allocated
 Eng have looked at
 potential for
 re-design
 \$13.2M 01/9
 Cost

~~1312.0~~
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 65

Representatives of the Lead Agencies will brief the Task Force on the design and construction status of projects on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Priority Project Lists.



Review of Substantiated
 Cost Overruns:
 Address by Next
 Task Force
 Meeting

Southern:
 Also need to
 identify how to
 alert public

Duffley: head agency
 expected to
 identify projects
 that have no

Notes
 Duffley
 8/10/93
 8/10/93
 8/10/93

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
1st Priority Project List (Continued)

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction		Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current		
XPO-52a	Bayou Sauvage HR	USFWS	Mar 92	May 93	TC	Aug 93	Aug 94	1,657	1,551	-6.4	
	Original Schedule					May 95	Oct 95				
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	TC	TC	TC	TC	4,896	1,538	-68.6	
FCS-18	Sabine Refuge SP	USFWS	Apr 93	Jul 93	TC	Apr 92	Sep 94	1,178	1,502	27.5	
	Original Schedule					TC	Dec 94				
	Current Schedule		Nov 92	Aug 92	Apr 92	May 93	Dec 93				
ME-9	Cameron Prairie	USFWS	Apr 93	Jul 93	TC	Apr 92	Oct 94	8,517	8,517	0.0	
	Original Schedule					TC	Oct 94				
	Current Schedule		Jun 93	Jul 93	Feb 94	Jul 94	Oct 94				
FMR-3	West Bay Sediment Div	USACE	Mar 94	Mar 95	Sep 94	Sep 95	Jan 96				
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule		Oct 93	Feb 94	Oct 93	Jun 94	Aug 94	1,759	1,759	0.0	
BA-19	Barataria Bay WW	USACE	May 94	Jun 94	Mar 94	Nov 94	Jan 95	4,461	4,000	-10.3	Contract awarded 10 Nov 93
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	Feb 93	Jan 93	Nov 93	Feb 94				
PPO-10	Bayou La Branche	USACE	Apr 93	Feb 93	Jan 93	Nov 93	Feb 94	1,527	2,500	63.7	
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	Oct 93	Sep 93	Jul 94	Sep 94				
FTV-3	Vermilion River Cutoff	USACE	Jun 93	Oct 93	Sep 93	Nov 94	Jan 95	6,344	6,344	0.0	
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	Apr 94	Sep 93	TC	Nov 93				
TE-20	Eastern Isle Dernieres	EPA	May 92	Sep 92	Nov 92	Jan 93	Nov 93	42,012	39,447	-6.1	
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	Mar 94	Dec 93	Jul 94	Jul 95				
Total											

Delayed by Madson

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1st Priority Project List (Continued)

Fully Funded Cost

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	Planning (\$)	E&D (\$)	S&A (\$)	S&I (\$)	Real Estate (\$)	Relocations (\$)	Construction (\$)	O&M (\$)	Monitoring (\$)	Total (\$)
BA-19	Barataria Bay WW	USACE		5,000	---	21,000	---	---	208,000	1,391,000	134,000	1,759,000
	Original Cost Estimate											0
	Current Cost Estimate			17,624			7,099					24,723
PPO-10	Bayou La Branche	USACE		375,000	---	391,000	---	---	3,561,000	---	134,000	4,461,000
	Original Cost Estimate			456,000		150,000			3,260,000		134,000	4,000,000
	Current Expenditure			340,429		1,924	85,977		240,000			668,330
FIV-3	Vermilion River Cutoff	USACE		83,000	17,000	83,000	---	---	1,029,000	205,000	69,000	1,527,000
	Original Cost Estimate		41,000	302,000	17,000	83,000	---	---	1,623,000	451,000	69,000	2,600,000
	Current Cost Estimate			186,760			62,370					249,130
TE-20	Eastern Isle Dernieres	EPA		418,000	57,000	426,000	---	217,000	4,652,000	---	481,000	6,344,000
	Original Cost Estimate		93,000									
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure											
	Total											39,484,000

Dike to be (longer) in Deepwater side on the Canal.

price need to more data

Need to confirm

5/20/90 - 2/20/91

*2.6
- 1.5

2.1*

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
2nd Priority Project List

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction		Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current		
PAT-2	Atchafalaya Sediment Del	NMFS	Jun 93 Apr 94	Dec 93	Mar 94	May 94	Jun 94	909	909	0.0	
	Original Schedule			Aug 94	May 96	Feb 96					
PTE-22/24 Point Au Per		NMFS	Jun 93 Apr 94	Oct 93	Jan 94	Apr 94	Sep 94	1,070	1,070	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Aug 94	May 96	Feb 96				
XAT-7	Big Island Mining	NMFS	Jun 93 Apr 94	Jan 94	Mar 94	Jun 94	May 95	4,137	4,137	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Aug 94	May 96	Feb 96				
ME-4	Freshwater Bayou	SCS	Jun 93 Jun 94	Sep 95	Jun 94	Feb 96	Sep 97	2,769	2,769	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Nov 94	Feb 96	Sep 97				
BS-3a	Caernarvon Outfall Mgmt	SCS	Jun 93 Apr 94	Aug 95	Oct 94	Jan 96	Sep 97	2,523	2,523	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Oct 94	Jan 96	Sep 97				
PCS-24	Mud Lake	SCS	Jun 93 Mar 94	May 94	Jun 93	Sep 94	Apr 96	2,904	2,904	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Mar 94	Sep 94	Apr 96				
PBA-35	Jonathan Davis	SCS	Jun 93 Jun 94	Apr 95	Apr 94	Jun 95	Sep 97	3,399	3,399	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Jun 94	Jun 95	Sep 97				
PCS-25	Highway 384	SCS	May 93 Sep 94	Sep 94	Dec 93	Jan 95	Dec 95	700	700	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Mar 96	May 95	Aug 97				
PO-6	Fritchie March	SCS	Jun 93 Jul 94	May 95	Jun 94	Nov 95	Feb 97	3,049	3,049	0.0	
				Original Schedule	May 95	Oct 94	Feb 97				
PTV-18	Boston Canal	SCS	May 93 Mar 94	Mar 94	Sep 93	Jun 94	Nov 95	1,009	1,009	0.0	
				Original Schedule	Mar 94	TC	Nov 95				

due to P.W.I. of summer

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
2nd Priority Project List (Continued)

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction		Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current		
CS-9	Brown Lake	SCS						3,224	3,224	0.0	
	Original Schedule		May 93	Mar 95	Mar 94	Jun 95	Nov 96				
	Current Schedule		Jun 94	Mar 95	Apr 94	Jun 95	Nov 96				
XPO-52b	Bayou Sauvage	USFWS						1,453	1,453	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Aug 93	Dec 93		May 94	May 95				
	Current Schedule			Feb 94							
PCS-27	Clear Marais	USACE						1,740	1,740	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Aug 93	Mar 94	Apr 94	Oct 94	Apr 95				
	Current Schedule		Mar 94	Jun 94	Apr 94	Oct 94	Apr 95				
FTE-27	West Belle Pass	USACE						4,854	4,854	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Oct 93	Mar 94	Mar 94	Oct 94	Mar 95				
	Current Schedule		Feb 94	Jun 94	Mar 94	Oct 94	Mar 95				
XTE-41	Isle Dernieres (Phase 1)	EPA						6,908	6,908	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Apr 93	Oct 93	Dec 93	Oct 93	Oct 94				
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	Mar 94	Dec 93	Jul 94	Jul 95				
Total								40,648	40,648	0.0	

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**Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
3rd Priority Project List**

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction		Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current		
XBA-65a	B. Perot/B. Rigolettes	NMFS						1,835			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
XTE-67	E. Timbalier Restoration	NMFS						2,047			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
PTE-23	L. Chapeau M C and H R	NMFS						4,149			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
BA-15	L. Salvador Shore Protection	NMFS						1,444			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
BA-4C	West Point-a-la-Hache	SCS						882			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
TV-4	Cote Blanche Hydro Rest	SCS						5,173			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
CS-4a	Cameron-Creole Maint	SCS						3,719			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
BS-4a	White's Ditch Outfall Mgmt	SCS						757			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
PTE-26b	Brady Canal Hydro Rest	SCS						4,718			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
PO-9a	Violet Freshwater Dist	SCS						1,821			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
PME-6	SW Shore White Lake	SCS						127			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										
CS-47	Replace Hog Island etc.	SCS						4,582			
	Original Schedule										
	Current Schedule										

**Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
3rd Priority Project List (Continued)**

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction		Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current		
XPO-71	MRGO Back Dike Original Schedule	USACE						511			
	Current Schedule										
XMR-10	Channel Armor Gap Original Schedule	USACE						808			
	Current Schedule										
MR-9b	Pass-a-Lautre Crevasse Original Schedule	USACE						2,857			
	Current Schedule										
PTE-15bi	Whiskey Island Original Schedule	EPA						4,844			
	Current Schedule										
XTE-43	Red Mud Deomstration Original Schedule	EPA						350			
	Current Schedule										
Total								40,624			

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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February 4, 1994

SIGNING OF THE LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS
RESTORATION PLAN REPORT

Mr. Schroeder will present recommendations concerning the incorporation of final public review comments on the restoration plan report. The Task Force members will complete the signature page which will be included in the report for its submission to Congress.

8 letters rec'd. NOD ~~req~~ prep. written response. Will prepare comment/response package + draft ROD for Diffley.

Col. says he will get input from other agencies

Signed ROD + C/R package will be mailed out to all TF, ~~connections~~, members. ~~See~~ That committee then decide what to do

will not revise the report; change in record of decision. Subsequent changes would (likely) be in Supplemental EIS (Diffley): Not necessarily

3 weeks to 30 days

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

REPORT ON THE SELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 1994
FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Bob Schroeder will
assign study
Mgt. &
budget
I'll send a miss
letter to
that comes at
NHT meeting

M. S. P. P. P. P. P.

Survey to develop
Modeling requirements
for
Assigned to
Tech. Committee
Report back
next
two

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's proposed method for developing scopes of work and selecting feasibility studies for Fiscal Year 1994.

CE
with
Program

Barrin Island Modeling
Sediment Budget Dev.

Diffley want to respond to Bureau

Next Step:
Propose Proj. Mgmt Plan
on how we do feasibility
study. CB will take lead
(with some Force Meeting)
division

Atchafalaya: Need to look at flow re-distribution of money
req. from Draft Bill. Need to address navigation
& flood control implications along with that's first.

Hydroplant / Sediment issues - resolve to get
End Special Order 1st then go for
sediment enrichment.

Barrin Island -
Need to do careful analysis of benefits (do
via modeling (pre-feasibility))

Navig Channels

DIVERSIONS

Need to
sort out
where
will go
1815 before
we
start
with
restoration

For what be notified
of all
meetings
Large Projects
about to be
funded

INITIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Details the Feasibility Study Scope of Work
- Documents All Required Tasks
- Identifies Responsible Agency
- Provides Cost Estimate for Each Task
- Presents the Overall Sequence of Activities

Ken Bohn:
we ~~can~~ need to re-align
48-month time frame.
Schroeder: we can

INITIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

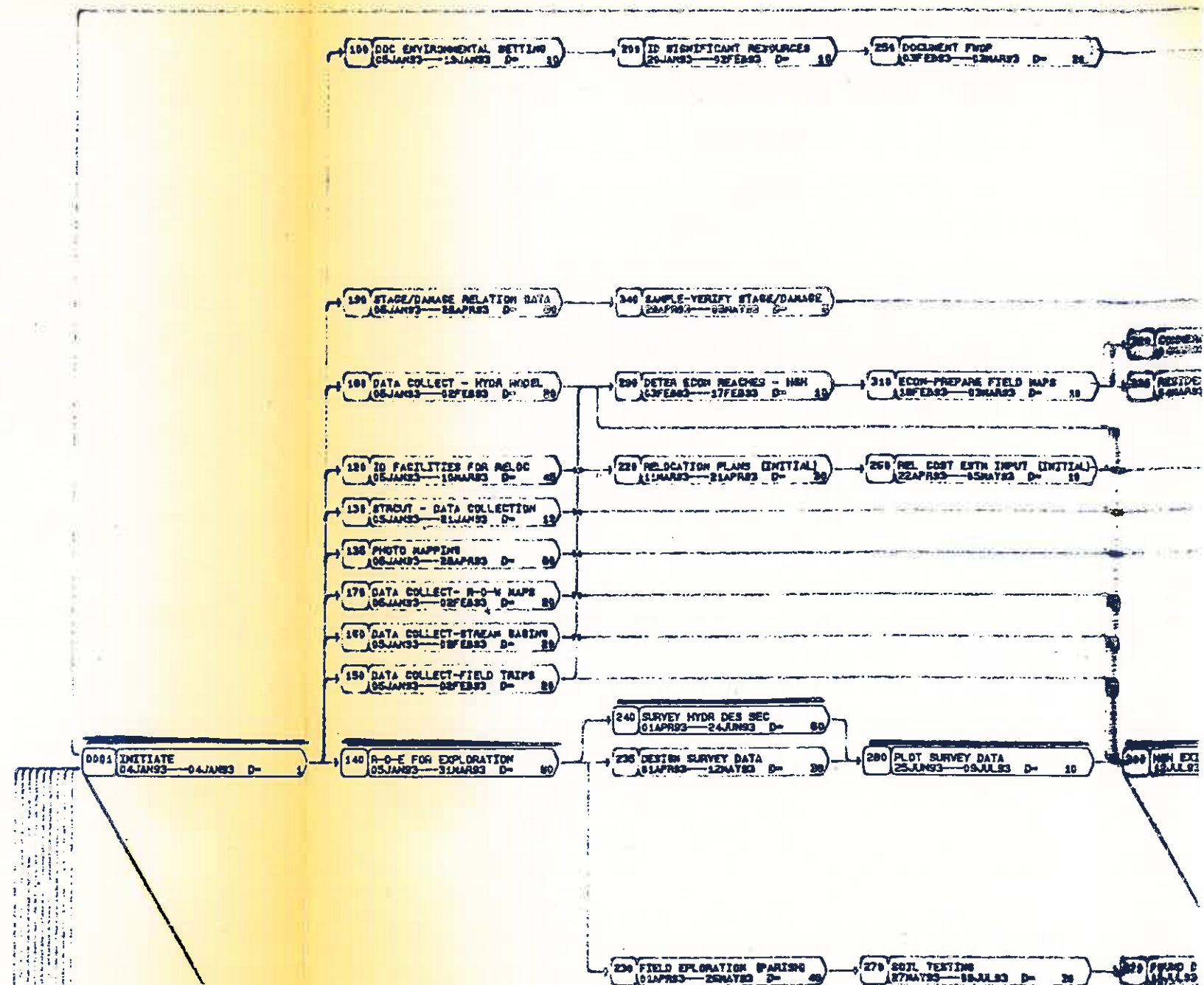
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F	★	Budgets and Cost Estimates
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Feasibility Phase

Major Stages

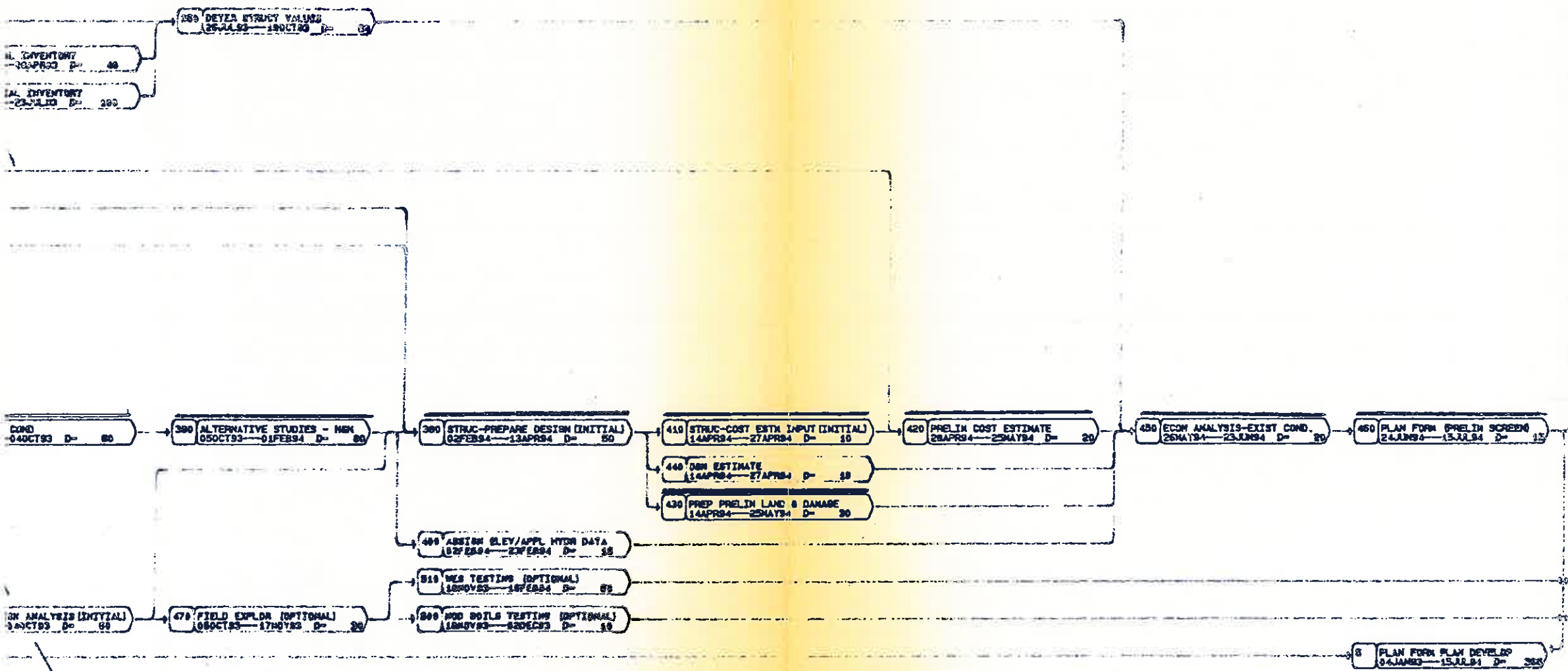
	Typical Duration (Months)
★ Data Collection	3
★ Determine Existing Conditions and Identify Problems	20
★ Determine Plan Analyses and Preliminary Screening	20
★ Final Alternative Plan Analyses and NED Refinement	10
★ Report Preparation	3
★ Report Processing	12
Total	48 months



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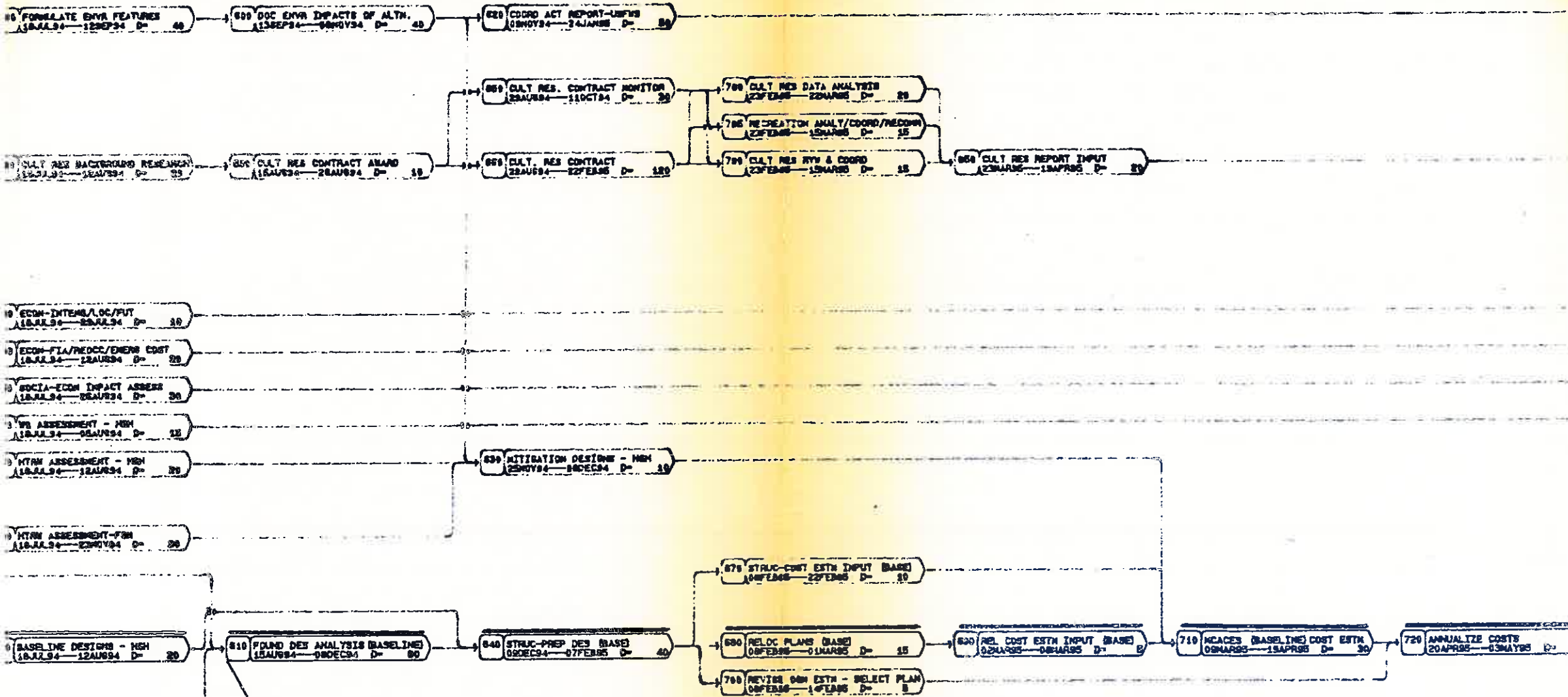


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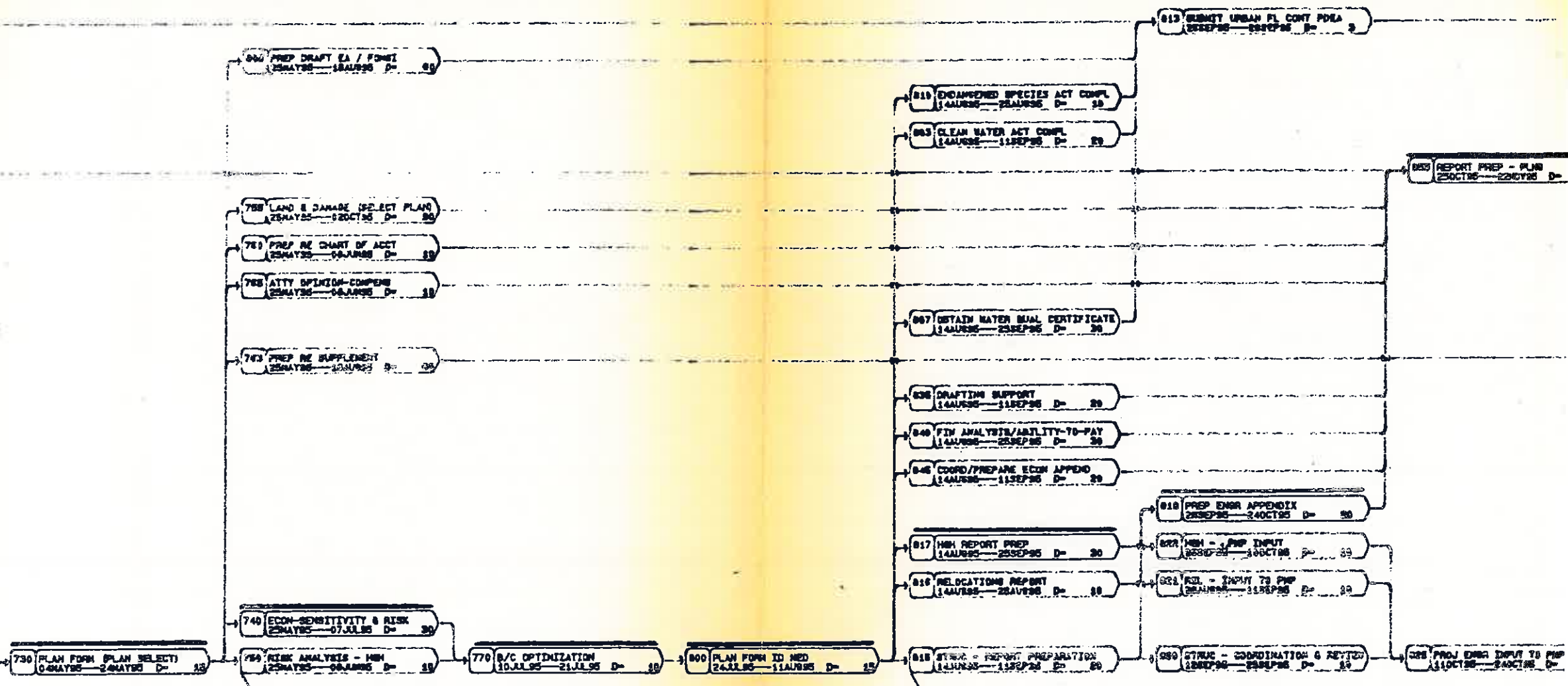
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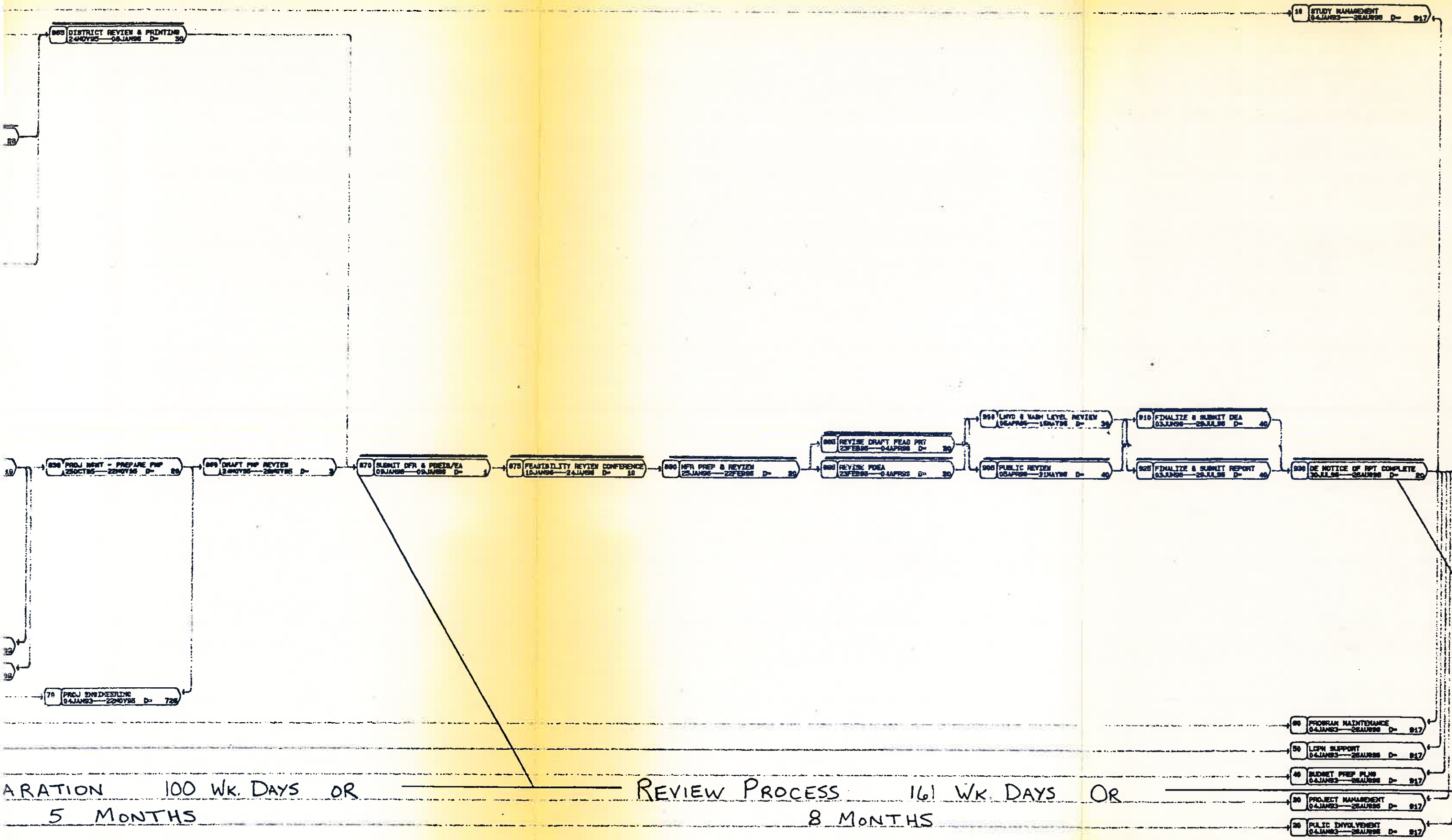
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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Each Task Force member has the opportunity at this point to propose additional items or issues for the consideration of the Task Force.

Duffly: ^{1 Permit} Public Notice on one of projects; went out as private initiative; need to let public know ~~about~~ in public notice regarding public funding. Please make sure submitted under Lead agency cover letter; saying this is CWRRA project. ~~What is~~

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DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

Recommendation for Task Force Approval:

DATE: 19, 20, 21st

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: District Assembly Room
New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Foot of Prytania Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Task Force meetings are open to the public. Interested parties may submit a completed "Question Submittal Card" to the Task Force Chairman at this time. Questions and comments will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Task Force meeting.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, & RESTORATION ACT
(Public Law 101-646, Title III)

SECTION 303. Priority Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Projects.

- Section 303a. Priority Project List.
 - NLT 13 Jan 91, Sec. of the Army (Secretary) will convene a Task Force.
 - Secretary
 - Administrator, EPA
 - Governor, Louisiana
 - Secretary, Interior
 - Secretary, Agriculture
 - Secretary, Commerce
 - NLT 28 Nov 91, Task Force will prepare and transmit to Congress a Priority List of wetland restoration projects based on cost effectiveness and wetland quality.
 - Priority List is revised and submitted annually as part of President's budget.
- Section 303b. Federal and State Project Planning.
 - NLT 28 Nov 93, Task Force will prepare a comprehensive coastal wetlands Restoration Plan for Louisiana.
 - Restoration Plan will consist of a list of wetland projects, ranked by cost effectiveness and wetland quality.
 - Completed Restoration Plan will become Priority List.
 - Secretary will ensure that navigation and flood control projects are consistent with the purpose of the Restoration Plan.
 - Upon submission of the Restoration Plan to Congress, the Task Force will conduct a scientific evaluation of the completed wetland restoration projects every 3 years and report the findings to Congress.

SECTION 304. Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation Planning.

- Secretary; Administrator, EPA; and Director, USFWS will:
 - Sign an agreement with the Governor specifying how Louisiana will develop and implement the Conservation Plan.
 - Approve the Conservation Plan.
 - Provide Congress with periodic status reports on Plan implementation.
- NLT 3 years after agreement is signed, Louisiana will develop a Wetland Conservation Plan to achieve no net loss of wetlands resulting from development.

SECTION 305. National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants.

- Director, USFWS, will make matching grants to any coastal state to implement Wetland Conservation Projects (projects to acquire, restore, manage, and enhance real property interest in coastal lands and waters).
- Cost sharing is 50% Federal / 50% State *

SECTION 306. Distribution of Appropriations.

- 70% of annual appropriations not to exceed (NTE) \$70 million used as follows:
 - NTE \$15 million to fund Task Force completion of Priority List and Restoration Plan -- Secretary disburses funds.
 - NTE \$10 million to fund 75% of Louisiana's cost to complete Conservation Plan -- Administrator disburses funds.
 - Balance to fund wetland restoration projects at 75% Federal/ 25% Louisiana ** -- Secretary disburses funds.
- 15% of annual appropriations, NTE \$15 million for Wetland Conservation Grants - Director, USFWS disburses funds.
- 15% of annual appropriations, NTE \$15 million for projects authorized by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act - Secretary, Interior disburses funds.

SECTION 307. Additional Authority for the Corps of Engineers.

- Section 307a. Secretary authorized to:
 - Carry out projects to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and aquatic/coastal ecosystems.
- Section 307b. Secretary authorized and directed to study feasibility of modifying the MR&T to increase flows and sediment to the Atchafalaya River for land building and wetland nourishment.

* 25% if the state has dedicated trust fund from which principal is not spent.

** 15% when Louisiana's Conservation Plan is approved.

activities, where appropriate, that would contribute to the restoration or improvement of one or more fish stocks of the Great Lakes Basin; and

“(2) activities undertaken to accomplish the goals stated in section 2006.

16 USC 941g.

“SEC. 2009. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director—

“(1) for conducting a study under section 2005 not more than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1994;

“(2) to establish and operate the Great Lakes Coordination Office under section 2008(a) and Upper Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices under section 2008(c), not more than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995; and

“(3) to establish and operate the Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices under section 2008(b), not more than \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995.

“(b) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this Act, not more than \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995.”.

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Restoration Act.
16 USC 3951
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TITLE III—WETLANDS**SEC. 391. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act”.

16 USC 3951.

SEC. 392. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this title, the term—

(1) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army;

(2) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(3) “development activities” means any activity, including the discharge of dredged or fill material, which results directly in a more than de minimus change in the hydrologic regime, bottom contour, or the type, distribution or diversity of hydrophytic vegetation, or which impairs the flow, reach, or circulation of surface water within wetlands or other waters;

(4) “State” means the State of Louisiana;

(5) “coastal State” means a State of the United States in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes; for the purposes of this title, the term also includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa;

(6) “coastal wetlands restoration project” means any technically feasible activity to create, restore, protect, or enhance coastal wetlands through sediment and freshwater diversion, water management, or other measures that the Task Force finds will significantly contribute to the long-term restoration or protection of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of coastal wetlands in the State of Louisiana, and includes any such activity authorized under this title or under any other provision of law, including, but not limited to, new projects, completion or expansion of existing or on-going projects, individ-

ual phases, portions, or components of projects and operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of completed projects; the primary purpose of a "coastal wetlands restoration project" shall not be to provide navigation, irrigation or flood control benefits;

(7) "coastal wetlands conservation project" means—

(A) the obtaining of a real property interest in coastal lands or waters, if the obtaining of such interest is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that the real property will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the hydrology, water quality and fish and wildlife dependent thereon; and

(B) the restoration, management, or enhancement of coastal wetlands ecosystems if such restoration, management, or enhancement is conducted on coastal lands and waters that are administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the hydrology, water quality and fish and wildlife dependent thereon;

(8) "Governor" means the Governor of Louisiana;

(9) "Task Force" means the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force which shall consist of the Secretary, who shall serve as chairman, the Administrator, the Governor, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce; and

(10) "Director" means the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

SEC. 303. PRIORITY LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS. 16 USC 3952.

(a) PRIORITY PROJECT LIST.—

(1) **PREPARATION OF LIST.—**Within forty-five days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall convene the Task Force to initiate a process to identify and prepare a list of coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana to provide for the long-term conservation of such wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations in order of priority, based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, or enhancing coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration.

(2) **TASK FORCE PROCEDURES.—**The Secretary shall convene meetings of the Task Force as appropriate to ensure that the list is produced and transmitted annually to the Congress as required by this subsection. If necessary to ensure transmittal of the list on a timely basis, the Task Force shall produce the list by a majority vote of those Task Force members who are present and voting; except that no coastal wetlands restoration project shall be placed on the list without the concurrence of the lead Task Force member that the project is cost effective and sound from an engineering perspective. Those projects which potentially impact navigation or flood control on the lower Mississippi River System shall be constructed consistent with section 304 of this Act.

(3) **TRANSMITTAL OF LIST.—**No later than one year after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress the list of priority coastal wetlands restoration projects required by paragraph (1) of this subsection. Thereafter,

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the list shall be updated annually by the Task Force members and transmitted by the Secretary to the Congress as part of the President's annual budget submission. Annual transmittals of the list to the Congress shall include a status report on each project and a statement from the Secretary of the Treasury indicating the amounts available for expenditure to carry out this title.

(4) LIST OF CONTENTS.—

(A) AREA IDENTIFICATION; PROJECT DESCRIPTION.—The list of priority coastal wetlands restoration projects shall include, but not be limited to—

(i) identification, by map or other means, of the coastal area to be covered by the coastal wetlands restoration project; and

(ii) a detailed description of each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project including a justification for including such project on the list, the proposed activities to be carried out pursuant to each coastal wetlands restoration project, the benefits to be realized by such project, the identification of the lead Task Force member to undertake each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project and the responsibilities of each other participating Task Force member, an estimated timetable for the completion of each coastal wetlands restoration project, and the estimated cost of each project.

(B) PRE-PLAN.—Prior to the date on which the plan required by subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, such list shall include only those coastal wetlands restoration projects that can be substantially completed during a five-year period commencing on the date the project is placed on the list.

(C) Subsequent to the date on which the plan required by subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, such list shall include only those coastal wetlands restoration projects that have been identified in such plan.

(5) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall, with the funds made available in accordance with section 306 of this title, allocate funds among the members of the Task Force based on the need for such funds and such other factors as the Task Force deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

(b) FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECT PLANNING.—

(1) PLAN PREPARATION.—The Task Force shall prepare a plan to identify coastal wetlands restoration projects, in order of priority, based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, or enhancing the long-term conservation of coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration. Such restoration plan shall be completed within three years from the date of enactment of this title.

(2) PURPOSE OF THE PLAN.—The purpose of the restoration plan is to develop a comprehensive approach to restore and prevent the loss of, coastal wetlands in Louisiana. Such plan shall coordinate and integrate coastal wetlands restoration

projects in a manner that will ensure the long-term conservation of the coastal wetlands of Louisiana.

(3) **INTEGRATION OF EXISTING PLANS.**—In developing the restoration plan, the Task Force shall seek to integrate the “Louisiana Comprehensive Coastal Wetlands Feasibility Study” conducted by the Secretary of the Army and the “Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan” prepared by the State of Louisiana’s Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.

(4) **ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.**—The restoration plan developed pursuant to this subsection shall include—

(A) identification of the entire area in the State that contains coastal wetlands;

(B) identification, by map or other means, of coastal areas in Louisiana in need of coastal wetlands restoration projects;

(C) identification of high priority coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana needed to address the areas identified in subparagraph (B) and that would provide for the long-term conservation of restored wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations;

(D) a listing of such coastal wetlands restoration projects, in order of priority, to be submitted annually, incorporating any project identified previously in lists produced and submitted under subsection (a) of this section;

(E) a detailed description of each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project, including a justification for including such project on the list;

(F) the proposed activities to be carried out pursuant to each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(G) the benefits to be realized by each such project;

(H) an estimated timetable for completion of each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(I) an estimate of the cost of each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(J) identification of a lead Task Force member to undertake each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project listed in the plan;

(K) consultation with the public and provision for public review during development of the plan; and

(L) evaluation of the effectiveness of each coastal wetlands restoration project in achieving long-term solutions to arresting coastal wetlands loss in Louisiana.

(5) **PLAN MODIFICATION.**—The Task Force may modify the restoration plan from time to time as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(6) **PLAN SUBMISSION.**—Upon completion of the restoration plan, the Secretary shall submit the plan to the Congress. The restoration plan shall become effective ninety days after the date of its submission to the Congress.

(7) **PLAN EVALUATION.**—Not less than three years after the completion and submission of the restoration plan required by this subsection and at least every three years thereafter, the Task Force shall provide a report to the Congress containing a scientific evaluation of the effectiveness of the coastal wetlands restoration projects carried out under the plan in crea-

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ting, restoring, protecting and enhancing coastal wetlands in Louisiana.

(c) **COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT BENEFITS.**—Where such a determination is required under applicable law, the net ecological, aesthetic, and cultural benefits, together with the economic benefits, shall be deemed to exceed the costs of any coastal wetlands restoration project within the State which the Task Force finds to contribute significantly to wetlands restoration.

(d) **CONSISTENCY.**—(1) In implementing, maintaining, modifying, or rehabilitating navigation, flood control or irrigation projects, other than emergency actions, under other authorities, the Secretary, in consultation with the Director and the Administrator, shall ensure that such actions are consistent with the purposes of the restoration plan submitted pursuant to this section.

(2) At the request of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Secretary of Commerce shall approve the plan as an amendment to the State's coastal zone management program approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455).

(e) **FUNDING OF WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS.**—The Secretary shall, with the funds made available in accordance with this title, allocate such funds among the members of the Task Force to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth in the list transmitted in accordance with this section. The Secretary shall not fund a coastal wetlands restoration project unless that project is subject to such terms and conditions as necessary to ensure that wetlands restored, enhanced or managed through that project will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and dependent fish and wildlife populations.

(f) **COST-SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects under this title shall provide 75 percent of the cost of such projects.

(2) **FEDERAL SHARE UPON CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL.**—Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, if the State develops a Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan pursuant to this title, and such conservation plan is approved pursuant to section 304 of this title, amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title for any coastal wetlands restoration project under this section shall be 85 percent of the cost of the project. In the event that the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator jointly determine that the State is not taking reasonable steps to implement and administer a conservation plan developed and approved pursuant to this title, amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title for any coastal wetlands restoration project shall revert to 75 percent of the cost of the project: *Provided, however,* that such reversion to the lower cost share level shall not occur until the Governor has been provided notice of, and opportunity for hearing on, any such determination by the Secretary, the Director, and Administrator, and the State has been given ninety days from such notice or hearing to take corrective action.

(3) **FORM OF STATE SHARE.**—The share of the cost required of the State shall be from a non-Federal source. Such State share shall consist of a cash contribution of not less than 5 percent of

the cost of the project. The balance of such State share may take the form of lands, easements, or right-of-way, or any other form of in-kind contribution determined to be appropriate by the lead Task Force member.

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection shall not affect the existing cost-sharing agreements for the following projects: Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion, Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion, and Bonnet Carre Freshwater Diversion.

SEC. 394. LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION PLANNING.

16 USC 3953.

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION PLAN.—

(1) **AGREEMENT.**—The Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator are directed to enter into an agreement with the Governor, as set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection, upon notification of the Governor's willingness to enter into such agreement.

(2) **TERMS OF AGREEMENT.—**

(A) Upon receiving notification pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall promptly enter into an agreement (hereafter in this section referred to as the "agreement") with the State under the terms set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) The agreement shall—

(i) set forth a process by which the State agrees to develop, in accordance with this section, a coastal wetlands conservation plan (hereafter in this section referred to as the "conservation plan");

(ii) designate a single agency of the State to develop the conservation plan;

(iii) assure an opportunity for participation in the development of the conservation plan, during the planning period, by the public and by Federal and State agencies;

(iv) obligate the State, not later than three years after the date of signing the agreement, unless extended by the parties thereto, to submit the conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their approval; and

(v) upon approval of the conservation plan, obligate the State to implement the conservation plan.

(3) **GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE.**—Upon the date of signing the agreement—

(A) the Administrator shall, in consultation with the Director, with the funds made available in accordance with section 306 of this title, make grants during the development of the conservation plan to assist the designated State agency in developing such plan. Such grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of developing the plan; and

(B) the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall provide technical assistance to the State to assist it in the development of the plan.

(b) **CONSERVATION PLAN GOAL.**—If a conservation plan is developed pursuant to this section, it shall have a goal of achieving no net loss of wetlands in the coastal areas of Louisiana as a result of development activities initiated subsequent to approval of the plan,

exclusive of any wetlands gains achieved through implementation of the preceding section of this title.

(c) **ELEMENTS OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—The conservation plan authorized by this section shall include—

- (1) identification of the entire coastal area in the State that contains coastal wetlands;
- (2) designation of a single State agency with the responsibility for implementing and enforcing the plan;
- (3) identification of measures that the State shall take in addition to existing Federal authority to achieve a goal of no net loss of wetlands as a result of development activities, exclusive of any wetlands gains achieved through implementation of the preceding section of this title;
- (4) a system that the State shall implement to account for gains and losses of coastal wetlands within coastal areas for purposes of evaluating the degree to which the goal of no net loss of wetlands as a result of development activities in such wetlands or other waters has been attained;
- (5) satisfactory assurances that the State will have adequate personnel, funding, and authority to implement the plan;
- (6) a program to be carried out by the State for the purpose of educating the public concerning the necessity to conserve wetlands;
- (7) a program to encourage the use of technology by persons engaged in development activities that will result in negligible impact on wetlands; and
- (8) a program for the review, evaluation, and identification of regulatory and nonregulatory options that will be adopted by the State to encourage and assist private owners of wetlands to continue to maintain those lands as wetlands.

(d) **APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Governor submits a conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their approval, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall, within one hundred and eighty days following receipt of such plan, approve or disapprove it.

(2) **APPROVAL CRITERIA.**—The Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall approve a conservation plan submitted by the Governor, if they determine that—

(A) the State has adequate authority to fully implement all provisions of such a plan;

(B) such a plan is adequate to attain the goal of no net loss of coastal wetlands as a result of development activities and complies with the other requirements of this section; and

(C) the plan was developed in accordance with terms of the agreement set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(e) **MODIFICATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—

(1) **NONCOMPLIANCE.**—If the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator determine that a conservation plan submitted by the Governor does not comply with the requirements of subsection (d) of this section, they shall submit to the Governor a statement explaining why the plan is not in compliance and how the plan should be changed to be in compliance.

(2) **RECONSIDERATION.**—If the Governor submits a modified conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their reconsideration, the Secretary, the

Director, and Administrator shall have ninety days to determine whether the modifications are sufficient to bring the plan into compliance with requirements of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) **APPROVAL OF MODIFIED PLAN.**—If the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator fail to approve or disapprove the conservation plan, as modified, within the ninety-day period following the date on which it was submitted to them by the Governor, such plan, as modified, shall be deemed to be approved effective upon the expiration of such ninety-day period.

(f) **AMENDMENTS TO CONSERVATION PLAN.**—If the Governor amends the conservation plan approved under this section, any such amended plan shall be considered a new plan and shall be subject to the requirements of this section; except that minor changes to such plan shall not be subject to the requirements of this section.

(g) **IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—A conservation plan approved under this section shall be implemented as provided therein.

(h) **FEDERAL OVERSIGHT.**—

(1) **INITIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Within one hundred and eighty days after entering into the agreement required under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall report to the Congress as to the status of a conservation plan approved under this section and the progress of the State in carrying out such a plan, including and accounting, as required under subsection (c) of this section, of the gains and losses of coastal wetlands as a result of development activities.

(2) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Twenty-four months after the initial one hundred and eighty day period set forth in paragraph (1), and at the end of each twenty-four-month period thereafter, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall, report to the Congress on the status of the conservation plan and provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the goal of this section.

SEC. 305 NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS.

16 USC 3954.

(a) **MATCHING GRANTS.**—The Director shall, with the funds made available in accordance with the next following section of this title, make matching grants to any coastal State to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects from funds made available for that purpose.

(b) **PRIORITY.**—Subject to the cost-sharing requirements of this section, the Director may grant or otherwise provide any matching moneys to any coastal State which submits a proposal substantial in character and design to carry out a coastal wetlands conservation project. In awarding such matching grants, the Director shall give priority to coastal wetlands conservation projects that are—

(1) consistent with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan developed under section 301 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3921); and

(2) in coastal States that have established dedicated funding for programs to acquire coastal wetlands, natural areas and open spaces. In addition, priority consideration shall be given to coastal wetlands conservation projects in maritime forests on coastal barrier islands.

(c) **CONDITIONS.**—The Director may only grant or otherwise provide matching moneys to a coastal State for purposes of carrying out a coastal wetlands conservation project if the grant or provision is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that any real property interest acquired in whole or in part, or enhanced, managed, or restored with such moneys will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the fish and wildlife dependent thereon.

(d) **COST-SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Grants to coastal States of matching moneys by the Director for any fiscal year to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects shall be used for the payment of not to exceed 50 percent of the total costs of such projects; except that such matching moneys may be used for payment of not to exceed 75 percent of the costs of such projects if a coastal State has established a trust fund, from which the principal is not spent, for the purpose of acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural area or open spaces.

(2) **FORM OF STATE SHARE.**—The matching moneys required of a coastal State to carry out a coastal wetlands conservation project shall be derived from a non-Federal source.

(3) **IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.**—In addition to cash outlays and payments, in-kind contributions of property or personnel services by non-Federal interests for activities under this section may be used for the non-Federal share of the cost of those activities.

(e) **PARTIAL PAYMENTS.**—

(1) The Director may from time to time make matching payments to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects as such projects progress, but such payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the Federal pro rata share of any such project in conformity with subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The Director may enter into agreements to make matching payments on an initial portion of a coastal wetlands conservation project and to agree to make payments on the remaining Federal share of the costs of such project from subsequent moneys if and when they become available. The liability of the United States under such an agreement is contingent upon the continued availability of funds for the purpose of this section.

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(f) **WETLANDS ASSESSMENT.**—The Director shall, with the funds made available in accordance with the next following section of this title, direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetland Inventory to update and digitize wetlands maps in the State of Texas and to conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State.

16 USC 3955.

SEC. 306. DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **PRIORITY PROJECT AND CONSERVATION PLANNING EXPENDITURES.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 70 percent, not to exceed \$70,000,000, shall be available, and shall remain available until expended, for the purposes of making expenditures—

(1) not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 annually to assist the Task Force in the preparation of the list required under this title and the plan required under this title, including preparation of—

- (A) preliminary assessments;
- (B) general or site-specific inventories;
- (C) reconnaissance, engineering or other studies;
- (D) preliminary design work; and
- (E) such other studies as may be necessary to identify and evaluate the feasibility of coastal wetland restoration projects;

(2) to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth on the list prepared under this title;

(3) to carry out wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth in the restoration plan prepared under this title;

(4) to make grants not to exceed \$2,500,000 annually or \$10,000,000 in total, to assist the agency designated by the State in development of the Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan pursuant to this title.

(b) **COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 15 percent, not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be available, and shall remain available to the Director, for purposes of making grants—

(1) to any coastal State, except States eligible to receive funding under section 306(a), to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects in accordance with section 305 of this title; and

(2) in the amount of \$2,500,000 in total for an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in the State of Texas.

(c) **NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 15 percent, not to exceed \$15,000,000, shall be available to, and shall remain available until expended by, the Secretary of the Interior for allocation to carry out wetlands conservation projects in any coastal State under section 8 of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Public Law 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989).

SEC. 307. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

16 USC 3956.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.**—The Secretary is authorized to carry out projects for the protection, restoration, or enhancement of aquatic and associated ecosystems, including projects for the protection, restoration, or creation of wetlands and coastal ecosystems. In carrying out such projects, the Secretary shall give such projects equal consideration with projects relating to irrigation, navigation, or flood control.

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Navigation.
Flood control.

(b) **STUDY.**—The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed 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.

SEC. 308. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

16 U.S.C. 777c is amended by adding the following after the first sentence: "The Secretary shall distribute 18 per centum of each annual appropriation made in accordance with the provisions of

section 777b of this title as provided in the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 777b, such sums shall remain available to carry out such Act through fiscal year 1999."

Great Lakes
Oil Pollution
Research and
Development
Act.

33 USC 2701
note.

Ante, p. 559.

"TITLE IV—GREAT LAKES OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

"SEC. 4001. SHORT TITLE.

"This title may be cited as the "Great Lakes Oil Pollution Research and Development Act".

"SEC. 4002. GREAT LAKES OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380) is amended as follows:

"(1) GREAT LAKES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—In subsection (c)(6), strike "3" and insert "4", strike "and" after "California," and insert "and (D) ports on the Great Lakes," after "Louisiana,".

"(2) FUNDING.—In subsection (f) strike "21,250,000" and insert "22,000,000" and in subsection (f)(2) strike "2,250,000" and insert "3,000,000".

Approved November 29, 1990.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 5390 (S. 2244):

SENATE REPORTS: No. 101-523 accompanying S. 2244 (Comm. on Environment and Public Works).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 136 (1990):

Oct. 1, considered and passed House.

Oct. 26, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 2244.

Oct. 27, House concurred in Senate amendment.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 26 (1990):

Nov. 29, Presidential statement.

MR. FRUGE

**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION
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APRIL 14, 1994

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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April 14, 1994

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TASK FORCE MEETING

14 April 1994

9:30 a.m.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND
RESTORATION ACT

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TASK FORCE PROCEDURES

I. Task Force Meetings and Attendance

A. Scheduling/Location

The Task Force will hold regular meetings quarterly, or more often if necessary to carry out its responsibilities. When possible, regular meetings will be scheduled as to time and location prior to the adjournment of any preceding regular meeting.

Special meetings may be called upon request and with the concurrence of a majority of the Task Force members, in which case, the Chairperson will schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Emergency meetings may be called upon request and with the unanimous concurrence of all members of the Task Force at the call of the Chairperson. When deemed necessary by the Chairperson, such meetings can be held via telephone conference call provided that a record of the meeting is made and that any actions taken are affirmed at the next regular or special meeting.

B. Delegation of Attendance

The appointed members of the Task Force may delegate authority to participate and actively vote on the Task Force to a substitute of their choice. Notice of such delegation shall be provided in writing to the Task Force Chairperson prior to the opening of the meeting.

C. Staff Participation

Each member of the Task Force may bring colleagues, staff or other assistants/advisors to the meetings. These individuals may participate fully in the meeting discussions but will not be allowed to vote.

D. Public Participation (see Public Involvement Program)

All Task Force meetings will be open to the public. Interested parties may submit written questions or comments that will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

II. Administrative Procedures

A. Quorum

A quorum of the Task Force shall be a simple majority of the appointed members of the Task Force, or their designated representatives.

B. Voting

Whenever possible, the Task Force shall resolve issues by consensus. Otherwise, issues will be decided by a simple majority vote, with each member of the Task Force having one vote. The Task Force Chairperson may vote on any issue, but must vote to break a tie. All votes shall be via voice and individual votes shall be recorded in the minutes, which shall be public documents.

C. Agenda Development/Approval

The agenda will be developed by the Chairperson's staff. Task Force members or Technical Committee Chairpersons may submit agenda items to the Chairperson in advance. The agenda will be distributed to each Task Force member (and others on an distribution list maintained by the Chairperson's staff) within two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Additional agenda items may be added by any Task Force member at the beginning of a meeting.

D. Minutes

The Chairperson will arrange for minutes of all meetings to be taken and distributed within two weeks after a meeting is held to all Task Force members and others on the distribution list.

E. Distribution of Information/Products

All information and products developed by the Task Force members or their staffs will be distributed to all Task Force members normally within two weeks in advance of any proposed action in order to allow adequate time for review and comment, unless the information/product is developed at the meeting or an emergency situation occurs.

III. Miscellaneous

A. Liability Disclaimer

To the extent permitted by the law of the State of Louisiana and Federal regulations, neither the Task Force nor any of its members individually shall be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of an employee, agent or representative selected with reasonable care, nor for anything the Task Force may do or refrain from doing in good faith, including the following: errors in judgement, acts done or committed on advice of counsel, or mistakes of fact or law.

B. Conflict of Interest

No member of the Task Force (or designated representative) shall participate in any decision or vote which would constitute a conflict of interest under Federal or State law. Any potential conflicts of interest must clearly be stated by the member prior to any discussion on the agenda item.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 4, 1994

MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the twelfth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:40 a.m. on February 4, 1994, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 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 Records for the Task Force meeting are attached as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. With the exception of Mr. Pulliam, who was represented by Mr. David Frugé, all were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. James Pulliam, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. William Fox, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on October 1, 1993, were approved unanimously with an amendment offered by Mr. David Frugé (the minutes are attached as Enclosure 3). Mr. Gohmert made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Frugé seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously. [1/170-205]

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

- A. Mr. Jim Addison, USACE-NOD Public Affairs Officer, presented a proposal (including a budget) for a CWPPRA public outreach program. Dr. Len Bahr suggested that Mr. Paul Coreil of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (LCES) be contacted to take advantage of the LCES's existing information distribution network. Mr. Frugé voiced his support for that idea and recommended inviting Mr. Coreil to any meeting of the public affairs coordinators. Mr. Rhoades recommended including primary and secondary

schools, as well as universities, into the outreach program. Mr. Gohmert expressed his support for the outreach program and also recommended that the LCES be involved. Col. Diffley told Mr. Addison that he wants to see a more detailed budget for fiscal year 1995 and that the outreach program should take advantage of existing agency resources. Dr. Bahr started a discussion about the need to place a sign on the LaBranche Wetland Creation site or on U.S. Interstate 10 adjacent to the site. Mr. Dom Elguezebal, USACE project manager will determine the feasibility of erecting the sign and act accordingly. Col. Diffley directed Mr. Addison to inform the public of the project prior to the ground breaking ceremony scheduled for the beginning of March. Mr. Addison will report to the Task Force at their next meeting as to the cost and efficacy of that effort. [1/206-674]

Motion by Mr. Rhoades: That the Task Force set a \$58,900 spending cap on the fiscal year 1994 public outreach program.

Second: Dr. Bahr.

Approved unanimously.

- B. Mr. Robert Schroeder, technical committee chairman, presented his committee's recommendation that the Task Force pursue an agreement with television station WLAE to produce a documentary. The technical committee felt that using available agency information could bring the cost down from WLAE's original proposal. The documentary would feature the LaBranche project primarily, but would also describe the CWPPRA process generally. [1/674-701, 2/0-47]

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force agree to a \$38,000 spending cap with the expectation that the cost can be reduced by following the technical committee's recommendations and that all of the Task Force agencies will have a chance to review the finished product prior to release.

Second: Mr. Gohmert.

Approved unanimously.

- C. Mr. Oscar Rowe, Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee Chairman, presented the revised process for selecting the 4th priority list projects, including the schedule of basin meetings for selecting candidate projects. Mr. Rowe informed Dr. Bahr that the official public meetings would be held after the candidate projects had been selected and evaluated and could be coordinated with the State. Col. Diffley addressed the need to revise the technical evaluation process and recommended including funds for revising the process in the FY95 budget. He also discussed the need to objectively analyze the costs of projects at about the 25 percent design stage. The possibility of low-balling estimates to enhance a project's chances of making a priority list concerns him. Mr. Frugé stated that he would like to see a more intensive scrutiny of designs and costs of projects before they are voted on for inclusion on a priority list. Mr. Schroeder informed the Task Force about the quarterly project status reports provided to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources by each agency. Dr. Bahr expressed concern

about potential time and cost problems associated with real estate acquisition. Ms. Sue Hawes, Ponchartrain Basin captain and Wetlands Value Assessment team member, stated her opinion that the wetlands benefits of proposed projects were being fairly assessed. Col. Diffley stated that the E&D costs should be highlighted and then tasked the Technical Committee with developing a standard operating procedure for anticipating, highlighting, and addressing problems during the design stage. Dr. Bahr suggested that private consultants and contractors be brought into the process. Col. Diffley advised Mr. Gohmert that the engineering chief at the New Orleans District would contact him to discuss the possibility of convening a workshop with members of his staff and private consultants concerning engineering design procedures and costs. There was a discussion about moving the date of the first basin meeting back. It will not be moved. Mr. Stan Green, USACE, pointed out an error in the schedule of basin meetings enclosed in the Task Force meeting handbook. The Pontchartrain, Breton Sound, and Mississippi River Delta basin meetings will be held at NOD on March 14, 1994. [2/676-end, 3/0-533]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force approve the basin meeting recommendations and the 4th Priority Project List development schedule as presented by Mr. Rowe.

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Approved unanimously.

- D. Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's plans to move forward with feasibility studies. A team will be assembled to determine the degree of modeling effort necessary to assess the efficacy and cost of barrier islands in protecting wetlands. A feasibility study on the total available sediment budget of the Mississippi River will be initiated. Col. Diffley informed the Task Force that the USACE will conduct an extensive study of the lower Atchafalaya River with its own resources. The proper balance of flood control, navigation, and delta building must be thoroughly investigated before a change in the split of the flow at Old River can be considered. He explained why an initial investigation of barrier island modeling is necessary before a feasibility study can begin and instructed the Technical Committee to report on its findings at the next Task Force meeting. He recommended that the USACE move forward with a feasibility study of freshwater diversions off of the Mississippi River and directed his staff to develop an Initial Project Management Plan (IPMP) by the next Task Force meeting. Ms. Carolyn Earl, USACE, explained the IPMP as the scheduling and budgeting tool for the feasibility study. Col. Diffley described the feasibility report as the document which will go to Congress for funding. Mr. David Soileau, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, wanted to know who will define the roles of the other agencies and the State in the feasibility study. Col. Diffley stated that the study manager will be from the USACE but the other agencies would be encouraged to contribute to the effort. The Task Force will take up the issue of agency participation at the next meeting when the IPMP is presented. Col. Diffley answered another Soileau inquiry by defining the

strategy for getting large projects funded. Whatever agency has a funding stream available for a particular type of project will take the lead on the feasibility study for that project. He assured Dr. Bahr that the USACE feasibility studies under CWPPRA would not be held to the strict cost/benefit analysis as are ordinary USACE studies. He answered a question by Mr. Frugé by stating that the Task Force would fully fund feasibility studies for now. He also told Mr. Bob Jones, Terrebonne Parish engineer, that small scale Isles Dernieres reconstruction projects could still compete for priority list funding while barrier islands are being studied. Dr. Ivor Van Heerden, Center for Coastal, Energy, and Environmental Resources (CCEER), requested that the scientific community be notified through him of any meetings concerning the priority projects or the feasibility studies. [5/244-end, 6/30-175]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve the development of an IPMP for the feasibility study of Mississippi River Diversions.

Second: Mr. Frugé

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Technical Committee assemble a team to survey the existing information and models of barrier islands and report their findings to the Task Force by the next meeting.

Second: Mr. Gohmert.

Passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Col. Diffley introduced the current proposal for a scientific advisory group. Ms. Sue Hawes (Project Manager for the Environment, USACE) stated that she had received the proposal from CCEER and LUMCON on 28 Jan 94 and distributed it to the Technical Committee. Col. Diffley recommended that the Task Force assemble a team to negotiate a contract with the scientists. The team will be headed by Mr. Dave Frugé and composed of people familiar with the priority list selection process, feasibility studies, and monitoring. The team should identify specific areas of need and structure the agreement such that it can grow in those areas where a value added is clearly identified. Dr. Paul Kemp of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) advised the Task Force that the contract must be with the university. He answered Mr. Rhoades by stating that the proposal currently on the table included participation in the 3rd year review required by the CWPPRA. He also informed the Task Force about the involvement of the W. Alton Jones Foundation in analyzing CWPPRA projects and the Restoration Plan. [2/71-419]
- B. Ms. Sue Hawes presented the status of the Citizen Participation Group. They will no longer be asked to provide a consensus opinion. Members of the group will provide opinions individually. The group charter will be changed to reflect this. The CPG will meet prior to the first basin meeting. They will help with

public outreach. The acting chairman of the group is Mr. Mark Davis, Executive Director of CRCL. [2/424-528]

- C. A representative of each agency delivered a report of agency expenditures in fiscal year 1993. Mr. Rowe informed Col. Diffley that MIPR's had not been closed for '93 or '92. USACE is still getting bills. The reports of expenditures of other agencies included actual expenditures and obligations. The Department of Commerce did not spend its entire budget. The other agencies spent or obligated all of their fiscal year 1993 funds. Col. Diffley defined the need to develop a function oriented matrix to track expenditures by fiscal year 1995. [2/529-672]
- D. Mr. Thomas briefed the Task Force on the status of the State Conservation Plan. Mr. Rhoades must meet with the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Mr. John Ales, to reach an agreement on developing the plan. Mr. Dave Soileau answered a question by Dr. Bahr by stating that the three year period to develop the plan will not begin until the State received a grant from the Federal government. [3/539-568].
- E. The Task Force reviewed the handouts on the status of priority list projects. Mr. Soileau asked the Task Force when the issue of cost overruns on specific projects would be addressed. Col. Diffley stated that the Task Force would take up the issue at the next meeting after the Technical Committee has developed a procedure for identifying such overruns. Mr. Soileau wanted to know when the public would be apprised of the decision to drop a project and what would happen to projects which had fallen out of favor with the public. Dr. Fox stated that his department no longer wished to pursue the Fourchon hydrologic development project because of landowner opposition. Mr. Ric Reubsamen, Technical Committee member from the National Marine Fisheries Service, voiced his concern that projects would be redesigned to stay within the 25 percent cap and in the process lose projected benefits. He then detailed the reasons why his agency was requesting a "deauthorization" of the Fourchon project. Mr. Soileau again posed the question of the need to go back to the public. Col. Diffley stated that by law or current Task Force procedure there was no such requirement. He suggested that the Task Force consider the issue along with the issues of what criteria in addition to costs and benefits should lead to deauthorization and whether the deauthorization process be automatic. Mr. Davis advised the Task Force of the value of keeping the public informed. Mr. Frugé suggested notifying the public of Task Force meeting agendas. Dr. Fox recommended not making the deauthorization process automatic. Col. Diffley answered another question from Mr. Soileau. He stated that there was no need at this time to address the possibility of running out of money to construct priority list projects due to other projects exceeding their estimated cost by 25 percent or less. Annual funding goes into one pot and some projects will be delayed or drop out or come in under budget. Mr. Gohmert reported that there were no cost overruns on any of the projects sponsored by his agency and that the West Hackberry project was under construction. Mr. Thomas suggested that

all overruns be reported, not just significant ones. He also advised the Task Force that the Congress would have to be notified if any projects were deauthorized. He reported that the present cost estimates for the first two phases of the Isles Desnieres restoration combined were \$2 million or 15 percent over the original \$13 million estimate. The project(s) will be bid in July 1994. Mr. Dom Elguezabal reported a 64 percent overrun of the original cost estimate for the Vermilion River Cutoff project. He also reported potentially serious real estate problems with the project. Col. Diffley was concerned with the fact that the Task Force was not advised of the increased cost associated with the revision of the original project. He was also concerned about spending a lot of engineering and design money on a project that might have construction timing problems. Dr. Good informed the Task Force that the benefits of the project had increased with the redesign. Mr. Frugé recommended that any claim of increased benefits for a project be submitted to the Wetlands Value Assessment Team. Mr. Elguezabal also reported that model studies of shoaling due to the West Bay Diversion looked favorable. A revised construction schedule will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Paul Yacupsack, USFWS, reported unresolved land rights problems with the Cameron Creole Watershed project. However engineering and design have been completed and the project cost is 9 percent over the original estimate. Advertisement of the Bayou Sauvage Habitat Restoration Project has been delayed until December 1994 by the USACE hurricane protection project. The Sabine Refuge project should be ready for advertisement in April 1994 and is currently estimated to cost 68 percent less than the original estimate. The Cameron Prairie Erosion Prevention project was advertised in December 1993, with an award anticipated in April 1994. Bids have not been opened yet but the anticipated project cost is 27 percent over the original estimate. The cost share agreement for the Bayou Sauvage Habitat Restoration Phase II project is currently being negotiated. Mr. Tim Osborn, NMFS, reported real estate problems as well as problems of boat access with the Bayou La Cache project. There are no problems anticipated with the Point Au Fer project. The Atchafalaya Sediment Diversion and the Big Island Mining projects will be combined due to their close proximity to one another and the similarity of construction to effect an economy of scale. [3/570-end,4/130-end,5/0-154]

- F. Mr. Richard Boe, USACE, reported to the Task Force that eight letters commenting on the Restoration Plan were received. The USACE is preparing written responses to those comments with the help of some persons from the other agencies. A signed Record of Decision and the responses to all of the comments received will be sent to all commenters and all who were sent a copy of the Restoration Plan. Col. Diffley directed Mr. Boe to staff a draft copy of the Record of Decision and proposed responses to the comments through all of the other Task Force members via the Technical Committee. [5/154-242]

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. Colonel Diffley directed Mr. Addison to publicize the LaBranche Wetlands project while it is under construction and report the results of that effort to the Task Force.
- B. Names for the scientific advisors' negotiating team were to have been given to Mr. Frugé by the end of the meeting. The team will negotiate an agreement within three weeks. A vote by the Task Force on the proposal will be solicited by telephone or fax.
- C. Colonel Diffley directed Mr. Rowe to develop a new process for tracking budget items by task as of fiscal year 1995.
- D. Colonel Diffley recommended that funds be included in the FY95 budget to review and possibly revise the technical evaluation process for priority list projects.
- E. Colonel Diffley directed the technical committee to develop a standard operating procedure for evaluating projects at various intervals during the engineering and design phase.
- F. Colonel Diffley will confer with Mr. Gohmert about convening an engineering and design workshop with representatives from the private sector.
- G. The USACE will send copies of all responses to comments on the Restoration Plan along with a draft of the Record of Decision to all of the agencies for their review.
- H. Mr. Schroeder will draft a letter to the governor responding to his request for feasibility studies. He will also assemble a team to analyze existing information on barrier islands and recommend a starting point and scope of work for the subsequent feasibility study. The Technical Committee will prepare an Initial Project Management Plan for the Mississippi River feasibility study by the next Task Force meeting.

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Col. Diffley instructed the lead agencies to submit permit applications for priority list projects to the USACE with a cover letter identifying the agency and CWPPRA affiliation. [6/205-266]
- B. Mr. Gohmert presented a plaque from the Task Force to Col. Diffley commemorating his service as the Chairman of the Task Force. [6/267-320]

C. Mr. Phil Bowman, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, showed a video prepared by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. [6/323-356]

D. Mr. Rob Gormans (Catholic Social Services), congratulated Col. Diffley for initiating a public outreach program. Col. Diffley elaborated on the need to involve the public in the process. [6/358-394]

VIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

Mr. Schroeder offered the dates of April 19-21 for consideration as the date of the next Task Force meeting. No one voiced any objections. Task Force members will be contacted to confirm one of those dates.

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rhoades moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Frugé seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
February 4, 1994

ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA

Encl 1

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

4 February 1994

9:30 a.m.*

9:45

- I. Introductions
- II. Presentation to the Family of Charles W. "Bill" Savant
- III. Adoption of Minutes from the 1 October 1993 Meeting
- IV. Status of Tasks from the October 1993 Meeting Requiring Further Action
 - a. i. report on public outreach program (NOD PAO)
 - ii. consideration of a proposal for a documentary video from WLAE TV
 - b. report on CPG status
 - c. report on scientific advisors program
 - d. report on FY 93 expenditures (lead agencies)
 - e. development of new procedure for selection of Priority Project Lists
- V. Status of Development of the State Conservation Plan
- VI. Report on Status of Priority Project List Projects (lead agencies)
- VII. Signing of Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan Report
- VIII. Report on Selection of Fiscal Year 1994 Feasibility Studies
- IX. Additional Agenda Items
- X. Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting
- XI. Request for Written Questions from the Public

* There will be an informal reception in honor of Bill Savant's family prior to the start of the meeting (9:15).

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
February 4, 1994

ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) L	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
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PURPOSE

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ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 4 Feb 94	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION Planning Division	LOCATION District Assembly Room
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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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ENCLOSURE 3

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 1, 1993, TASK FORCE MEETING

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING
October 1, 1993

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the eleventh meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:45 a.m. on October 1, 1993, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 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 Records for the Task Force meeting are attached as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. With the exception of Mr. Rhoades, who was represented by Mr. Norm Thomas, all were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. James Pulliam, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. William Fox, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on May 20, 1993, were approved unanimously with no discussion (the minutes are attached as Enclosure 3). Mr. Gohmert made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Thomas seconded it. [1/100-110]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Mr. Oscar Rowe (chairman, Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee) presented the fiscal year 1994 budget (Enclosure 4) of \$4.2 million as recommended by the Technical Committee. He noted that \$800,000 was left unbudgeted for other

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

items such as feasibility studies, outreach efforts, etc. Colonel Diffley expressed concern about the size of the budget and the relatively small amount of money left to do feasibility studies. Dr. Len Bahr expressed the State's desire to get started on feasibility studies of large projects. This prompted a lengthy discussion of the issue. Colonel Diffley described his vision of the way the Task Force should approach implementation of the comprehensive Restoration Plan. He said that CWPPRA planning funds (100 percent Federal) should be used to develop large-scale projects to the feasibility level; individual agencies must then take over the projects to find funding for construction. The State, as the cost-sharing partner for any projects which would be constructed, should determine which feasibility studies would be accomplished. [1/641-2/end]

Motion by Mr. Thomas: That the Task Force approve the fiscal year 1994 budget as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Dr. Fox

Approved unanimously.

- B. Mr. Robert Schroeder (chairman, Technical Committee) presented the Technical Committee's recommendation to adopt a standardized status report for CWPPRA priority list projects. [3/0-34]

Motion by Mr. Thomas: That the Task Force adopt a standardized status report for CWPPRA priority list projects as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Dr. Bahr

Approved unanimously.

- C. Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for the 3rd Priority Project List. Mr. Thomas wished to postpone the vote and reconvene the Technical Committee to further review several projects which were opposed by one or more agencies. Dr. Bahr noted that the State supported the proposed list, and asked for a vote at this meeting. Dr. Fox and Mr. Gohmert each expressed a willingness to review those projects to which some agencies had objections, but both wanted a vote at this meeting. Mark Davis (Director, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana) asked the Task Force to postpone the vote to allow participation by the Citizen Participation Group (CPG), which he maintained had not been involved in the selection process; Mrs. Hawes pointed out that the candidate projects had been presented at a CPG meeting at the Louisiana Nature Center (August 23, 1993).

Mr. Thomas began the discussion of projects by presenting a list of proposed projects to be substituted for three projects which he believed ought not to be recommended by the Task Force: Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration; Replace Hog Island, West Cove, and Headquarters Control Structures; and Cameron-Creole Maintenance (see Enclosure 5 for the proposed substitutions). Mr. Thomas asserted that the Cote Blanche area is undergoing natural growth; Ms. Faye Talbot (SCS) maintained that the proposed project would make better use

Mr. E.P. design implies draining of excess water — cut from June

of natural processes and should show results very quickly. Mr. Darryl Clark (LDNR) observed that the project has been on the State list for several years. Mr. Thomas stated his opposition to the Replace Hog Island, etc. Control Structures project, noting that the structures in question are relatively new and the project area is already protected. Mr. Rick Hartman (NMFS) suggested that most of the project's benefits were attributable to a single structure, and that incremental analysis of this project would be appropriate. The discussion of the Cameron-Creole project centered around the question of dedicating a large sum of money toward maintenance of an existing project whose local sponsor was not able to meet its financial obligations.

Mr. Pulliam expressed concern with the Red Mud demonstration project, wishing to ensure that no CWPPRA funds would be spent on construction until toxicity testing was completed and the material was shown to be safe for use as marsh substrate. Mrs. Sue Hawes (USACE) pointed out that an Environmental Assessment (of which toxicity testing will be a part) must be done prior to construction. Col. Diffley noted that the EA, including toxicity testing, will be completed before the project is funded for construction. [3/35-5/238]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve the 3rd Priority Project List as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Pulliam

Motion by Dr. Fox: Amend the motion on the floor so as to defer consideration of the Hog Island project (to be remanded to the Technical Committee for additional analysis, including incrementalization) and the Cameron-Creole project (to be remanded to the Technical Committee for determination of the 5-year maintenance cost).

Second: Mr. Thomas

In favor: Dr. Fox and Mr. Thomas

Opposed: Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Pulliam, and Col. Diffley

In favor (of motion by Dr. Bahr): Messrs. Gohmert and Pulliam, Dr. Fox, and Col. Diffley

Opposed: Mr. Thomas

The 3rd Priority Project List as approved by the Task Force is attached as Enclosure 6.

D. Colonel Diffley presented the Technical Committee's recommendation to dedicate the Restoration Plan report to Bill Savant. [5/413-450]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force approve the recommendation of the Technical Committee to dedicate the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan report to the memory of Mr. Charles W. "Bill" Savant.

Second: Mr. Pulliam

Passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mrs. Sue Hawes (Project Manager for the Environment, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District) reported on the status of the CPG, the effort to formalize the involvement of the scientific community, and the need to improve public outreach. She stated that the CPG is exempt from the Federal Advisory Committees Act as long as the members participate as individuals and the CPG is not called upon to achieve consensus and provide recommendations as a group.

Mrs. Hawes reported that the scientific community would be formally brought into the process through a cooperative agreement between LUMCON and the EPA. The group should consist of about twelve members of different disciplines to be recommended by the Task Force. The cost will be \$50,000 to \$75,000. Mr. Thomas promised his agency's cooperation.

Ms. Hawes next advised the Task Force of the need to establish a formal public outreach program, including a newsletter; slide shows; media invitations to groundbreakings; media briefings; and annual briefings for higher agency authorities, national groups, and legislators. This work is not presently budgeted for the current fiscal year. Colonel Diffley recommended his Public Affairs Officer as a point of contact for the effort. [1/110-375]

- B. Mr. Thomas informed the Task Force that little progress had been made recently on the development of the State Conservation Plan. He expected to move forward again after the Restoration Plan and 3rd Priority Project List were finalized. [1/393-418]
- C. Dr. Jimmy Johnson (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Research Center) presented the results of an analysis of wetlands loss data. The annual loss rate between 1978 and 1990 of 34.9 sq.mi. was higher than the previous U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimate. [1/419-640]
- D. Mr. Rowe informed the Task Force that the scheduled date for submission of the Restoration Plan report and EIS to EPA had slipped to November 19, 1993; the Notice of Availability will appear in the Federal Register on November 26. Dr. Len Bahr requested time for agency review of the final report. He was concerned that issues such as flood control should be addressed. Mr. Rowe pointed out the large volume of comments to be resolved and promised to contact all of the participating agencies during the following week to discuss the matter, as well as schedule a Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Schroeder extended an invitation to all of the other agencies to send personnel to his office to provide assistance for the effort. [5/274-412]

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. Colonel Diffley, at the end of Ms. Hawes' presentation, requested that the following items be placed on the agenda for the next Task Force Meeting: [1/275-375]
- 1) A report on the next CPG meeting.
 - 2) A report by the Corps' Public Affairs Officer on the development of the outreach program, including a budget proposal.
 - 3) A report by Mr. Thomas on the status of the EPA's cooperative agreement with the scientific advisory group.
- B. Colonel Diffley asked Mr. Rowe to provide a breakdown of FY93 expenditures at the next Task Force meeting. [2/0-5]
- C. Colonel Diffley directed Mr. Schroeder to develop a new process for selecting priority list projects. The process should include adequate CPG and scientific participation. The revised selection process should be submitted to the agencies for their approval prior to the next Task Force meeting, at which Mr. Schroeder will report on the status of that procedure. [5/250-268]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Dr. Bahr advised the Task Force of the need to address the concerns of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation regarding the Bonnet Carré Freshwater Diversion project. He referred to Governor Edwards' endorsement of a request that the Task Force set up a committee to develop an outfall management plan for the project to increase wetlands benefits and enhance water quality. Colonel Diffley said that the Corps would pursue that effort under its own authority until a project could be developed which would be appropriate for funding under the CWPPRA or until the Corps reached an impasse and requested the assistance of the Task Force. [5/477-562]

VIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

No specific date was set for the next Task Force meeting. Colonel Diffley suggested that it be held between January 5 and January 25, 1994. Mr. Gohmert asked that several dates be circulated for consideration.

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Bahr moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Gohmert seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

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**TASK FORCE MEETING
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**ENCLOSURE 4
FISCAL YEAR 1994 BUDGET**

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

FF 1994 Budget Proposal

Allocation of Cost and Associated Manpower

Activity	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of the Army		Dept of Commerce		Dept of Interior		Environmental		Florida Legislature		REGULARY	
	Man	Cost (\$)	Man	Cost (\$)	Man	Cost (\$)	Man	Cost (\$)	Man	Cost (\$)	Man	Cost (\$)	Man	Cost (\$)
4th Priority Project List														
PL 0020	29,480		60,400	37,010	1,010				340	10,030	653	14,780	2,033	151,720
PL 0030	5,051		23,925	10,460	280				120	4,120	582	13,518	992	55,734
PL 0040	19,292		24,414	1,940	60				220	7,000	533	11,400	813	64,286
PL 0050	2,492		2,910	2,400	33				220	6,400	143	4,100	443	18,702
PL 0070	100,148		42,785	3,800	184				160	4,800	296	6,200	640	159,761
PL 0073	148,749		140,103	17,280	400				220	4,070	1,164	26,400	1,864	388,612
PL 0090	4,455		7,273	1,200	40				50	1,580	48	2,070	158	16,780
PL 0097	70,857		31,825	15,400	640				300	3,200	365	7,400	905	128,962
PL 0120	27,271		14,418	4,980	200				680	12,840	767	15,800	1,417	77,781
PL 0133	7,116		14,550	1,400	40				40	1,504	296	6,200	384	31,050
PL 0140	23,562		9,700	3,480	100				120	2,400	143	4,700	240	43,242
PL 0150	23,130		4,850	2,808	44				200	6,400	296	6,200	400	43,368
PL 0160	17,144		4,680	2,544	72				33	2,640	296	6,200	240	34,402
PL 0170	1,822		1,940	1,782	56				60	2,000	48	2,070	9,624	9,624
PL 0193	2,452		1,940	1,782	56				32	1,120	143	4,100	208	24,175
PL 0190	7,087		10,946	2,952	80				60	2,000	68	2,070	186	14,833
PL 0200	3,556		7,487	3,520	100				60	2,000	68	2,070	255	51,828
PL 0210	3,415		41,633	2,880	89				20	600	143	4,100	78	10,445
PL 0220	3,034		4,421	1,120	32				32	1,120	64	2,070	199	38,497
PL 0230	4,999		28,332	940	32				30	300	143	4,100	159	7,927
PL 0260			2,547	480	16				24	630	143	4,100	159	7,927
Subtotal 4th List	0	206,126	0	480,849	3,634	121,754	0	0	2,450	79,364	6,476	145,448	10,726	1,355,561
Total Priority List	0	822,873	0	884,094	3,944	186,346	0	0	2,456	86,944	7,431	186,198	12,217	1,812,875
Total Mixed Labor	0	665,488	0	949,923	4,918	173,428	0	0	4,318	182,344	11,646	272,648	19,243	2,201,419

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Activity	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of the Army		Dept of Commerce		Dept of Interior		Environmental Protection Agency		State of Louisiana		SUMMARY	
	Soil Conservation Dist	RELAY Contract EREN	RELAY Contract EREN	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental	Manhrs	Cost (\$)	Manhrs	Cost (\$)
Other Costs														
Graphics														
Printing														
Travel														
Contracts														
Other														
Total Other	0	0	0	137,000	0	0	0	230,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead														
Contingencies														
Total-Detailed Program Schedule	0	668,000	0	689,200	4,910	0	0	394,000	4,110	0	11,635	637,000	19,200	2,064,225
Added Items														
Mixed Labor														
Other Costs														
Graphics														
Printing														
Travel														
Contracts														
Other														
Total Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64,000	0	1,267,007
Overhead														
Contingencies														
Total-Added Items	0	107,000	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165,000	0	1,361,017
Total Budget Proposal	0	812,000	0	809,200	4,910	0	0	394,000	4,110	0	11,635	802,000	19,200	4,207,248

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ENCLOSURE 5

EPA'S PROPOSED SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE
3RD PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

EPA PROPOSED CHANGES TO PPL #3

ADD

XTV - 19	Little Vermilion Bay Sediment	1,516,000
BS - 5	Bayou Lamoque Outfall Management	534,000
XPO - 83	Lake Athanasio Spit Marsh Creation	1,040,000
PBS - 6	Grand Bay Crevasse	1,776,000
XAT - 6	Atchafalaya Booster Pump Marsh Creation	1,091,000
XTV - 26	Two Mouth Bayou Freshwater Div.	615,000
BS32 - 6A	Lake Lery Pump Outfall	3,039,000
XEA - 1C	Grand Pierre Island Restoration	3,301,000
CS 4a	Cameron-Creole Structures Maintenance	<u>500,000</u>
		13,412,000

DECP

TV - 4	Cote Blanche Hydro Rest.	5,173,000
XCS 47,48,etc.	Replace Hog Island Control Structures	4,583,000
CS - 4a	Cameron-Creole Maintenance	<u>3,719,000</u>
		13,475,000

DEFERRED

XME - 22	Pecan Island Terracing	1,231,000
XCS - 14	Trigud Bayou	762,000

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ENCLOSURE 6
THE 3RD PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

3rd Priority Project List

Project Number	Project Name	Basin	Lead Agency	Cost Effectiveness (\$/AAHU)	Fully Funded Cost (\$)	Cumulative Cost (\$)
XPO-71	MRGO Back Dike Marsh Prot	Pont	USACE	100	532,000	532,000
BA-4c	West Pt.-a-la-Hache Outfall Mgmt	Bar	SCS	140	881,000	1,413,000
XMR-10	Channel Armor Gap Crevasse	Miss R	USACE	286	808,000	2,221,000
TV-4	Cote Blanche Hydro Rest	T/V	SCS	371	5,173,000	7,394,000
XBA-65a	B. Perot/B. Rigolettes Marsh	Bar	NMF	380	1,835,000	9,229,000
CS-4a	Cameron-Creole Maintenance	Calc	SCS	437	3,719,000	12,948,000
PMR-9b	Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse	Miss R	USACE	440	2,858,000	15,806,000
XTE-67	E. Timbalier Restoration	Terr	NMF	686	2,047,000	17,853,000
XCS-47,48i, etc.	Replace Hog Island etc. Cntrl Structs	Calc	FWS	753	4,582,000	22,435,000
BS-4a	White's Ditch Outfall Mgmt	Bret	SCS	781	756,000	23,191,000
PTE-23/26a/33	L. Chapeau Mrsh Crtn and HR	Terr	NMF	876	4,149,000	27,340,000
PTE-15bi	Whiskey Island Restoration	Terr	EPA	922	4,844,000	32,184,000
PTE-26b	Brady Canal Hydro Rest	Terr	SCS	1,017	4,718,000	36,902,000
PO-9a	Violet Freshwater Distribution	Pont	SCS	3,305	1,821,000	38,723,000
Demonstration Projects						
BA-15	L. Salvador Shore Protection Demo	Bar	NMF	586	1,445,000	40,168,000
PME-6	SW Shore White Lake Demo	Merm	SCS	1,840	126,000	40,294,000
XTE-43	Modified Red Mud Demo	Terr	EPA	N/A	350,000	40,644,000
Deferred Projects						
BS-5	B. Lamoque Outfall Mgmt	Bret	SCS	357	534,000	41,178,000
XTV-19	Little Vermilion Bay Sed Trap	T/V	NMF	800	1,516,000	42,694,000

USACE U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
 EPA Environmental Protection Agency
 FWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 NMF National Marine Fisheries Service
 SCS Soil Conservation Service

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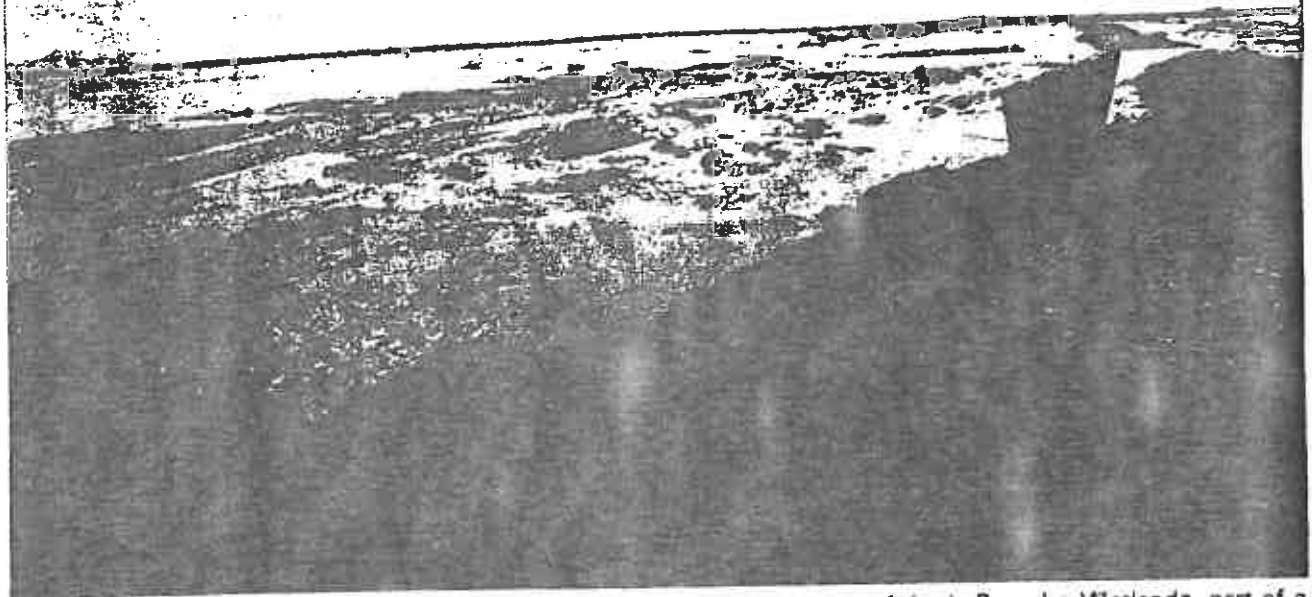
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PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

**Mr. James Addison, Chief, Public Affairs Office at the New Orleans District,
will brief the Task Force on the status of the CWPPRA public outreach program.**

MAKING MUD



A silt-and-sand mixture from Lake Pontchartrain settles along the shore of the LaBranche Wetlands, part of a \$2.5 million marsh rebuilding project. STAFF PHOTOS BY NATE GUIDRY

Dredge may pump new life into marsh

By LITTICE BACON-BLOOD
River Parishes bureau

For some Interstate 10 motorists, it's an alarming sight: a large pipeline spewing muck into a fragile wetland.

In most cases, such a scene would spell nothing but trouble. But in this case, the round-the-clock discharge from the mile-long pipeline may represent the rebirth of the sunken treasure that was once the LaBranche Wetlands in St. Charles Parish.

Since February, a dredge has been lifting silt, sand and water from the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain and sending it

into the area north of I-10 in an effort to reclaim the marsh.

The \$2.5 million Bayou LaBranche Marsh Creation Project is the first in the New Orleans area financed by the federal Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, also known as the Breaux Bill.

The LaBranche area provided a fertile habitat for fish and shellfish for many years. But erosion has killed the plants and turned much of it into open water.

Now, workers are trying to reverse that trend by pumping lake sediment

See PROJECT, A-6



A pipeline spews silt and sand daily from the lake.

BRINGING LIFE TO THE WETLANDS

The Corps of Engineers pumps mud from lake to save marsh

The barge

A 50-member crew works two 12-hour shifts dredging 70,000 cubic yards of silt and sand daily from Lake Pontchartrain.



The pipe

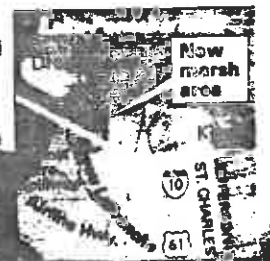
The sediment flows through a 3-foot-wide, mile-long steel pipe into Bayou LaBranche.

The dikes

Two mud dikes surround the area, retaining freshly-dumped sediment in an artificial pond. The dikes will eventually settle back into the water.

The marshland

About 2.5 million cubic yards of sediment are needed to re-create the 487-acre eroded marshland. If successful, about half of



Project

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and 157 acre feet of dredging material and 1.5 million gallons of water to correct the new mud. When the mud dries, marsh grass will be planted, and officials hope the area will again become teeming with grass, bow and fish.

"The project is going extremely well," said Don Elguezabal, senior project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers. "I think we're going to wind up with a very productive area once we're finished pumping."

The corps and the state Department of Natural Resources are overseeing the project. The state will pay 25 percent of the cost.

While many of the state's endangered marshes are seen only by fishermen and hunters, thousands of motorists have been witness to the steady decline of the LaBranche Wetlands. Now, they're seeing the area get some much-needed help.

Some who know of the wetlands' sensitive nature are shocked to see heavy equipment digging up the earth and building dikes.

"It looks worse than it is," Elguezabal said. "In a year or two, you won't be able to tell the difference between the new marsh and the existing marsh."

To build the new marsh, about 2.5 million cubic yards of sediment, enough to build a 150-story building, is being pumped into LaBranche. The dredging phase should end in about two weeks, Elguezabal said.

Two months after the dredging is complete, the sediment will be settled and dry enough to plant grass, Elguezabal said. The seeding will probably be done via helicopter because the ground is too soft to walk on.

"In about six months or maybe before that, we should be able to see some growth," Elguezabal said.

In some areas of the marsh, sediment has already begun to clump together.

"It's a pleasant surprise to see this type of buildup," said Steve Gammil, a biologist with the state Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Restoration division. "I think the project is going to be successful."

But Dinah Maygarden, a chairman for the LaBranche Wetlands Coalition, wonders if man can accurately mimic nature. The coalition is a hodge-podge of civic groups concerned about the welfare of the LaBranche Wetlands.

"I'm taking a wait-and-see attitude," Maygarden said. "The marshland is so delicate, I wonder if we can re-create it by pumping in massive quantities of sediment. The natural building of marsh is a gradual process."

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**SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS GROUP
AND
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION GROUP**

Mrs. Sue Hawes will brief the Task Force on the status of efforts to formalize the involvement of the scientific community and the Citizen Participation Group. A solicitation prepared by the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium is enclosed.



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MEMORANDUM

To: CWPPRA Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee
From: Denise Reed *DR*
Project Manager, University Scientists Assistance
Date: 5 April 1994
Re: Solicitation of Interested University Scientists

The enclosed Solicitation of Interest was mailed to over 400 university scientists on March 29 1994. This copy is for your information. Please feel free to make it available to any university scientists you wish to ensure are contacted.

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM

SOLICITATION OF INTEREST

UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS ASSISTANCE TO THE LOUISIANA COASTAL CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TASK FORCE

RESPONSES DUE BY 12 APRIL 1994

SUMMARY

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) was enacted and signed into law in 1990. Under this act, a comprehensive Restoration Plan has been developed and restoration projects are being selected and implemented. Feasibility studies for major regional projects are also underway. The purpose of this Solicitation is to seek out those scientists in Louisiana universities who are interested in assisting in the CWPPRA process. Areas of potential involvement in FY94 include the development of the Priority Project List, development of a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan for project monitoring, and participation in the planning of feasibility studies. All university scientists interested in assisting with these CWPPRA activities should respond to this solicitation.

BACKGROUND

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration ACT (CWPPRA) was enacted and signed into law in 1990. It directed that a Task Force consisting of representatives of five federal agencies and the State of Louisiana develop a technically sound Restoration Plan. The Plan would guide future planning and expenditures by providing a comprehensive approach to the protection and restoration of Louisiana coastal wetlands. This Plan was completed in 1993 and has now been provided to Congress. This large scale planning now involves several feasibility studies of major regional projects.

In addition to the development of the Restoration Plan, the Act also authorized interim expenditures for high priority projects which could be constructed quickly to counteract local emergencies and take advantage of timely opportunities while larger scale planning is in progress. The selection of projects for construction began in 1991 and has become known as the Priority Project List Process. Ten to fifteen projects are selected annually for funding, and construction has now begun on projects authorized in 1991. The Task Force expects to develop lists annually as long as funds are forthcoming from Federal and State governments.

CWPPRA also calls for a Plan Evaluation to be submitted to Congress every three years, with the first report due at the end of 1996. This must include scientific evaluation of the projects funded. Monitoring protocols have already been developed, and monitoring plans are currently being drawn up by State and federal agencies for projects under construction.

University scientists have made major contributions to understanding the nature and cause of coastal wetland loss in Louisiana, and have been instrumental in promoting the public awareness of the problem which has made the current restoration effort possible. The expertise and skills of the university community are recognized by the Task Force as valuable to designing the final plan. As a result, the Task Force has requested Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) to facilitate the assistance and contributions to the CWPPRA process by university scientists.

The purpose of this Solicitation is to seek out those scientists in Louisiana universities who are interested in assisting the Task Force. At present, assistance is sought from university scientists through 30 September 1994. It is likely, however, that the scope of the request will be expanded into future years. Consequently, we encourage all interested scientists to indicate their skills and expertise at this stage so they can be called upon in the future as the CWPPRA process unfolds. Appropriate fields of expertise for the involvement described below are indicated in each section.

The deadline for response to this solicitation is noon on Tuesday, 12 April 1994. Questions regarding this solicitation may be addressed to the following:

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LUMCON
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Mr. Marion Fannaly, Director
LUMCON
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POTENTIAL AREAS FOR INVOLVEMENT

The nature of the CWPPRA process is described briefly here. Interested scientists are encouraged to contact the Project Manager for further details of the areas of involvement described below.

1. Development of 1994 Priority Project List

The development of this year's Priority Project List (PPL) includes basin meetings for the initial project selection, Wetland Value Assessment (WVA) field trips, WVA group meetings, and meetings of the Task Force Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee for final project selection. For the purposes of university scientist participation, the nine coastal basins are divided into three groups:

Group 1

Teche-Vermillion Basin
Mementau Basin
Calcasieu-Sabine Basin

Group 2

Breton Sound Basin
Mississippi River Delta Basin
Pontchartrain Basin

Group 3

Atchafalaya Basin
Barataria Basin
Terrebonne Basin

For each group of basins, a team of three university scientists will be selected according to the process outlined below. One of these scientists will assume primary responsibility for participation in the process. The two additional scientists will attend WVA field trips and attend meetings as alternates as necessary. The scientists will provide advice and assistance to Task Force personnel during all aspects of the PPL development process. The primary scientist for each basin group will attend meetings of the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee to discuss project ranking after the WVA process to provide necessary advice and assistance. LUMCON anticipates that at least one such meeting will occur.

Expected Level of Effort during FY94

A maximum of three projects have been nominated for the PPL in each basin. The next stage in project evaluation is WVA. The WVA team, comprised of agency personnel and university scientists, will visit each site in the field with representatives of the Engineering Work Group. Task Force agencies will provide boat transportation to field sites. Aspects of the projects will be discussed in the field, and a formal WVA analysis will be conducted by the group within a month after the field visit. There will be approximately 3 field trips per

group of basins. Most field trips will be two (2) days long and all three scientists for the basin group will attend all field trips for their basin group. The primary university scientist, or an alternate, will attend the WVA analysis meetings. The preliminary schedule for Group 1 and some Group 2 projects follows:

Basin Group 1

Field Trips 19-21 April, 26-28 April
WVA Analysis 3-4 May, 10-11 May.

Basin Group 2

Field Trips 16-17 May
WVA analysis 24-25 May.

This schedule is subject to change once the specific composition of the WVA team is determined. It is necessary, however, that university scientists interested in participating in PPL development for Group 1 and Group 2 basins are available for the dates indicated. The schedule for the remainder of Group 2 and Group 3 has yet to be finalized. We anticipate the field trips to project sites on the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers will be delayed until lower river stages in late summer.

LUMCON will contract with the institutions of the selected scientists to compensate for salary and fringe benefits on field trip and meeting days, some travel time and preparation time, and travel to field sites and meeting sites.

Appropriate Fields of Expertise:

- Wetland ecology (vegetation),
- Wetland ecology (fisheries),
- Coastal geomorphology, and
- Wetland hydrology and sedimentology.

2. Feasibility Studies

The two areas in which feasibility studies are being conducted are sediment diversions from the Mississippi River and barrier island restoration. LUMCON will facilitate the involvement of university scientists in all meetings concerning the feasibility studies. These university scientists will provide Task Force agencies with information regarding the status of ongoing university research projects, as well as their insights and expertise. We anticipate that the level of effort in this area will expand in future years.

Potential Level of Effort in FY94 - Sediment Diversions

Two interested university scientists will be selected to participate in meetings of the Interdisciplinary Planning Team for sediment diversions. The meetings are presently being held in New Orleans. The current (March 1994) goal of this team is to develop a planning document for the study. As planning proceeds, more specific tasks requiring the involvement of university scientists may be identified. Any scientists interested in working on the feasibility study should indicate such in their response to this solicitation in order that interested parties can be identified as planning develops.

Appropriate Fields of Expertise:

- Coastal geomorphology,
- Wetland and fluvial hydrology and sedimentology,
- Socioeconomics, and
- Predictive modeling of coastal systems.

Potential Level of Effort in FY94 - Barrier Island Restoration

The Project Manager, or a designated alternate, will attend all scoping meetings for the barrier island restoration studies until the details of the process, and subject areas to be covered, become clear. At that stage selected scientists with more specialized skills and expertise may become involved. At present (March 1994) no scoping meetings have yet been held. In addition to the scoping meetings, a university scientist will be selected to assist Task Force personnel in the evaluation of existing studies of barrier island-marsh interactions, with particular reference to the ecological response of coastal marshes to alterations in flooding regime. This need has already been identified by the Task Force and it is anticipated that 10 days of effort are required during spring and early summer 1994.

Appropriate Fields of Expertise:

- Wetland ecology (vegetation),
- Coastal geomorphology,
- Wetland hydrology and sedimentology, and
- Predictive modeling of coastal systems.

LUMCON will contract with the institutions of the selected scientists to compensate for salary and fringe benefits to attend meetings, some travel time and preparation time, and travel to meeting sites.

3. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

CWPPRA Priority List projects are only in the early stages of construction; therefore, there is little monitoring data yet to be evaluated. We anticipate that in future years, the scope of the LUMCON contract will be expanded to facilitate the involvement of university scientists in formal project evaluation. Consequently, we encourage university scientists who are interested in project and restoration plan evaluation to respond to this solicitation, in order that individuals with appropriate skills and expertise can then be contacted as necessary.

The only task currently identified by the Task Force as needing specific input from university scientists is the development of a Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan for project monitoring. This is an important contribution to the evaluation of the monitoring programs as it will set the standards for data collection and data analysis, and ensure that samples are collected and handled according to a plan which will ensure data quality.

Anticipated Level of Effort - Development of Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan

Two university scientists will be selected who have interest and experience in the preparation of QA/QC plans for scientific data collection. They will develop a plan for QA/QC procedures to be applied to all field, laboratory and data analysis procedures used in project monitoring. This will be based upon the monitoring protocols, which have already been developed. Where data management protocols have not yet been identified, this will be included in the development of the QA/QC plan. We anticipate that each scientist will spend up to 15 days working on the development of the plan. Some liaison with the CWPPRA Monitoring Technical Advisory Group will be necessary.

Appropriate Fields of Expertise:

- Wetland ecology (vegetation),
- Wetland ecology (fisheries),
- Coastal geomorphology,
- Wetland hydrology, and
- Sedimentology.

LUMCON will contract with the institutions of the selected scientists to compensate for salary and fringe benefits to develop the plan, and travel for meetings with the Technical Advisory Group.

THE SCIENTIFIC STEERING COMMITTEE

A Scientific Steering Committee has been appointed to provide oversight of the selection of university scientists and to provide continuity for contract development and expansion in future years. The members of the Scientific Steering Committee are the following:

Dr. G. Paul Kemp (Chair)
CCEER
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Dr. Robert Hastings
Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station
Southeastern Louisiana University
Hammond, LA 70402

Dr. Robert Twilley
Department of Biology
University of Southwestern Louisiana
Lafayette, LA 70506

Dr. Denise Reed, Project Manager (*ex-officio*)
Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
8124 Highway 56
Chauvin, LA 70344

SELECTION OF INTERESTED SCIENTISTS

The Scientific Steering Committee has developed criteria which will be used to ensure that those from the university community involved in the CWPPRA process are active wetland scientists aware of contemporary research in their field. These criteria are the following:

- a Ph.D. or MSc. and five years research experience in wetlands/river/coastal-related issues,
- at least two peer-reviewed publications on wetlands/river/coastal-related issues within the last five years,
- at least four presentations at national or international meetings on wetlands/river/coastal-related issues within the last five years, and
- current grants and/or contracts to conduct research on wetlands/river/coastal-related issues which have been awarded through a peer-review process.

The Scientific Steering Committee will evaluate all responses to this solicitation to ensure that scientists meet the first and at least one more of these criteria. The Information Sheets will be reviewed to allocate interested scientists to the currently anticipated tasks according to their expertise and availability. An individual scientist may express interest in one or several of the areas of participation. The Scientific Steering Committee will determine the most qualified scientists for each task and will provide the Task Force Academic Assistance Subcommittee with a list of qualified scientists, to exceed the number required for any particular task by not more than 50% (e.g., where nine scientists are sought for involvement in PPL development, the Subcommittee will be provided with not more

than 13 names of qualified scientists). The final selection of university scientists to participate in the CWPPRA process under this contract will be made by the Task Force Academic Assistance Subcommittee.

CWPPRA SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE DATABASE

All responses, to this solicitation will be filed in the CWPPRA Scientific Assistance database. This will be used to identify interested scientists for future tasks and in future years as the availability of individual scientists change. All respondents, even those who are not currently available to participate in the process but who are interested in keeping abreast of CWPPRA developments, will be contacted if future solicitations are deemed necessary and will be notified of the Annual CWPPRA Information Transfer Workshop, to be organized by LUMCON.

RESPONSE TO SOLICITATION

A response to this solicitation should include the CWPPRA Scientists Information Sheet and a current two (2)-page CV indicating education, recent publications, presentations, and grants and contracts.

The responses should be sent to the following:

**CWPPRA Solicitation
Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
Office of Special Programs
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LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM
UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS ASSISTANCE TO THE LOUISIANA COASTAL
CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION
TASK FORCE

SCIENTIST INFORMATION SHEET

Please fill out all sections.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Institution: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: Voice: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

Field of Expertise Relevant to CWPPRA:
(indicate as many as are applicable)

- wetland ecology (vegetation) _____
- wetland ecology (fisheries) _____
- coastal geomorphology _____
- wetland hydrology _____
- fluvial hydrology _____
- sedimentology _____
- socioeconomics _____
- predictive modeling of coastal systems _____
- other (specify) _____

Areas of Interest during FY94 :
(indicate as many as are applicable)

Priority Project List Development

- Basin Group 1 _____
- Basin Group 2 _____
- Basin Group 3 _____

Feasibility Studies

- Sediment Diversions _____
- Barrier Islands _____

Monitoring QA/QC _____

Future Areas of Interest:
(indicate as many as are applicable)

Priority Project List Development

- Feasibility Studies** _____
- Plan Evaluation** _____
- Evaluation of PPL Process** _____

Please return this information sheet with a current two (2)-page CV indicating education, recent publications, presentations, and grants and contracts to the following:

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

April 14, 1994

**DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN**

Mr. Stan Green will brief the Task Force on efforts to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure. A draft SOP is enclosed.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
(CWPPRA)

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. **Applicability.** This SOP is applicable to all Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Agencies and Local Sponsors in the management of the CWPPRA projects. This SOP shall not supersede nor invalidate any rules or regulations internal to any Agency.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the SOP is to establish standard procedures among the separate Agencies and Local Sponsors in the managing of CWPPRA projects.

3. **References.**

Pub. L. 101-646, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, hereinafter referred to as the "CWPPRA."

4. **Definitions.**

a. The definitions in Section 302 of the CWPPRA are incorporated herein by reference.

b. The term "Agencies" shall mean the agencies listed in the CWPPRA that make up the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.

c. The term "Lead Agency" shall mean the Federal Agency with responsibility to design and construct a CWPPRA project.

d. The term "Local Sponsor" shall mean the non-Federal agency with responsibility for cost sharing the project.

e. The term "Technical Committee" shall mean the committee established by the Task Force to provide advice on biological, engineering, environmental, ecological, and other technical issues.

f. The term "Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee" shall mean the working level committee established by the Technical Committee to form and oversee special technical workgroups to assist in developing policies and processes, and recommend procedures for formulating plans and projects to accomplish the goals and mandates of CWPPRA.

g. The term "Priority List" shall mean the annual list of projects submitted by the Task Force to Congress in accordance with Sec. 303.(a) of the CWPPRA.

h. The term "total project cost" shall mean all Federal and non-Federal costs directly related to the implementation of the project, including but not limited to engineering and design costs; lands, easements, servitudes, and rights-of-way costs; project construction costs; construction management costs; relocation costs; pre-construction, construction, and post-construction monitoring costs; operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs; supervision and administration costs; hazardous and toxic waste investigation costs; and cultural resources investigation costs, and as otherwise provided for in the Cost Sharing Agreement for the project. Required NEPA documentation studies are funded with Planning funds and are not included in total project costs.

i. The term "Cost Sharing Agreement" shall mean the agreement entered into by the Lead Agency and the Local Sponsor for engineering and design, real estate activities, construction, monitoring, and operation and maintenance of a project in accordance with Sec. 303.(f) of the CWPPRA.

j. The term "life of the project" shall mean 20 years from completion of construction of the project or functional portion of the project, unless otherwise stated in the Cost Sharing Agreement for the project.

k. The term "project phases" shall mean the five distinct project funding areas:

- (1) Engineering and design.
- (2) Real Estate.
- (3) Construction.
- (4) Monitoring.
- (5) Operation and maintenance.

l. The term "escrow account" shall mean the bank account established by the Local Sponsor in accordance with the CWPPRA Escrow Agreement executed between the Corps of Engineers, the Local Sponsor, and the financial institution selected by the Local Sponsor to act as custodian for the escrow account.

5. Procedures.**a. General:**

(1) For the purposes of funds control, and at the request of the Task Force, the Corps of Engineers will act as bookkeeper, administrator, and disbursing officer of all Federal and non-Federal funds.

(2) Upon approval by the Task Force of a Priority List, the Lead Agencies shall submit to the Corps of Engineers an estimate of the funds required by the agency for engineering and design of the priority list projects assigned to the agency.

(3) Upon approval of a Priority List, the Corps of Engineers will set up the necessary accounts for each project phase and reserve funds in the amount estimated in the Priority List report.

(4) 30 days after submission of the Priority List to Congress, the Corps of Engineers will prepare a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (DD Form 448), hereinafter referred to as MIPR, obligating funds for the remainder of the fiscal year to each Lead Agency in accordance with their request and availability of funds.

b. Construction Approval. Prior to acquiring lands, easements, servitudes or rights-of-way or starting construction the Lead Agency shall request permission from the Task Force to proceed to construction. The request shall be addressed to the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee and, at a minimum, include:

(1) A listing of all easement types to be acquired and the language used for each easement.

(2) Certification that overgrazing is not a problem.

(3) The current estimated total project cost, including inflation through the life of the project.

(4) The status of the Cost Sharing Agreement between the Lead Agency and the Local Sponsor.

(5) A statement that all NEPA, environmental and cultural requirements have been met.

(6) An estimate of project expenditures by fiscal year and further subdivided by project phase.

c. Cost Sharing Agreements.

(1) Each Lead Agency shall negotiate the necessary Cost Sharing Agreement with a Local Sponsor using their own internal procedures.

(2) Upon execution of the Cost Sharing Agreement, the Lead Agency shall forward one copy of the executed Agreement to the Corps of Engineers for Task Force records and to aid in managing funds disbursement.

d. Escrow Accounts.

(1) There will be only one escrow account established for all CWPPRA projects for each separate Local Sponsor. The Corps, Local Sponsor and financial institution chosen by the Local Sponsor shall execute the basic escrow account agreement in a form agreeable to all parties.

(2) The escrow agreement shall be amended, as required, to incorporate new projects as Cost Sharing Agreements are executed.

(3) Within the one escrow account, the Corps of Engineers shall maintain separate sub-accounts (one for each project covered by the escrow agreement) and allocate project funds only to the extent that funds are available in the project sub-account.

(4) Upon approval of the project for construction by the Task Force (see paragraph 5.b above) and execution of the Cost Sharing Agreement, and in accordance with the Cost Sharing Agreement, the Local Sponsor shall deposit in the escrow account established for the CWPPRA projects an amount equal to 25 percent of the total Federal and non-Federal project expenditures to date less 75 percent of any project expenditures by the Local Sponsor for which the Lead Agency has granted credit. In addition, the Local Sponsor shall also deposit 25 percent of the estimated total project costs for the remainder of the fiscal year less 75 percent of any anticipated expenditures by the Local Sponsor.

e. Funds Disbursements.

(1) Upon approval to begin construction by the Task Force, and deposit by the Local Sponsor of the required funds into the escrow account, the Corps of Engineers will issue to the Lead Agency a MIPR in the amount requested to cover the real estate, construction and related costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

(2) By August 15 of each year, until completion of the life of the project, the Lead Agency will forward to the Corps of Engineers an estimate of the funding requirements, by project phase, for the following fiscal year for each project. By October 1 of each year, the Corps of Engineers will issue a MIPR funding the work for the fiscal year.

(3) Based on the information provided by the Lead Agency in accordance with paragraph 5.e.(2) above, by October 1 of each year the Corps of Engineers will inform the Local Sponsor(s) of the funding requirements for the fiscal year. Within 30 days, the Local Sponsor(s) shall deposit into the escrow account an amount equal to the required funds. Based on the project's Cost Sharing Agreement, the Lead Agency may have other requirements, as between the Local Sponsor and the Lead Agency, to inform the Local Sponsor of the funds required for future fiscal years.

f. Work-in-Kind. Credit for work-in-kind or other activities performed by the Local Sponsor will be granted as follows:

(1) The Local Sponsor shall submit to the Lead Agency a statement of expenditures in a format agreeable to the Lead Agency. It is the Lead Agency's responsibility to assure that the amount of credit given is in accordance with the Cost Sharing Agreement and applicable regulations and that audits, if required, are performed.

(2) After review and approval, the Lead Agency shall forward to the Corps of Engineers, with copy to the Local Sponsor, a request that credit be given the Local Sponsor for the work performed. This statement shall indicate the amount of credit to be granted to the Local Sponsor, by project phase, and the period covered.

(3) The Corps of Engineers will give credit to the Local Sponsor on the project in the amount stated and inform both the Local Sponsor and the Lead Agency of the current status of funding and cost sharing for the project.

g. Reports. At least quarterly, the Corps of Engineers will prepare and furnish all the Agencies and Local Sponsor(s) a report on the status of funding and cost sharing for each of their projects.

h. Funding Adjustments. Whenever the Corps of Engineers determines that:

(1) The Local Sponsor's share of the project cost to date, including cash and credits granted under paragraph 5.f, is less than the required 25 percent of the total project cost to date; and/or

(2) The Local Sponsor has paid, in cash, less than the required 5 percent of the total project cost to date; and

(3) Insufficient funds for the project are on deposit in the escrow account to cover the deficit; then

the Corps of Engineers will inform both the Local Sponsor and the Lead Agency of the deficiency and request that the Local Sponsor deposit into the escrow account the necessary funds or, if allowed, furnish the Lead Agency sufficient proof of additional credits in the amount necessary to maintain the required cost sharing percentage.

i. Transfer of Funds between Projects. A Local Sponsor may request the transfer of excess project funds in its escrow account from one project to another provided that:

(1) The Corps of Engineers agrees, in writing, that the funds are excess to the project; and,

(2) The Lead Agency of the project losing the funds agrees, in writing, to release the funds; and,

(3) The Lead Agency of the project gaining the funds agrees, in writing, to the funds transfer.

j. Project Closeout.

(1) Upon completion of all work and certification by the Lead Agency of the final accounting on the project, the Corps of Engineers shall release any excess project funds from the escrow account and/or reimburse the Local Sponsor for any overpayment of their cost sharing requirements, provided funds are available, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Cost Sharing Agreement and the Escrow Agreement.

(2) If the Corps of Engineers advances funds to a Lead Agency for a project, any excess funds identified at the completion of the project shall be returned to the Corps of Engineers for credit in the CWPPRA accounts.

k. Disputes. The Corps of Engineers, as funds administrator, shall not be a party to any disputes that may arise between a Lead Agency and a Local Sponsor under a project Cost Sharing Agreement.

l. Design Review. In order to resolve problems and anticipate cost growth at the earliest possible point, design reviews shall be performed at the following milestone points:

(1) **Preliminary design:** Upon completion of surveys, borings, and land ownership investigation, and based on preliminary designs, the Lead Agency shall prepare a revised project cost estimate and hold a "Preliminary Design Review Conference" with the Local Sponsor to obtain their concurrence to proceed with design. After the conference, the Lead Agency shall forward a letter to the Technical Committee, along with the estimate and a statement of concurrence from the Local Sponsor, informing them of the decision to proceed with the project. If the estimate indicates that the project cost will exceed 125% of the cost established in the Priority List, the Lead Agency shall request approval from the Task Force to proceed with the project.

(2) **Final Design:** Upon completion of design, the Lead Agency shall forward to the other Agencies and the Local Sponsor a set of Plans and Specifications for their review and comments.

m. **Real Estate:** In accordance with Section 303(e) of the CWPPRA, the Lead Agency shall, prior to acquiring any lands, easements or rights-of way for a CWPPRA project, obtain Corps of Engineers approval that the "wetlands restored, enhanced or managed through that project will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and dependent fish and wildlife populations."

6. **Responsibilities.**

a. **Lead Agency:**

(1) Assure that funds spent on a project are spent in accordance with the project's Cost Sharing Agreement and the CWPPRA.

(2) Perform any audits of the Local Sponsor's credits for the project as required by the project's Cost Sharing Agreement and the individual agency's regulations.

b. **Local Sponsor:**

(1) Provide the necessary funds as required by the project's Cost Sharing Agreement.

(2) Perform any Work-in-Kind required by the Cost Sharing Agreement.

(3) Furnish the Lead Agency with the documentation required to support any work-in-kind credit requests.

c. Corps of Engineers (as funds administrator):

- (1) Use Corps of Engineers financial accounting procedures.
- (2) Manage the funds for the project.
- (3) Disburse project funds as requested by the Lead Agency.
- (4) Regularly report to the Agencies and the Local Sponsor(s) on the status of the project accounts.

CWPPRA PROJECT COST SHARING STATUS REPORT¹

PROJECT _____

as of _____

1. Estimated total project cost:

- a. Engineering and design \$ _____
- b. Real estate \$ _____
- c. Construction \$ _____
- d. Monitoring \$ _____
- e. Operation and maintenance \$ _____
- f. Total project cost \$ _____

2. Project cost to date:

- a. Engineering and design \$ _____
- b. Real estate \$ _____
- c. Construction \$ _____
- d. Monitoring \$ _____
- e. Operation and maintenance \$ _____
- f. Total project cost to date \$ _____

3. Expenditures to date:

- a. Federal \$ _____ (_____%)
- b. Non-Federal
 - (1) Cash \$ _____ (_____%)
 - (2) Credits \$ _____
 - (3) Subtotal \$ _____ (_____%)
- c. Total \$ _____

4. Escrow account balance \$ _____

¹ Based on Corps of Engineers financial records.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

April 14, 1994

STATUS OF THE RECORD OF DECISION ON THE LOUISIANA COASTAL
WETLANDS RESTORATION PLAN

Mr. Stan Green will brief the Task Force on the status of the Record of Decision on the Restoration Plan. The Record of Decision was signed by Colonel Michael Diffley on 18 Mar 94 (enclosed) and forwarded to the Secretary of the Army on 7 Apr 94. Upon receipt of the Record of Decision, the Secretary will forward it to the Congress.

CELMN-PD-FE (10-1-7a)

MEMORANDUM THRU

07 APR 1994

CDR, Lower Mississippi Valley Division

CDR, HQUSACE, 20 Massachusetts Ave, NW, WASH DC 20314-1000

FOR Secretary of the Army, The Pentagon, WASH DC 20310

SUBJECT: Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA), PL 101-646, Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan, Record of Decision

1. On behalf of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force, and under the authority delegated to the New Orleans District Engineer by memorandum for the Director of Civil Works dated 11 Dec 90 (Enclosure 1), I submit the Record of Decision (Enclosure 2) on the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). These documents were developed in response to Section 303(a) of the CWPPRA.

2. The Restoration Plan and PEIS were filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on 30 Dec 93.

3. The Restoration Plan and PEIS fulfill the mandate of the CWPPRA for a comprehensive approach to restore and prevent the loss of coastal wetlands in Louisiana.

4. This Record of Decision will be distributed to all persons, organizations, and agencies that received the Restoration Plan.

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Colonel, EN
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF



11 DEC 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS

SUBJECT: Louisiana Wetlands - Breaux Bill

The President has signed the so-called Breaux bill and this office has initiated the formation of the task force required in the law. Please note the attached correspondence to Senator Breaux and to the other agency participants, and instruct the New Orleans District Engineer to convene the task force by January 14, 1991.

The authority of the Secretary of the Army to chair the task force is hereby delegated to the New Orleans District Engineer; however, this office retains policy oversight and will review any reports of the task force and transmit them to Congress in conjunction with the President's annual budget request.

This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Corps management, engineering, and scientific skills in an important environmental endeavor.

Please note in the attached correspondence the potential constitutional issue raised by the Department of Justice regarding the make up of the task force.

By December 28, 1990, please provide this office a proposed implementation plan addressing all aspects of Army responsibilities under the terms of the law, including management of the funding process.

Point of contact in this office is Mr. Morgan Rees.

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G. Edward Dickey
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

Attachments

RECORD OF DECISION

LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PLAN

I and the other members of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force, have reviewed the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The Restoration Plan was prepared in response to the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1990 (CWPPRA). We have considered the comments expressed by other agencies, interested organizations, and the public. On behalf of the Task Force, I find that the Restoration Plan presents a comprehensive vision of what will be necessary to significantly reduce the loss of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. I also find that the PEIS fulfills the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act for this stage of plan formulation.

All of the alternative types of restoration projects considered in the Restoration Plan are worthy of consideration. These project types are identified as marsh management, hydrologic restoration, hydrologic management of impoundments, sediment diversion, freshwater diversion, outfall management, marsh creation with dredged material, barrier island restoration, shoreline erosion control, vegetative plantings, terracing, sediment trapping, and herbivore control. A combination of these project types will be used to implement the Restoration Plan. In addition, demonstrations will be conducted to examine innovative proposals that may provide additional methods for coastal wetland restoration.

Implementation of the Restoration Plan will be focused on making optimal use of natural wetland-building processes. During recent geologic history, alluvial sediments carried by the Mississippi River formed the majority of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Freshwater and sediment input to the coastal wetlands from the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers will be utilized to the maximum practical degree to create wetlands, preserve and enhance remaining wetlands, and restore wetlands lost in the recent past. Where practical, this is the environmentally preferable alternative for coastal wetlands restoration. In this context, the Task Force is initiating a modeling effort to determine the water and sediment budget of the Mississippi River below the Old River Control Structure. Various combinations of proposed freshwater and sediment diversions will be studied and modeled to determine the optimal use of the river's resources.

The broad category of hydrologic restoration projects encompasses diverse proposals ranging from the installation of locks or gates

on major navigation channels to the closure of small pipeline and oil well location canals. A thorough evaluation of the hydrologic restoration projects proposed for navigation channels will be necessary to determine their effects on coastal wetlands and their effects on navigation and related socioeconomic elements.

The usefulness of marsh management techniques in the restoration of coastal wetlands is an unsettled issue. Scientific evidence reviewed for the Restoration Plan EIS is not sufficient to fully judge the potential effectiveness of such projects in preserving and restoring wetlands, although marsh management has been effectively used as a wildlife management tool in Louisiana for many years. Acknowledging the lack of consensus concerning the effects of marsh management on coastal wetlands, most marsh management projects will likely be implemented in those areas where more natural types of wetland restoration projects, such as sediment and freshwater diversions, are not practical.

Maximum use of funding available through normal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authority will be utilized for wetland restoration with material dredged from Federally maintained navigation channels in coastal Louisiana. When funding through the Corps' authority is unavailable or insufficient, funding for the beneficial use of this valuable resource will be pursued through the CWPPRA.

The Restoration Plan acknowledges that some projects composing the Restoration Plan have the potential to cause adverse environmental and socioeconomic impacts. Significant impacts may occur from displacement of fishery resources and rerouting of navigation channels. Some of the proposed projects have the potential to affect the probability of flooding in developed areas. Appropriate measures will be developed to avoid, minimize, and eliminate these potential negative effects. These issues, along with others that are expected to arise, will be addressed through specific National Environmental Policy Act documentation that will be prepared for each project prior to its implementation. The Restoration Plan PEIS does not provide compliance with the NEPA or other environmental laws or regulations for implementation of any specific project.

The annual priority project lists mandated by the CWPPRA will continue to be developed, based on available implementation funding. Three annual priority project lists, containing 12-18 wetland restoration projects each, were developed and approved for funding prior to completion of the Restoration Plan. Projects contained on those lists are being designed and implemented. As with all other projects to be implemented

through the CWPPRA, project-specific NEPA documentation and compliance with all other applicable environmental laws and regulations is necessary. Candidate projects for the future priority project lists will be selected from those projects and proposals identified in the Restoration Plan. Proposals for projects not included in the Restoration Plan may be added to the Plan if approved by the Task Force.

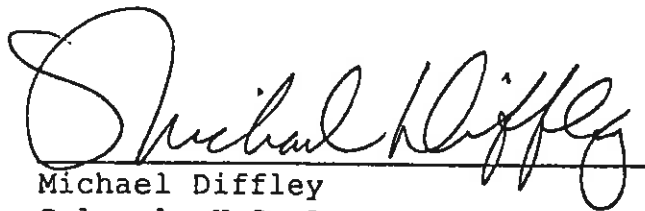
A monitoring program and protocols have been established to evaluate the effectiveness of the projects constructed through the CWPPRA. A scientific evaluation of the effectiveness of projects in creating, restoring, protecting, and enhancing coastal wetlands in Louisiana is required by the CWPPRA.

No compensatory mitigation is proposed or expected to be necessary for CWPPRA projects. Project designs will be modified as necessary through the NEPA and 404 regulatory permitting processes, and through sound environmental engineering, to minimize adverse impacts and maximize beneficial effects. Project planning will also require consultation with Federal and state fish and wildlife agencies under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

This Record of Decision will be distributed to all persons, organizations, and agencies that received the Restoration Plan.

On behalf of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force, I find that the Restoration Plan fulfills the mandate of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act for a comprehensive approach to restore and prevent the loss of coastal wetlands in Louisiana. The Restoration Plan will be used as the guiding force for the restoration of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Project and study priorities established by the State of Louisiana through the State's Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Program will be given due consideration when initiating feasibility studies for large-scale initiatives and when developing priority project lists.

3/18/94
Date


Michael Diffley

Colonel, U.S. Army
Chairman, Louisiana Coastal
Wetlands Conservation and
Restoration Task Force

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER DIVERSION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Tim Axtman will brief the Task Force on the status of the Mississippi River Diversion Feasibility Study.

The Federal Objective

- The Federal objective of water and related land resources planning is to contribute to national economic development consistent with protecting the Nation's environment.
- Contributions to national economic development are increases in the net value of the national output of goods and services which accrue in the planning area and the rest of the nation.
- The Federal objective for the relevant planning setting is stated in terms of an expressed desire to alleviate problems and realize opportunities related to national economic development or increased economic efficiency.

Major steps of the Planning Process

- Specification of the water and related land resources problems and opportunities associated with the Federal objective and specific State and local concerns.
- Inventory, forecast, and analysis of water related land resource conditions within the planning area relevant to the identified problems and opportunities.
- Systematic formulation of alternative plans to ensure all reasonable alternatives are evaluated.
- Evaluation of the net effect of the alternative plans.
- Comparison of the alternative plans.
- Selection of a recommended plan based upon the comparison of alternatives.

Review of the Draft Report

- Upon completion the District commander submits the draft report & EIS for concurrent review by:
 - Lower Mississippi River Valley Division (LMVD)
 - Headquarters USACE (HQUSACE)
 - Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works (OASA-CW)
- Concurrently the draft report and EIS are provided to the State and other Federal agencies for review and comment.
- LMVD and HQUSACE provide comments to NOD for resolution and revision of the draft report and EIS.
- The LMVD holds Feasibility Review Conference, attended by all reviewers to address all comments concerning policy and technical adequacy of the draft report & EIS.
- NOD revises draft report and publishes notice of availability of the report and EIS and holds public meetings in compliance with NEPA.

- NOD considers public input, finalizes report and EIS, and submits the final report and FEIS along with recommendations to LMVD.
- Following the resolution of comments the commander of the Lower Mississippi River Valley Division makes a report of his recommendations to the Washington Level Review Center.

The Washington Level Report Review Process

- The Division commander publishes a public notice of report completion based on endorsement of the District Commander's findings and recommendations and submits the report to the Washington Level Review Center (WLRC), which coordinates a concurrent review of the report by:
 - Headquarters USACE (HQUSACE)
 - Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works (OASA-CW)
 - State and other Federal Departments
- WLRC coordinates the 90-day review by State and other Federal Departments.
- WLRC documents the final results of the review of the report.

Final Reports and Submission to Congress

- WLRC briefs the chief representatives of the decision makers at HQUSACE and ASA-CW on its recommendations.
- The Chief of Engineers, HQUSACE makes a final recommendation on the report to the ASA-CW.
- The ASA-CW forwards the report along with prior recommendations to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their review and comment.
- OMB provides its findings to ASA-CW, which incorporates these comments into its final recommendation on the report.
- The ASA-CW transmits his recommendations on the report to the appropriate Congressional body for action.

Study Purpose:

To abate the continuing measured loss of vegetated wetlands in the Louisiana coastal zone and ensure the continued availability of the attendant resources of this important habitat by quantifying and optimizing the use of the available resources of the Mississippi River, giving due consideration to all uses of the river and its resources.

The Federal Objective as stated in the Land Loss Marsh Creation Feasibility Study

The principles and guidelines prescribe a single Federal objective, national economic development (NED), consistent with protecting the nation's environment. The Federal interest lies in optimally employing the Nation's water and related land resources to enhance national economic development. In doing so, preventing loss of life, enhancing social well-being, protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment, and preserving cultural and historic values are primary considerations. Implicit in the Federal interest is compliance with state and Federal environmental statutes, executive orders, and planning requirements, and as appropriate and possible, accomplishing measures to attain four general environmental objectives:

- a. Preserving unique and important ecological, aesthetic, and cultural values of our national heritage.
- b. Conserving and wisely using the natural resources of our Nation for the benefit of present and future generations.
- c. Restoring, maintaining, and enhancing the natural and man-made environment in terms of its productivity, diversity, beauty, and other measures of quality.
- d. Creating new opportunities for the Nation's people to use and enjoy their environment.

During plan formulation, environmental values receive consideration equal to that given social, economic, and engineering values.

**Mississippi River Comprehensive Diversion Study
Tentative Scope of Work Outline**

- I. **Determine Feasible Distributions of Flow and Sediment Resources.**
 - A. **Establish study parameters and diversion locations.**
 1. **Review literature and research.**
 - B. **Determine feasible volumes of diversion in combinations**
 - C. **Assess effects of diversions on existing uses (navigation, water supply...).**
 - D. **Determine sensitivity of project site on potential sediment capture.**

- II. **Assessment of Existing & Future Without Project Conditions in Diversion Receiving Areas.**
 - A. **Relative subsidence.**
 - B. **Ecological conditions and resource production.**
 - C. **Extent of real estate to be acquired and legal implications.**
 - D. **Unavoidable impacts to existing utilities and infrastructure.**
 - E. **Existing economic activities and resources.**
 - F. **GIS support for coordinating spatial data. (see A-E)**
 - G. **Existing laws and regulations**

- III. **Preliminary Assessment of Specific Diversion.**
 - A. **Establish the range of with-project river channel impacts on users.**
 - B. **Estimate long-term benefits resulting from wetland creation.**
 - C. **Estimate diversion receiving area impacts with projects.**
 - D. **Establish project viability.**

- IV. **Determine Specific Project Viability.**
 - A. **Determine detailed potential for flow and sediment capture at each site.**
 - B. **Assess impacts of cumulative diversions on the existing delta.**
 - C. **Initiate E & D. (Design, Design Services & F&M)**
 - D. **Verify long-term impacts and benefits in project receiving areas.**
 - E. **Establish probable time tables for project execution.**
 - F. **Identify detailed economic effects and develop trade-off analysis.**
 - G. **Preliminary review of findings.**
 - H. **Task Force coordination.**

- V. **Select Projects to Pursue for Funding.**
 - A. **Develop project recommendations.**
 - B. **Develop environmental law compliance.**
 - C. **Complete preliminary report.**
 - D. **Task Force coordination.**
 - E. **Complete draft report.**

- VI. **Study Management and Support Activities Throughout Study.**
 - A. **Product review and supervision.**
 - B. **Internal coordination.**
 - C. **CWPPRA Task Force coordination.**

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BARRIER ISLAND STUDY

Mr. Jim St. Germain will brief the Task Force on the status of the investigation of Louisiana's barrier islands.

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DNR CONTRACT ON THE CWPPRA VIDEO

Dr. Bill Good of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will request an amendment to the budget for preparation of a video on the CWPPRA.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force approve an increase in the budget cap from \$38,000 to \$45,960.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASE IN BUDGET TO ACCOMPANY
MILITARY INTERDEPARTMENTAL PURCHASE REQUEST (MIPR)
NUMBER W42-HEM-4-PD-21:**

Original Proposal:

Paragraph 1: "WLAE/Planit Communications Joint Venture will produce a video documentary of the restoration of wetlands at LaBranche in St. Charles Parish."

COMMENT: **This does not take into account that the video must now include an overview of the CWPPRA program.**

Paragraph 2: "The 15-30 minute documentary will examine..."

COMMENT: **In order for the video to be aired on public television, it must be exactly 26-minutes, 46-seconds in length.**

Revised Scope of Services:

- 1) A draft copy of the proposed script **must now be sent not only to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) for approval, but also to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).**
- 2) All proposed changes to the script **will be coordinated into a final script.**
- 3) DNR and the federal task force agencies will be invited to review the film prior to master copies being completed.
- 4) One master copy must be delivered to each of the following agencies: DNR, COE, EPA, NMFS, FWS, SCS.
- 5) **State contracting regulations preclude the Department of Natural Resources from accepting discounts on proposals.**
- 6) **Revised scope requires that WLAE actually broadcast the documentary.**

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STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE CONSERVATION PLAN

Mr. Norm Thomas will brief the Task Force on the status of the Conservation Plan authorized by section 304 of the CWPPRA. An executive order signed by Governor Edwards establishing a State Wetlands Advisory Task Force is enclosed.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 94 - 6

- WHEREAS, Louisiana's expansive coastal and inland wetlands provide a variety of economic and environmental benefits to the citizens of our state and nation; and
- WHEREAS, important societal benefits and values of the state's wetlands include, among others, their fundamental role in natural flood control, in providing coastal and inland shoreline stabilization, in the recharge of groundwater aquifers, and in filtering and absorbing pollutants that may degrade the water quality of the state's rivers, lakes and estuaries; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana's wetlands support commercial and recreational fishing, hunting and trapping industries worth annually in excess of a billion dollars; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana's wetlands provide essential habitats for the state's diverse and abundant marine, estuarine and freshwater plants and animals, including state and federally listed threatened and endangered species; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has lost approximately eight million acres of coastal and inland wetlands since statehood; and
- WHEREAS, the majority of existing wetlands in Louisiana are privately owned; and
- WHEREAS, it is the intent of the state to improve coordination and cooperation among state and federal agencies, user groups and landowners and to establish consistency in wetland protection goals and objectives; and
- WHEREAS, the extraordinary values of Louisiana's wetlands and their progressive loss compel the development of a coherent statewide wetlands conservation and management plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1990 (P. L. 101-646) provides funding to pursue the development of a wetlands conservation plan that carries the opportunity to reduce the state's coast share for coastal restoration projects from 25% to 15% (about \$4 million savings/year) upon approval; and
- WHEREAS, such a plan should consider various paths including incentives, regulations and acquisitions that might lead to greater protection of the state's critical wetland habitats, including, if prudent, state assumption of federal wetlands jurisdictional authority; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of an effective statewide wetlands plan will require a broad-based consensus of stakeholders representing diverse economic and environmental interests;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the state Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create the Louisiana Statewide Wetlands Advisory Task Force, which shall be domiciled in the Office of the Governor and hereinafter referred to as the Statewide Wetlands Advisory Task Force.

FURTHER, the Statewide Wetlands Advisory Task Force shall aid and assist the state in the development of a statewide Wetlands Conservation Plan that adequately considers diverse environmental and economic interests; and

FURTHER, the Statewide Wetlands Advisory Task Force shall promote the coordination and development of plans for wetlands protection within the lower Mississippi River Valley in conjunction with the seven delta states' wetland initiatives; and

FURTHER, the Statewide Wetlands Advisory Task Force shall assist in providing public input for promoting coordination and development of plans for wetlands protection within the lower Mississippi River Valley in conjunction with the seven delta states' wetland initiatives; and

FURTHER, the Statewide Wetlands Advisory Task Force shall be composed of the following to be appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the Governor shall select the Chairman from the following members:

- 1) Governor's Office of Coastal Activities
- 2) Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee
- 3) Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee
- 4) Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee
- 5) A member of the Louisiana Nature Conservancy
- 6) A member of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
- 7) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
- 8) LSU Sea Grant Legal Program
- 9) A representative of the Louisiana Landowners Association
- 10) A representative of Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association
- 11) A member of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation
- 12) A representative of the Pulp and Paper Association
- 13) A representative of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
- 14) A Louisiana Land Owner (Property in Coastal Zone)
- 15) A Louisiana Land Owner (Property Outside Coastal Zone)
- 16) A member of the Sierra Club (Delta Chapter)
- 17) A representative of the Louisiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- 18) LSU Agriculture Center
- 19) A Representative of a National Estuary Program
- 20) A representative of the Louisiana Municipal Association

- 21) A member of the Louisiana Police Jury Association
- 22) A representative of the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association
- 23) A Local Coastal Zone Management Area Representative
- 24) Three citizens residing in parishes outside the Coastal Zone
- 25) Three citizens residing in parishes wholly or partially in the Coastal Zone
- 26) Three representatives of local or municipal government located in the Coastal Zone
- 27) Three representatives of local or municipal government located outside the Coastal Zone

FURTHER,

I hereby invite participation by the appropriate federal natural resource agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service to provide assistance to the state in the development and implementation of a statewide Wetlands Conservation Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 23rd day of February, 1994.



Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

Joseph P. Kitten
SECRETARY OF STATE

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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF PRIORITY PROJECT LIST PROJECTS

Representatives of the Lead Agencies will brief the Task Force on the design and construction status of projects on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Priority Project lists.

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Status Report

1st Priority Project List (Continued)

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction			Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current			
XPO-52a	Bayou Sauvage HR	USFWS	Mar 92	May 93	TC	Aug 93	Aug 94	1,657	1,551	-6.4		
	Original Schedule											Aug 94
FCS-18	Sabine Refuge SP	USFWS	Apr 93	Jul 93	TC	Apr 92	Sep 94	4,896	1,538	-68.6		
	Original Schedule											Sep 94
ME-9	Cameron Prairie	USFWS	Apr 93	Jul 93	TC	Sep 94	Jan 95	1,178	1,502	27.5		
	Original Schedule											Jan 95
FMR-3	West Bay Sediment Div	USACE	Nov 92	Aug 92	TC	Apr 92	Dec 93	8,517	8,517	0.0		
	Original Schedule											Dec 93
BA-19	Barataria Bay WW	USACE	Jun 93	Jul 93	Feb 94	Jul 94	Oct 94	1,759	1,759	0.0		
	Original Schedule											Oct 94
PPO-10	Bayou La Branche	USACE	Mar 94	Mar 95	Sep 94	Sep 95	Jan 96	4,461	4,000	-10.3	Contract awarded 10 Nov 93	
	Original Schedule											Jan 96
FTV-3	Vermillion River Cutoff	USACE	Oct 93	Feb 94	Oct 93	Jun 94	Aug 94	1,527	2,500	63.7		
	Original Schedule											Aug 94
TE-20	Eastern Isle Dernieres	EPA	Apr 93	Apr 94	Sep 93	Nov 94	Feb 95	6,344	6,344	0.0		
	Original Schedule											Feb 95
Total								42,012	39,447	-6.1		

TC Task Complete, Date Shown is the Actual Completion Date
 CSA Cost Share Agreement

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2nd Priority Project List

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction			Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion		Original	Current		
PAT-2	Atchafalaya Sediment Del	NMFS	Jun 93	Dec 93	Mar 94	May 94	Jun 94	909	909	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Jun 94	Nov 94	Nov 94	May 95	Jun 95					
PTB-22/24 Point Au Fer	Current Schedule	NMFS	Jun 93	Oct 93	Jan 94	Apr 94	Sep 94	1,070	1,070	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Mar 94	TC Aug 94	Jun 94	Oct 94	Apr 95					
XAT-7	Big Island Mining	NMFS	Jun 93	Jan 94	Mar 94	Jun 94	May 95	4,137	4,137	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Jun 94	Nov 94	Nov 94	Jun 95	Jun 96					
ME-4	Freshwater Bayou	SCS	Jun 93	Sep 95	Jun 94	Feb 96	Sep 97	2,769	2,769	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Jun 94	Sep 95	Nov 94	Feb 96	Sep 97					
BS-3a	Caernarvon Outfall Mgmt	SCS	Jun 93	Aug 95	Oct 94	Jan 96	Sep 97	2,523	2,523	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Apr 94	Aug 95	Oct 94	Jan 96	Sep 97					
PCS-24	Mud Lake	SCS	Jun 93	May 94	Jun 93	Sep 94	Apr 96	2,904	2,904	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Mar 94	TC May 94	Jun 94	Sep 94	Apr 96					
PBA-35	Jonathan Davis	SCS	Jun 93	Apr 95	Apr 94	Jun 95	Sep 97	3,399	3,399	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Jun 94	Apr 95	Jun 94	Jun 95	Sep 97					
PCS-25	Highway 384	SCS	May 93	Sep 94	Dec 93	Jan 95	Dec 95	700	700	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Sep 94	Mar 96	May 95	Jun 96	Aug 97					
PO-6	Fritchie March	SCS	Jun 93	May 95	Jun 94	Nov 95	Feb 97	3,049	3,049	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Jul 94	May 95	Oct 94	Nov 96	Feb 96					
PTV-18	Boston Canal	SCS	May 93	Mar 94	Sep 93	Jun 94	Nov 95	1,009	1,009	0.0		
	Original Schedule		Mar 94	TC Mar 94	TC	TC	TC					

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2nd Priority Project List (Continued)

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction			Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion		Original	Current		
CS-9	Brown Lake	SCS							3,224	3,224	0.0	
	Original Schedule		May 93	Mar 95	Mar 94	Jun 95	Nov 96					
	Current Schedule		Jun 94	Mar 95	Apr 94	Jun 95	Nov 96					
XPO-52b	Bayou Sauvage	USFWS							1,453	1,453	0.0	No schedule pending signing CSA
	Original Schedule		Aug 93	Dec 93		May 94	May 95					
	Current Schedule											
PCS-27	Clear Marais	USACE							1,740	1,740	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Aug 93	Mar 94	Apr 94	Oct 94	Apr 95					
	Current Schedule		Mar 94	Jun 94	Apr 94	Oct 94	Apr 95					
PTE-27	West Belle Pass	USACE							4,854	4,854	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Oct 93	Mar 94	Mar 94	Oct 94	Mar 95					
	Current Schedule		May 94	Jun 94	Mar 94	Apr 95	Oct 95					
XTE-41	Isle Dernieres (Phase 1)	EPA							6,908	6,908	0.0	
	Original Schedule		Apr 93	Oct 93	Dec 93	Oct 93	Oct 94					
	Current Schedule		Apr 93	Apr 94	Dec 93	Oct 94	Oct 95					
Total									40,648	40,648	0.0	

TC Task Complete, Date Shown is the Actual Completion Date

CSA Cost Share Agreement

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 2nd Priority Project List
 Fully Funded Cost

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	Planning (\$)	E&D (\$)	S&A (\$)	S&I (\$)	Real Estate (\$)	Relocations (\$)	Construction (\$)	O&M (\$)	Monitoring (\$)	Total (\$)
PAT-2	Achafalaya Sed Del	NMFS										
	Original Cost Estimate		21,000	23,000	67,000	---	---	---	666,000	---	132,000	909,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure											
PTE-22/24	Point Au Fer	NMFS										
	Original Cost Estimate		31,000	30,000	86,000	---	---	---	858,000	---	65,000	1,070,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure											
XAT-7	Big Island Mining	NMFS										
	Original Cost Estimate		36,000	127,000	183,000	---	---	---	3,659,000	---	132,000	4,137,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure											
MB-4	Freshwater Bayou	SCS										
	Original Cost Estimate		89,000	108,000	106,000	32,000	---	---	1,110,000	632,000	692,000	2,769,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure		10,000	10,000	8,000	---	---	---				28,000
PCS-25	Highway 394	SCS										
	Original Cost Estimate		32,000	27,000	20,000	21,000	---	---	217,000	149,000	234,000	700,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure		5,000	7,000	80,000	---	---	---				92,000
PO-6	Fritchle March	SCS										
	Original Cost Estimate		104,000	135,000	117,000	32,000	---	---	1,395,000	400,000	866,000	3,049,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure											20,000
PTV-18	Boston Canal	SCS										
	Original Cost Estimate		42,000	55,000	46,000	31,000	---	---	569,000	196,000	70,000	1,009,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure		32,000	41,000	23,000	---	---	---				47,800
CS-9	Brown Lake	SCS										
	Original Cost Estimate		105,000	120,000	154,000	21,000	---	---	1,540,000	445,000	839,000	3,224,000
	Current Cost Estimate											
	Current Expenditure		65,000	37,000	6,000	---	---	---				108,000
BS-3a	Caernarvon Out.Mgmt	SCS										
	Original Cost Estimate		96,000	125,000	109,000	21,000	---	---	1,265,000	94,000	813,000	2,523,000
	Current Cost Estimate		199,000									
	Current Expenditure		110,000	25,000	5,000	---	---	---				140,000

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3rd Priority Project List

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction		Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current		
XBA-65a	B. Perot/B. Rigolettes Original Schedule	NMFS						1,835			
XTE-67	E. Timballer Restoration Original Schedule	NMFS						2,047			
PTE-23	L. Chapeau M.C. and H.R. Original Schedule	NMFS						4,149			
BA-15	L. Salvador Shore Protection Original Schedule	NMFS						1,444			
BA-4c	West Point-a-la-Hache Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94	Feb-97	May-96	May-97	Nov-97	882			
TV-4	Cote Blanche Hydro Rest Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94	May-96	May-95	Aug-96	Aug-97	5,173			
CS-4a	Cameron-Creole Maint Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94					3,719			
BS-4a	White's Ditch Outfall Mgmt Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94	Feb-98	May-97	May-98	Nov-98	757			
PTE-26b	Brady Canal Hydro Rest Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94	Nov-96	Nov-95	Feb-97	Aug-98	4,718			
PO-9a	Violet Freshwater Dist Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94	Nov-97	Feb-97	Feb-98	Nov-98	1,821			
PME-6	SW Shore White Lake Original Schedule	SCS	Aug-94	Nov-95	Aug-94	Feb-95	May-95	127			
CS-47	Replace Hog Island etc. Original Schedule	USFWS						4,582			

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Project No.	Project	Sponsor	CSA	Design	Permits	Construction			Cost (x \$1,000)		Difference (%)	Comments
						Start	Completion	Original	Current			
XPO-71	MIRGO Back Dike	USACE									511	
	Original Schedule											
	Current Schedule											
XMR-10	Channel Armor Gap	USACE									808	
	Original Schedule											
	Current Schedule											
MR-9b	Pase-a-Lautre Crevasse	USACE									2,857	
	Original Schedule											
	Current Schedule											
PTE-15ba	Whiskey Island	EPA		Oct-94							4,844	
	Original Schedule											
	Current Schedule											
XTE-43	Red Mud Deomstration	EPA									350	
	Original Schedule											
	Current Schedule											
Total											40,624	

TC Task Complete, Date Shown is the Actual Completion Date
CSA Cost Share Agreement

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 Fully Funded Cost

Project No.	Project	Sponsor	Planning (\$)	E&D (\$)	S&A (\$)	S&I (\$)	Real Estate Relocations (\$)	Construction (\$)	O&M (\$)	Monitoring (\$)	Total (\$)
XBA-65a	B. Perot/B. Rigolettes Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	NMFS		142,000	46,000	47,000		1,461,000		139,000	1,835,000
XTE-67	E. Timballer Restoration Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	NMFS		152,000	50,000	127,000		1,579,000		139,000	2,047,000
PTE-23	L. Chapeau M C & HIR Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	NMFS		228,000	45,000	152,000	52,000	3,005,000		667,000	4,149,000
BA-15	L. Salvador S P Demo Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	NMFS		90,000	42,000	74,000		891,000	280,000	67,000	1,444,000
BA-4c	West Pt. - la-Hache Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	SCS		43,000	17,000	22,000	43,000	318,000	145,000	294,000	882,000
TV-4	Cote Blanche H R Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	SCS		239,000	249,000	242,000	32,000	3,190,000	387,000	894,000	5,173,000
CS-4a	Cameron-Creole Maint Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	SCS							3,719,000		3,719,000
BS-4a	White's Ditch Original Cost Estimate Current Cost Estimate	SCS		42,000	15,000	16,000	41,000	266,000	125,000	252,000	757,000

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

April 14, 1994

**REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL
VERMILION RIVER CUTOFF BANK PROTECTION**

Ms. Beth Cottone will request construction approval from the Task Force for the Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection project. Attached is a memorandum from the Corps of Engineers to the Task Force outlining compliance with current Task Force requirements.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force approve construction of the Vermilion River Cutoff project for an estimated cost of \$1,900,000.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
CELMN-PP

8 April 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: P&E Subcmt., Technical Cmt., CWPPRA Task Force
ATTN.: Mr. Stan Green

SUBJECT: Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection Project

1. The Corps of Engineers is ready to begin land acquisition in anticipation of construction of subject project. In accordance with the instructions of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (Task Force), request approval to proceed to construction. The required information is as follows:

a) As required by Sec. 303(e), easement language has been approved by the District Commander acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

b) Overgrazing in the areas protected by the project is not a problem.

c) Total project cost is currently estimated at \$1,900,000, fully funded through Fiscal Year 2014. This is within 25% of the project estimate at time of approval in Priority List 1 (\$1,523,000). This is also a reduction from the \$2,500,000 estimated at the time the project modification was approved.

d) The Cost Sharing Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the local sponsor, the LA Dept. of Natural Resources, was executed on 17 Apr 93. An amendment to the CWPPRA Escrow Agreement incorporating the project will be prepared and executed after approval to proceed.

e) An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in accordance with NEPA requirements and a Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) was signed on 15 Nov 93. This included the necessary cultural clearances.

f) A table showing anticipated project expenditures by year is attached as Encl. 1.

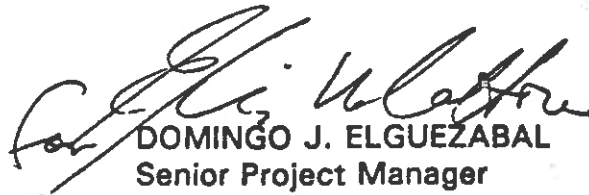
g) Plans and specifications were sent to the Lead Agencies for review and comment on 03 Feb 94. All comments received have been addressed and responded to.

h) A hazardous, toxic, and radiologic waste (HTRW) assessment was performed with negative findings.

i) The current schedule is shown in enclosure 2.

2. The Technical Committee granted permission to relocate the project from the west bank of the Vermilion River Cutoff to the east bank due to an improved design resulting from field data. The project benefits will not decrease as a result of this modification.

3. POC is Dom Elguezabal, ext. 2599.


DOMINGO J. ELGUEZABAL
Senior Project Manager

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VERMILION RIVER CUTOFF BANK PROTECTION

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Execute Cost Sharing Agreement	April 93 (Actual)
Execute Escrow Agreement Amendment	May 94
Complete Land Acquisition	July 94
Advertise Construction Contract	August 94
Award Construction Contract	October 94
Construction Complete	February 95



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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF VERMILION RIVER CUTOFF BANK PROTECTION

SCHEDULE OF YEARLY EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	NON-FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
FY 92	\$78,925	\$0
FY 93	\$143,251	\$0
FY 94		
FY 95		
FY 96		
FY 97		
FY 98		
FY 99		
FY 2000		
FY 2001		
FY 2002		
FY 2003		
FY 2004		
FY 2005		
FY 2006		
FY 2007		
FY 2008		
FY 2009		
FY 2010		
FY 2011		
FY 2012		
FY 2013		

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Each Task Force member has the opportunity at this point to propose additional items or issues for the consideration of the Task Force.

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DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

Recommendation for Task Force Approval:

DATE:

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: District Assembly Room
New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Foot of Prytania Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

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REQUEST FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Task Force meetings are open to the public. Interested parties may submit a completed "Question Submittal Card" to the Task Force Chairman at this time. Questions and comments will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Task Force meeting.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, & RESTORATION ACT
(Public Law 101-646, Title III)

SECTION 303. Priority Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Projects.

- Section 303a. Priority Project List.
 - NLT 13 Jan 91, Sec. of the Army (Secretary) will convene a Task Force.

•Secretary	•Secretary, Interior
•Administrator, EPA	•Secretary, Agriculture
•Governor, Louisiana	•Secretary, Commerce
 - NLT 28 Nov 91, Task Force will prepare and transmit to Congress a Priority List of wetland restoration projects based on cost effectiveness and wetland quality.
 - Priority List is revised and submitted annually as part of President's budget.
- Section 303b. Federal and State Project Planning.
 - NLT 28 Nov 93, Task Force will prepare a comprehensive coastal wetlands Restoration Plan for Louisiana.
 - Restoration Plan will consist of a list of wetland projects, ranked by cost effectiveness and wetland quality.
 - Completed Restoration Plan will become Priority List.
 - Secretary will ensure that navigation and flood control projects are consistent with the purpose of the Restoration Plan.
 - Upon submission of the Restoration Plan to Congress, the Task Force will conduct a scientific evaluation of the completed wetland restoration projects every 3 years and report the findings to Congress.

SECTION 304. Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation Planning.

- Secretary; Administrator, EPA; and Director, USFWS will:
 - Sign an agreement with the Governor specifying how Louisiana will develop and implement the Conservation Plan.
 - Approve the Conservation Plan.
 - Provide Congress with periodic status reports on Plan implementation.
- NLT 3 years after agreement is signed, Louisiana will develop a Wetland Conservation Plan to achieve no net loss of wetlands resulting from development.

SECTION 305. National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants.

- Director, USFWS, will make matching grants to any coastal state to implement Wetland Conservation Projects (projects to acquire, restore, manage, and enhance real property interest in coastal lands and waters).
- Cost sharing is 50% Federal / 50% State *

SECTION 306. Distribution of Appropriations.

- 70% of annual appropriations not to exceed (NTE) \$70 million used as follows:
 - NTE \$15 million to fund Task Force completion of Priority List and Restoration Plan -- Secretary disburses funds.
 - NTE \$10 million to fund 75% of Louisiana's cost to complete Conservation Plan -- Administrator disburses funds.
 - Balance to fund wetland restoration projects at 75% Federal/ 25% Louisiana ** -- Secretary disburses funds.
- 15% of annual appropriations, NTE \$15 million for Wetland Conservation Grants - Director, USFWS disburses funds.
- 15% of annual appropriations, NTE \$15 million for projects authorized by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act - Secretary, Interior disburses funds.

SECTION 307. Additional Authority for the Corps of Engineers.

- Section 307a. Secretary authorized to:
 - Carry out projects to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and aquatic/coastal ecosystems.
- Section 307b. Secretary authorized and directed to study feasibility of modifying the MR&T to increase flows and sediment to the Atchafalaya River for land building and wetland nourishment.

* 25% if the state has dedicated trust fund from which principal is not spent.

** 15% when Louisiana's Conservation Plan is approved.

activities, where appropriate, that would contribute to the restoration or improvement of one or more fish stocks of the Great Lakes Basin; and

"(2) activities undertaken to accomplish the goals stated in section 2006.

16 USC 941g.

SEC. 2009. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director—

"(1) for conducting a study under section 2005 not more than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1994;

"(2) to establish and operate the Great Lakes Coordination Office under section 2008(a) and Upper Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices under section 2008(c), not more than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995; and

"(3) to establish and operate the Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices under section 2008(b), not more than \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995.

"(b) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this Act, not more than \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995."

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Planning,
Protection and
Restoration Act.
16 USC 3961
note.

TITLE III—WETLANDS**SEC. 391. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the "Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act".

16 USC 3961.

SEC. 392. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this title, the term—

(1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Army;

(2) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(3) "development activities" means any activity, including the discharge of dredged or fill material, which results directly in a more than de minimus change in the hydrologic regime, bottom contour, or the type, distribution or diversity of hydrophytic vegetation, or which impairs the flow, reach, or circulation of surface water within wetlands or other waters;

(4) "State" means the State of Louisiana;

(5) "coastal State" means a State of the United States in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes; for the purposes of this title, the term also includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa;

(6) "coastal wetlands restoration project" means any technically feasible activity to create, restore, protect, or enhance coastal wetlands through sediment and freshwater diversion, water management, or other measures that the Task Force finds will significantly contribute to the long-term restoration or protection of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of coastal wetlands in the State of Louisiana, and includes any such activity authorized under this title or under any other provision of law, including, but not limited to, new projects, completion or expansion of existing or on-going projects, individ-

ual phases, portions, or components of projects and operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of completed projects; the primary purpose of a "coastal wetlands restoration project" shall not be to provide navigation, irrigation or flood control benefits;

(7) "coastal wetlands conservation project" means—

(A) the obtaining of a real property interest in coastal lands or waters, if the obtaining of such interest is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that the real property will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the hydrology, water quality and fish and wildlife dependent thereon; and

(B) the restoration, management, or enhancement of coastal wetlands ecosystems if such restoration, management, or enhancement is conducted on coastal lands and waters that are administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the hydrology, water quality and fish and wildlife dependent thereon;

(8) "Governor" means the Governor of Louisiana;

(9) "Task Force" means the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force which shall consist of the Secretary, who shall serve as chairman, the Administrator, the Governor, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce; and

(10) "Director" means the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

SEC. 302. PRIORITY LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS. 16 USC 3952.

(a) **PRIORITY PROJECT LIST.—**

(1) **PREPARATION OF LIST.—**Within forty-five days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall convene the Task Force to initiate a process to identify and prepare a list of coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana to provide for the long-term conservation of such wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations in order of priority, based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, or enhancing coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration.

(2) **TASK FORCE PROCEDURES.—**The Secretary shall convene meetings of the Task Force as appropriate to ensure that the list is produced and transmitted annually to the Congress as required by this subsection. If necessary to ensure transmittal of the list on a timely basis, the Task Force shall produce the list by a majority vote of those Task Force members who are present and voting; except that no coastal wetlands restoration project shall be placed on the list without the concurrence of the lead Task Force member that the project is cost effective and sound from an engineering perspective. Those projects which potentially impact navigation or flood control on the lower Mississippi River System shall be constructed consistent with section 304 of this Act.

(3) **TRANSMITTAL OF LIST.—**No later than one year after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress the list of priority coastal wetlands restoration projects required by paragraph (1) of this subsection. Thereafter,

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the list shall be updated annually by the Task Force members and transmitted by the Secretary to the Congress as part of the President's annual budget submission. Annual transmittals of the list to the Congress shall include a status report on each project and a statement from the Secretary of the Treasury indicating the amounts available for expenditure to carry out this title.

(4) **LIST OF CONTENTS.—**

(A) **AREA IDENTIFICATION; PROJECT DESCRIPTION.—**The list of priority coastal wetlands restoration projects shall include, but not be limited to—

(i) identification, by map or other means, of the coastal area to be covered by the coastal wetlands restoration project; and

(ii) a detailed description of each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project including a justification for including such project on the list, the proposed activities to be carried out pursuant to each coastal wetlands restoration project, the benefits to be realized by such project, the identification of the lead Task Force member to undertake each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project and the responsibilities of each other participating Task Force member, an estimated timetable for the completion of each coastal wetlands restoration project, and the estimated cost of each project.

(B) **PRE-PLAN.—**Prior to the date on which the plan required by subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, such list shall include only those coastal wetlands restoration projects that can be substantially completed during a five-year period commencing on the date the project is placed on the list.

(C) Subsequent to the date on which the plan required by subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, such list shall include only those coastal wetlands restoration projects that have been identified in such plan.

(5) **FUNDING.—**The Secretary shall, with the funds made available in accordance with section 306 of this title, allocate funds among the members of the Task Force based on the need for such funds and such other factors as the Task Force deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

(b) **FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECT PLANNING.—**

(1) **PLAN PREPARATION.—**The Task Force shall prepare a plan to identify coastal wetlands restoration projects, in order of priority, based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, or enhancing the long-term conservation of coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration. Such restoration plan shall be completed within three years from the date of enactment of this title.

(2) **PURPOSE OF THE PLAN.—**The purpose of the restoration plan is to develop a comprehensive approach to restore and prevent the loss of, coastal wetlands in Louisiana. Such plan shall coordinate and integrate coastal wetlands restoration

projects in a manner that will ensure the long-term conservation of the coastal wetlands of Louisiana.

(3) **INTEGRATION OF EXISTING PLANS.**—In developing the restoration plan, the Task Force shall seek to integrate the "Louisiana Comprehensive Coastal Wetlands Feasibility Study" conducted by the Secretary of the Army and the "Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan" prepared by the State of Louisiana's Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.

(4) **ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.**—The restoration plan developed pursuant to this subsection shall include—

(A) identification of the entire area in the State that contains coastal wetlands;

(B) identification, by map or other means, of coastal areas in Louisiana in need of coastal wetlands restoration projects;

(C) identification of high priority coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana needed to address the areas identified in subparagraph (B) and that would provide for the long-term conservation of restored wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations;

(D) a listing of such coastal wetlands restoration projects, in order of priority, to be submitted annually, incorporating any project identified previously in lists produced and submitted under subsection (a) of this section;

(E) a detailed description of each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project, including a justification for including such project on the list;

(F) the proposed activities to be carried out pursuant to each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(G) the benefits to be realized by each such project;

(H) an estimated timetable for completion of each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(I) an estimate of the cost of each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(J) identification of a lead Task Force member to undertake each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project listed in the plan;

(K) consultation with the public and provision for public review during development of the plan; and

(L) evaluation of the effectiveness of each coastal wetlands restoration project in achieving long-term solutions to arresting coastal wetlands loss in Louisiana.

(5) **PLAN MODIFICATION.**—The Task Force may modify the restoration plan from time to time as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(6) **PLAN SUBMISSION.**—Upon completion of the restoration plan, the Secretary shall submit the plan to the Congress. The restoration plan shall become effective ninety days after the date of its submission to the Congress.

(7) **PLAN EVALUATION.**—Not less than three years after the completion and submission of the restoration plan required by this subsection and at least every three years thereafter, the Task Force shall provide a report to the Congress containing a scientific evaluation of the effectiveness of the coastal wetlands restoration projects carried out under the plan in crea-

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ting, restoring, protecting and enhancing coastal wetlands in Louisiana.

(c) **COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT BENEFITS.**—Where such a determination is required under applicable law, the net ecological, aesthetic, and cultural benefits, together with the economic benefits, shall be deemed to exceed the costs of any coastal wetlands restoration project within the State which the Task Force finds to contribute significantly to wetlands restoration.

(d) **CONSISTENCY.**—(1) In implementing, maintaining, modifying, or rehabilitating navigation, flood control or irrigation projects, other than emergency actions, under other authorities, the Secretary, in consultation with the Director and the Administrator, shall ensure that such actions are consistent with the purposes of the restoration plan submitted pursuant to this section.

(2) At the request of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Secretary of Commerce shall approve the plan as an amendment to the State's coastal zone management program approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455).

(e) **FUNDING OF WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS.**—The Secretary shall, with the funds made available in accordance with this title, allocate such funds among the members of the Task Force to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth in the list transmitted in accordance with this section. The Secretary shall not fund a coastal wetlands restoration project unless that project is subject to such terms and conditions as necessary to ensure that wetlands restored, enhanced or managed through that project will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and dependant fish and wildlife populations.

(f) **COST-SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects under this title shall provide 75 percent of the cost of such projects.

(2) **FEDERAL SHARE UPON CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL.**—Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, if the State develops a Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan pursuant to this title, and such conservation plan is approved pursuant to section 304 of this title, amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title for any coastal wetlands restoration project under this section shall be 85 percent of the cost of the project. In the event that the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator jointly determine that the State is not taking reasonable steps to implement and administer a conservation plan developed and approved pursuant to this title, amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title for any coastal wetlands restoration project shall revert to 75 percent of the cost of the project: *Provided, however,* that such reversion to the lower cost share level shall not occur until the Governor has been provided notice of, and opportunity for hearing on, any such determination by the Secretary, the Director, and Administrator, and the State has been given ninety days from such notice or hearing to take corrective action.

(3) **FORM OF STATE SHARE.**—The share of the cost required of the State shall be from a non-Federal source. Such State share shall consist of a cash contribution of not less than 5 percent of

the cost of the project. The balance of such State share may take the form of lands, easements, or right-of-way, or any other form of in-kind contribution determined to be appropriate by the lead Task Force member.

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection shall not affect the existing cost-sharing agreements for the following projects: Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion, Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion, and Bonnet Carre Freshwater Diversion.

SEC. 304. LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION PLANNING.

16 USC 3953.

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION PLAN.—

(1) **AGREEMENT.—**The Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator are directed to enter into an agreement with the Governor, as set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection, upon notification of the Governor's willingness to enter into such agreement.

(2) TERMS OF AGREEMENT.—

(A) Upon receiving notification pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall promptly enter into an agreement (hereafter in this section referred to as the "agreement") with the State under the terms set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) The agreement shall—

(i) set forth a process by which the State agrees to develop, in accordance with this section, a coastal wetlands conservation plan (hereafter in this section referred to as the "conservation plan");

(ii) designate a single agency of the State to develop the conservation plan;

(iii) assure an opportunity for participation in the development of the conservation plan, during the planning period, by the public and by Federal and State agencies;

(iv) obligate the State, not later than three years after the date of signing the agreement, unless extended by the parties thereto, to submit the conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their approval; and

(v) upon approval of the conservation plan, obligate the State to implement the conservation plan.

(3) GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE.—Upon the date of signing the agreement—

(A) the Administrator shall, in consultation with the Director, with the funds made available in accordance with section 306 of this title, make grants during the development of the conservation plan to assist the designated State agency in developing such plan. Such grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of developing the plan; and

(B) the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall provide technical assistance to the State to assist it in the development of the plan.

(b) CONSERVATION PLAN GOAL.—If a conservation plan is developed pursuant to this section, it shall have a goal of achieving no net loss of wetlands in the coastal areas of Louisiana as a result of development activities initiated subsequent to approval of the plan.

exclusive of any wetlands gains achieved through implementation of the preceding section of this title.

(c) **ELEMENTS OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—The conservation plan authorized by this section shall include—

(1) identification of the entire coastal area in the State that contains coastal wetlands;

(2) designation of a single State agency with the responsibility for implementing and enforcing the plan;

(3) identification of measures that the State shall take in addition to existing Federal authority to achieve a goal of no net loss of wetlands as a result of development activities, exclusive of any wetlands gains achieved through implementation of the preceding section of this title;

(4) a system that the State shall implement to account for gains and losses of coastal wetlands within coastal areas for purposes of evaluating the degree to which the goal of no net loss of wetlands as a result of development activities in such wetlands or other waters has been attained;

(5) satisfactory assurances that the State will have adequate personnel, funding, and authority to implement the plan;

(6) a program to be carried out by the State for the purpose of educating the public concerning the necessity to conserve wetlands;

(7) a program to encourage the use of technology by persons engaged in development activities that will result in negligible impact on wetlands; and

(8) a program for the review, evaluation, and identification of regulatory and nonregulatory options that will be adopted by the State to encourage and assist private owners of wetlands to continue to maintain those lands as wetlands.

(d) **APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Governor submits a conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their approval, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall, within one hundred and eighty days following receipt of such plan, approve or disapprove it.

(2) **APPROVAL CRITERIA.**—The Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall approve a conservation plan submitted by the Governor, if they determine that—

(A) the State has adequate authority to fully implement all provisions of such a plan;

(B) such a plan is adequate to attain the goal of no net loss of coastal wetlands as a result of development activities and complies with the other requirements of this section; and

(C) the plan was developed in accordance with terms of the agreement set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(e) **MODIFICATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—

(1) **NONCOMPLIANCE.**—If the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator determine that a conservation plan submitted by the Governor does not comply with the requirements of subsection (d) of this section, they shall submit to the Governor a statement explaining why the plan is not in compliance and how the plan should be changed to be in compliance.

(2) **RECONSIDERATION.**—If the Governor submits a modified conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their reconsideration, the Secretary, the

Director, and Administrator shall have ninety days to determine whether the modifications are sufficient to bring the plan into compliance with requirements of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) **APPROVAL OF MODIFIED PLAN.**—If the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator fail to approve or disapprove the conservation plan, as modified, within the ninety-day period following the date on which it was submitted to them by the Governor, such plan, as modified, shall be deemed to be approved effective upon the expiration of such ninety-day period.

(f) **AMENDMENTS TO CONSERVATION PLAN.**—If the Governor amends the conservation plan approved under this section, any such amended plan shall be considered a new plan and shall be subject to the requirements of this section; except that minor changes to such plan shall not be subject to the requirements of this section.

(g) **IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—A conservation plan approved under this section shall be implemented as provided therein.

(h) **FEDERAL OVERSIGHT.**—

(1) **INITIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Within one hundred and eighty days after entering into the agreement required under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall report to the Congress as to the status of a conservation plan approved under this section and the progress of the State in carrying out such a plan, including and accounting, as required under subsection (c) of this section, of the gains and losses of coastal wetlands as a result of development activities.

(2) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Twenty-four months after the initial one hundred and eighty day period set forth in paragraph (1), and at the end of each twenty-four-month period thereafter, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall, report to the Congress on the status of the conservation plan and provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the goal of this section.

SEC. 305 NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS.

16 USC 3954.

(a) **MATCHING GRANTS.**—The Director shall, with the funds made available in accordance with the next following section of this title, make matching grants to any coastal State to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects from funds made available for that purpose.

(b) **PRIORITY.**—Subject to the cost-sharing requirements of this section, the Director may grant or otherwise provide any matching moneys to any coastal State which submits a proposal substantial in character and design to carry out a coastal wetlands conservation project. In awarding such matching grants, the Director shall give priority to coastal wetlands conservation projects that are—

(1) consistent with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan developed under section 301 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3921); and

(2) in coastal States that have established dedicated funding for programs to acquire coastal wetlands, natural areas and open spaces. In addition, priority consideration shall be given to coastal wetlands conservation projects in maritime forests on coastal barrier islands.

(c) **CONDITIONS.**—The Director may only grant or otherwise provide matching moneys to a coastal State for purposes of carrying out a coastal wetlands conservation project if the grant or provision is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that any real property interest acquired in whole or in part, or enhanced, managed, or restored with such moneys will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the fish and wildlife dependent thereon.

(d) **COST-SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Grants to coastal States of matching moneys by the Director for any fiscal year to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects shall be used for the payment of not to exceed 50 percent of the total costs of such projects; except that such matching moneys may be used for payment of not to exceed 75 percent of the costs of such projects if a coastal State has established a trust fund, from which the principal is not spent, for the purpose of acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural area or open space.

(2) **FORM OF STATE SHARE.**—The matching moneys required of a coastal State to carry out a coastal wetlands conservation project shall be derived from a non-Federal source.

(3) **IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.**—In addition to cash outlays and payments, in-kind contributions of property or personnel services by non-Federal interests for activities under this section may be used for the non-Federal share of the cost of those activities.

(e) **PARTIAL PAYMENTS.**—

(1) The Director may from time to time make matching payments to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects as such projects progress, but such payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the Federal pro rata share of any such project in conformity with subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The Director may enter into agreements to make matching payments on an initial portion of a coastal wetlands conservation project and to agree to make payments on the remaining Federal share of the costs of such project from subsequent moneys if and when they become available. The liability of the United States under such an agreement is contingent upon the continued availability of funds for the purpose of this section.

(f) **WETLANDS ASSESSMENT.**—The Director shall, with the funds made available in accordance with the next following section of this title, direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetland Inventory to update and digitize wetlands maps in the State of Texas and to conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State.

Texas.

16 USC 3953.

SEC. 395. DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **PRIORITY PROJECT AND CONSERVATION PLANNING EXPENDITURES.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 70 percent, not to exceed \$70,000,000, shall be available, and shall remain available until expended, for the purposes of making expenditures—

(1) not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 annually to assist the Task Force in the preparation of the list required under this title and the plan required under this title, including preparation of—

- (A) preliminary assessments;
- (B) general or site-specific inventories;
- (C) reconnaissance, engineering or other studies;
- (D) preliminary design work; and
- (E) such other studies as may be necessary to identify and evaluate the feasibility of coastal wetland restoration projects;

(2) to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth on the list prepared under this title;

(3) to carry out wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth in the restoration plan prepared under this title;

(4) to make grants not to exceed \$2,500,000 annually or \$10,000,000 in total, to assist the agency designated by the State in development of the Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan pursuant to this title.

(b) **COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 15 percent, not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be available, and shall remain available to the Director, for purposes of making grants—

(1) to any coastal State, except States eligible to receive funding under section 306(a), to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects in accordance with section 305 of this title; and

(2) in the amount of \$2,500,000 in total for an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in the State of Texas.

(c) **NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 15 percent, not to exceed \$15,000,000, shall be available to, and shall remain available until expended by, the Secretary of the Interior for allocation to carry out wetlands conservation projects in any coastal State under section 8 of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Public Law 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989).

SEC. 307. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

16 USC 3956.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.**—The Secretary is authorized to carry out projects for the protection, restoration, or enhancement of aquatic and associated ecosystems, including projects for the protection, restoration, or creation of wetlands and coastal ecosystems. In carrying out such projects, the Secretary shall give such projects equal consideration with projects relating to irrigation, navigation, or flood control.

Irrigation.
Navigation.
Flood control.

(b) **Study.**—The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed 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.

SEC. 308. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

16 U.S.C. 777c is amended by adding the following after the first sentence: "The Secretary shall distribute 18 per centum of each annual appropriation made in accordance with the provisions of

section 777b of this title as provided in the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 777b, such sums shall remain available to carry out such Act through fiscal year 1999."

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Oil Pollution
Research and
Development
Act.

33 USC 2701
note.

Ann. p. 553.

"TITLE IV—GREAT LAKES OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

"SEC. 4001. SHORT TITLE.

"This title may be cited as the "Great Lakes Oil Pollution Research and Development Act".

"SEC. 4002. GREAT LAKES OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380) is amended as follows:

"(1) GREAT LAKES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—In subsection (c)(6), strike "3" and insert "4", strike "and" after "California," and insert "and (D) ports on the Great Lakes," after "Louisiana,".

"(2) FUNDING.—In subsection (f) strike "21,250,000" and insert "22,000,000" and in subsection (f)(2) strike "2,250,000" and insert "3,000,000".

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