

MR. FRUGÉ

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

TASK FORCE MEETING

September 17, 1997

**BAYOU CHEVEE MARSH CREATION
PROJECT COST ESTIMATE**

**Plan 7a *
Estimate**

REAL ESTATE:		\$35,000
HTRW/CULTURAL CLEARANCE:		
Cultural Resources		
HTRW		
NEPA		
	Subtotal	\$70,008
ENGINEERING & DESIGN:		\$175,000
CONSTRUCTION:		
Construction		\$1,244,375
Construction S&I		<u>\$70,000</u>
	Subtotal	\$1,314,375
O, M, R & R **:		\$272,265
MONITORING:		\$143,067
PROJECT MANAGEMENT:		\$79,856
LOCAL SPONSOR ACTIVITIES:		\$57,040
Contingency (10% Hired Labor Items		\$0
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PROJECT TOTAL		\$2,146,611
Over/Under Original Estimate		(\$744,209)
% Over/Under Original Estimate		-25.7%

Acres Marsh Created	0
Ponded area protected (Acres)	137
AAHU	44
Fully Funded Cost (FFC)	\$2,146,611
FFC/AAHU (\$/AAHU)	\$48,787
Average Annual Cost (AAC)	\$193,800
AAC/AAHU (\$/AAHU)	\$4,405
% AAC/AAHU over PPL Project	76%
Revised PPL 5 Ranking #	13

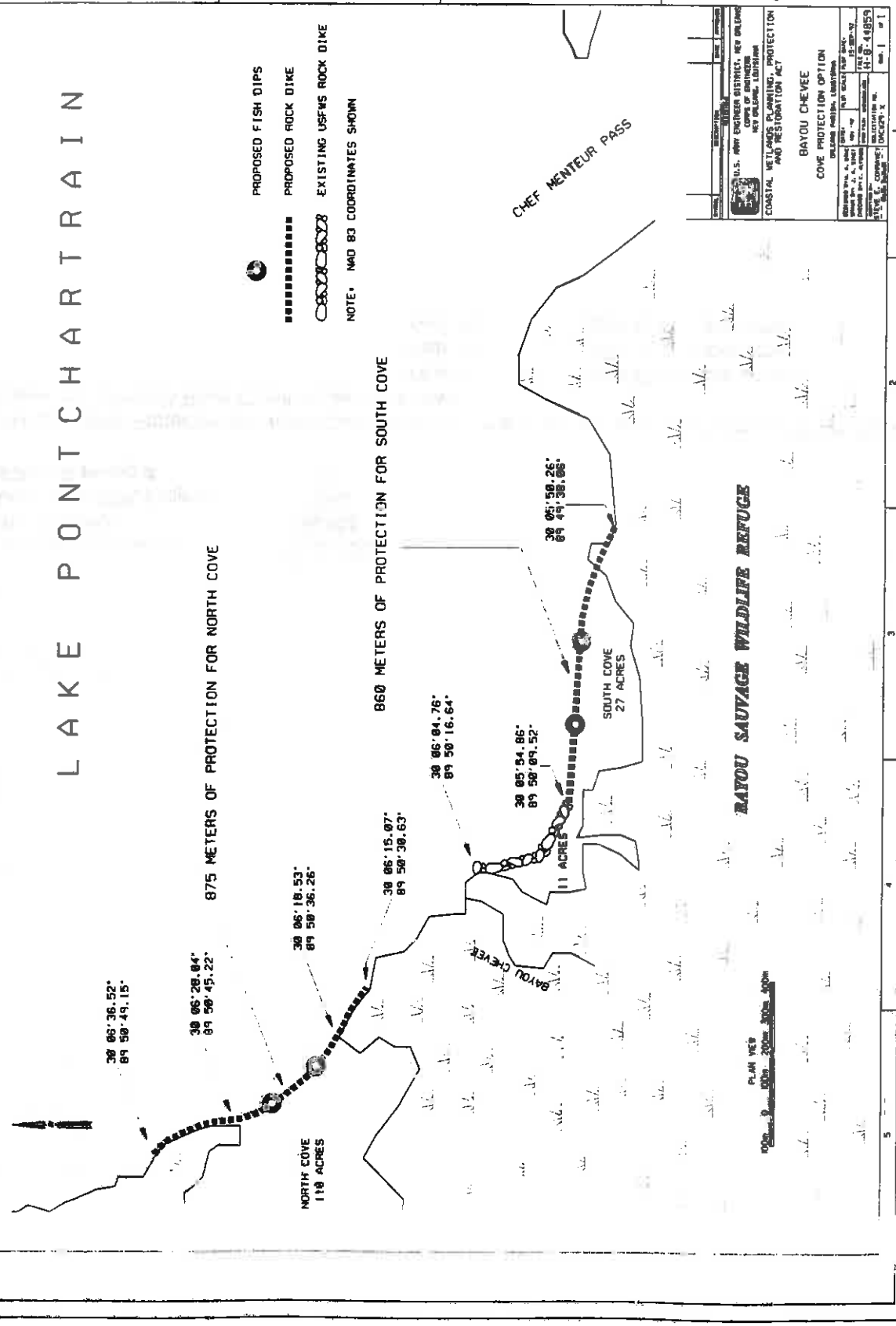
* Rock Dike Shoreline Protection on North Cove with an 860 meter eastern extension of the USFWS Rock Dike

** O&M based on Vermilion River Cutoff project as follows:

Year 5	50% Cap Replacement
Year 10	25% Cap Replacement
Year 15	25% Cap Replacement

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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, NEW ORLEANS CORPS OF ENGINEERS NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	
COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT	
BAYOU CHEVEE COVE PROTECTION OPTION DELTAIC FACILITY, LOUISIANA	
DESIGNED BY: A. H. HAY	DATE: 11/81
DRAWN BY: J. S. HAY	DATE: 11/81
CHECKED BY: J. S. HAY	DATE: 11/81
APPROVED BY: J. S. HAY	DATE: 11/81
PROJECT NO.: 11-81-40959	SCALE: 1" = 100'
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17 September 1997
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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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)

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

July 23, 1997

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel William Conner, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the 27th meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 10:15 a.m. on July 23, 1997, at the DoubleTree Hotel, New Orleans Lakeside. 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 Record for the Task Force meeting is attached as enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. All members were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Bigford, who was represented by Mr. Tim Osborn.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. William Hathaway, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. David Frugé, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Thomas Bigford, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel William Conner, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on April 24, 1997 (enclosure 3), were approved unanimously with no discussion. Mr. Osborn made the motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Bahr seconded it. [1/116]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Approval for Construction of the Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration (CS-09), Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration (TV-04), Highway 384 Hydrologic Restoration (CS-21), and Perry Ridge Shoreline Protection (PCS-26) Projects

Mr. Schroeder presented the four projects to the Task Force with the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval for construction. Two of the projects, Brown Lake Hydrologic

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

Restoration and Perry Ridge Shoreline Protection, have not received permits or Section 303(e) clearance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nor water quality certification from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The Technical Committee recommended that the Task Force approve construction for the Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration (CS-09) project at a fully funded cost of \$3,200,800, the Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration (TV-04) project at a fully funded cost of \$5,947,900, the Highway 384 Hydrologic Restoration (CS-21) project at a fully funded cost of \$740,000, and the Perry Ridge Shoreline Protection (PCS-26) project at a fully funded cost of \$2,223,500. The Technical Committee's recommendation for approval for construction of the Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration and Perry Ridge Shoreline Protection projects was contingent on receiving all required permits, clearances, and certifications for both of the projects.[2/391-401]

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve construction of the Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration (CS-09), Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration (TV-04), Highway 384 Hydrologic Restoration (CS-21), and Perry Ridge Shoreline Protection (PCS-26) Projects.

Second: Dr. Bahr.
Passed unanimously. [2/403]

B. Approval of Monitoring Plans for the Perry Ridge (CS-24) and the Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material

Mr. Schroeder presented monitoring plans for the two projects to the Task Force with the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval.

The Technical Committee recommended that the Task Force approve monitoring plans for the Perry Ridge (CS-24) and the Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material.[2/410-413]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve monitoring plans for the Perry Ridge (CS-24) and the Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material

Second: Mr. Gohmert
Passed unanimously. [2/415]

C. Revised Standard Operating Procedure for Demonstration Projects

Mr. Podany briefly reviewed the revised standard operating procedure for demonstration projects to the Task Force with the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval.

The Technical Committee recommended that the Task Force approve the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration

Act Revised Standard Operating Procedure for Demonstration Projects (enclosure 4).[2/420-492]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act Revised Standard Operating Procedure for Demonstration Projects.

Second: Mr. Osborn

Passed unanimously. [2/493]

D. Approval of Academic Advisory Group Budget for Priority Project List 7

The Task Force formalized the decision made by facsimile vote on June 23, 1997, in accordance with the Technical Committee's recommendation to approve the Academic Advisory Group budget for the 7th Priority Project List. Funds for the Academic Advisory Group are available from the Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year 1997 planning allocation due to the abbreviated 7th Priority Project List selection process.

The Technical Committee recommended that the Task Force approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$40,000 from the Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year 1997 planning allocation to the Academic Advisory Group. [3/8-24]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$40,000 from the Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year 1997 planning allocation to the Academic Advisory Group.

Second: Mr. Frugé

Passed unanimously. [3/31]

Ms. Hawes asked that \$103,000 be added to LUMCON's budget for Dr. Suhada's hydrologic modeling.[3/33-94]

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve \$103,000 for LUMCON's budget.

Second: Mr. Frugé

Passed unanimously. [3/96]

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Report on the Atchafalaya Liaison Group and the Corps' Lower Atchafalaya Study

Mr. Constance briefed the Task Force on the activities of the Atchafalaya Liaison Group and the Corps' Lower Atchafalaya Reevaluation study.

The Atchafalaya Liaison Group reviewed alternatives and explored outlet options to recover the 1986 flow line within one foot. Mr. Oneil Malbrough, Jr. stated his desire to invite

representatives of the DOTD and the South Terrebonne Levee District to the next group meeting. Mr. Constance agreed. [1/120-357]

B. Status of Coastwide Strategy (Coast 2050)

Dr. Good briefed the Task Force on the status of the effort to develop a coastwide strategy for addressing the problem of wetland loss. Dr. Good informed the Task Force that at the regional meetings, the attending parish participants would be asked what they want their respective parishes to look like in the year 2050 and encouraged to help develop a strategy to accomplish their desires. Four regional meetings are scheduled.

Mr. Jimmy Johnson was recognized for his work on the CWPPRA website by Mr. Osborn. [1/360-487]

C. Report of Program Performance and Project Implementation

Mr. Scott Clark of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported that 17 projects have been completed to date. There is \$47,000,000, with a possible additional \$9,000,000, to be used to complete projects until December 1997. Another 29 projects are scheduled for FY98 with a budget of \$111,000,000.

Ms. Vauhan of the Department of Natural Resources presented a "wish list" of projects to be completed.

Mr. Frugé invited the Task Force to the August 12, 1997, groundbreaking ceremony at Cameron-Creole. [1/490-2/265]

D. Report on Estimated Construction Funds Available for the 7th Priority Project List

Mr. Podany reported to the Task Force on the estimated amount of funds available for the 7th Priority Project List. He referred to two tables (enclosure 5). The first table forecasted funding available for 7th Project Priority List and the second summarized all money received for construction of the first six Priority Project Lists. Mr. Podany recommended to the Task Force that any project deauthorizations which are currently contemplated should be finalized by November 20, 1997, to allow the funds to be used for the 7th Priority Project List. Colonel Conner supported this position. [2/268-389]

E. Report on Technical Committee Guidance to the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee on Preparation of the Fiscal Year 1998 Planning Budget

Mr. Schroeder reported on the Technical Committee's guidance concerning the preparation of the Fiscal Year 1998 planning budget. He reported that there is more demand than supply. The Technical Committee recommended that it was important to fit within the \$5,000,000 budget limit. The committee also

recommended that the Coast 2050 effort receive sufficient funding to accomplish the tasks determined to be necessary by the Project Management Team. A discussion followed.

Mr. Steve Smith informed the Task Force that DNR had already contracted with his firm for work on Phases 2 and 3 of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline study. [2/496-3/6]

F. Report on Status of the 7th Priority Project List

Mr. Podany briefed the Task Force on the status of the development of the 7th Priority Project List. He reported that there are currently ten projects on the list (enclosure 6), seven of which are from the public. Colonel Conner advised the Technical Committee not to be constrained by the \$9,000,000 budget. [3/107-200]

G. Report on Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan Evaluation Report

Mr. Underwood of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources reported on the status of the evaluation report called for in section 303(b)(7) of CWPPRA. He stated that an advanced copy of the report was sent to Washington. The Task Force signed the signature page of the report. [3/205-525]

H. Status of Development of the State Conservation Plan

Mr. Thomas briefed the Task Force on the status of the Conservation Plan authorized by section 304 of the CWPPRA. He reported that the plan was submitted in May 97. He assured the Task Force of expedient review and return to the State. He projected completion in September 1997. [3/328-585]

I. Outreach Committee Report

Mr. Addison reported on the committee's national outreach program. He informed the Task Force that the State of Louisiana had recently awarded a contract for public outreach services from its own funds. He advised the assembly that anyone can place items on the CWPPRA home page. Mr. Jay Gamble reported on his public outreach efforts and the availability of a CWPPRA CD-ROM. He initiated a discussion about the public relations value of posters. Mr. Jim Johnson's work on data bases, CD-ROMS, and the internet were also discussed in the context of furthering CWPPRA outreach efforts.

Mr. Norm Thomas informed the Task Force of an EPA initiative to have Dr. Denise Reed and/or Mr. Woody Gagliano deliver CWPPRA presentations to the White House Wetlands Task Force. Mr. Bob Whalen would arrange for the presentations. A lengthy discussion ensued as to who should be invited and who should be informed. Mr. Thomas will pursue the issue with Mr. Whalen. Dr. Bill Good

asked the Task Force to consider supporting the concept of a CWPRA time capsule. [3/588-5/53]

J. Status of Feasibility Studies

Mr. Podany reported to the Task Force on the status of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline study and the Mississippi River Diversion study. A lengthy discussion developed concerning Phases 2 and 3 of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline study and the need to complete the EIS for Phase 1 of the study. The Task Force directed the Feasibility Studies Steering Committee to develop a recommendation on Phase 2 and Phase 3 by the next Task Force meeting. [5/56-553]

VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Monitoring Results

Dr. Len Bahr led a discussion on what to do with the monitoring results. Dr. Bill Good informed the Task Force that DNR was establishing an ecosystem section which could utilize the monitoring results. The general consensus was that project performance and analyses of feature effectiveness could be performed after sufficient information is collected. [5/556-6/63]

VII. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

VIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on September 17, 1997, in the Louisiana Room at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building. Task Force members will be contacted to confirm the date.

Colonel Conner directed that a site evaluation for the next four Task Force meetings be presented on September 17, 1997.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Colonel Conner declared the meeting adjourned. [6/194]

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TASK FORCE MEETING
July 23, 1997

ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA

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TASK FORCE MEETING
July 23, 1997

ENCLOSURE 2
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Encl 2

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July 23, 1997

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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July 23, 1997

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ENCLOSURE 5

FORECAST OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PPL 7
AND TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM CWPPRA

Encl 5

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ENCLOSURE 6

CWPPRA PPL 7 CANDIDATE PROJECTS

Encl 6

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July 23, 1997

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TASK FORCE MEETING

New Orleans, Louisiana

23 July 1997

10:00 a.m.

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TASK FORCE MEETING

New Orleans, Louisiana

23 July 1997

10:00 a.m.

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TASK FORCE MEETING
July 23, 1997

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Meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands
Conservation and Restoration Task Force

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
July 23, 1997

ENCLOSURE 3

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 1997 TASK FORCE MEETING

Encl 3

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING

April 24, 1997

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel William Conner, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the twenty-sixth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:40 a.m. on April 24, 1997, in the Louisiana Room of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The agenda is attached as enclosure 1. The Task Force was created by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA, commonly known as the Breaux Act), which was signed into law (PL 101-646, Title III) by President Bush on November 29, 1990.

II. ATTENDEES

Listed below are the six Task Force members. All members were in attendance, with the exceptions of Mr. Bigford, who was represented by Mr. Tim Osborn, and Mr. Hathaway, who was represented by Mr. Norm Thomas.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. William Hathaway, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. David Frugé, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Thomas Bigford, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel William Conner, U.S. Department of the Army,
Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on December 18, 1996 (enclosure 2), were approved unanimously, along with the change to item IV paragraph A, that is highlighted in bold. Mr. Gohmert made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Frugé seconded it.

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Selection of the 6th Priority Project List.

Mr. Schroeder presented a recommendation of the Technical Committee to approve the 6th Priority Project List, which included 10 new projects, 2 demonstration projects, and additional allocations for multi-year funded projects approved on the 5th Priority Project List (see enclosure 3). In enclosure 4, the original 6th List summary is dated April 23, 1997. Mr. Schroeder noted that the Environmental Protection Agency, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers had recently agreed to recommend a change in the scope and funding amounts for the Bayou Boeuf Pump Station Project, Increment 1. The change would provide for project evaluation funds over a three-period as follows: Fiscal Year 1997 (6th List Funds), \$150,000; Fiscal Year 1998 (7th List Funds), \$250,000; Fiscal Year 1999 (8th List Funds), \$100,000. Mr. Frugé stated that the Bayou Boeuf evaluation was not a project and recommended that either this work be captured by the Atchafalaya Liaison Group (at no cost to CWPPRA) or that the budget for the effort come out of planning funds. Mr. Thomas noted that there was precedence for funding evaluations out of construction funds due to the fact that the CWPPRA funding stream does not provide a sufficient mechanism to implement complex, large scale projects. Mr. Cancienne stated that Mr. Tauzin's office was in agreement with the change. Mr. Davis suggested that funding the evaluation would provide for a more effective relationship between the Lower Atchafalaya Reevaluation Study and CWPPRA. The revised 6th List summary developed as a result of decisions and approvals of this April 24, 1997 Task Force meeting is dated June 20, 1997 in enclosure 4.

Messrs. W. Pallet, Sherrill Sagrera, Judge Edwards, Charles Broussard, and Dr. Karl Derouen expressed concern about the omission of the Cheniere au Tigre shoreline protection demonstration project from the 6th list. Mr. Broussard stated that the project was necessary to save a ridge in Vermilion Parish that protects thousands of acres of wetlands. Mr. Podany noted that the Technical Committee did not include this project in the list because of concerns about: 1. keeping the amount allotted to demonstration projects below \$2.0 million; and 2. whether artificial sea grass or tires would work in a high energy environment. Mr. Frugé stated that if this project were approved, he recommended that the USGS participate in a cooperative design; other Task Force agencies could also participate. Concern was also expressed about the procedure for selecting demonstration projects. After some discussion about the merits of this and other demonstration projects (Nutria Harvest for Wetland Restoration and the Dustpan/Cutterhead Dredging for Marsh Creation), the Task Force voted on the list.

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force approve the recommended list, with the Cheniere au Tigre project added and funds for Bayou Boeuf reduced to \$150,000.

Amendment to Motion by Mr. Frugé: To move the consideration of funding the Bayou Boeuf evaluation to the planning budget.

Second to Amendment: None.

Second to Motion: Mr. Thomas
Passed unanimously.

Dr. Bahr requested that he be provided a summary of the vote to provide to the State Wetlands Authority. Colonel Conner

directed that the Technical Committee review the procedure for the selection of demonstration projects, specifically addressing public concerns about the process, and make a report back to the Task Force at its next meeting.

B. Approval of the 7th Priority Project List Selection Process

Mr. Frugé and Mr. Schroeder described the recommendation of the Technical Committee to conduct the 7th List. Based on a cursory evaluation, it appears that less than \$10.0 million will be available (enclosure 3). The procedure calls for a compressed nomination and selection process, using current evaluation procedures. The procedure stresses joint agency development of projects to minimize duplication of effort. Other elements of the process include: 1. candidate projects will have process level impacts; 2. no more than 10 candidates should be evaluated; 3. large-scale barrier islands and major diversion should be deferred; 4. projects with implementation problems will be avoided; and 5. entire process should be completed by January 15, 1998. Once the 7th list process is completed, the 8th list will be started immediately using a regional team approach. Ms. Katherine Vaughan, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, noted that cost overruns on several projects could mean that even less than \$10.0 million is available. Mr. Gohmert expressed concern about limiting the evaluation process to 10 projects. Dr. Bahr indicated that restoring barrier islands are an essential component of efforts to provide a functional coastal ecosystem; he is confident that the current study will show that they are justified unto themselves. Mr. Thomas expressed concern that large-scale projects would be omitted from the process; Mr. Frugé responded that the objective is not to spend money on the 7th List for very large projects, but to await the outcome of the feasibility studies, as per Task Force guidance on this subject.

Mr. Oneal Malbrough stated that the Task Force has a commitment to build barrier island projects despite the ongoing studies. Terrebonne Parish, he said, does not show up for Task Force public meetings because progress on the barrier island restoration effort seems to be delayed indefinitely. Mr. Mark Davis, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, echoed this concern and stated that policies should not be considered dogma; CWPPRA should be concerned with protecting coastal resources such as barrier islands, not just vegetation. Mr. Cheramie requested that the Task Force consider taking some of the projects from the 6th list that did not make the cut and add them in as 7th list projects. Mr. Dave Richard requested that the 7th list process be an open forum that would promote open competition for projects.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force adopt a simplified process for selecting the 7th Priority Project List.

Second: Mr. Osborn.
Passed unanimously.

C. Extension of LUMCON MOA.

Ms. Hawes presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval of a \$145,082 extension of the fiscal year 1996 memorandum of agreement between LUMCON and the NOD. The extension will permit completion of additional tasks associated with the Mississippi River Diversion study that were not included in the original budget. A copy of the extension agreement is enclosed (enclosure 4).

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve a \$145,082 extension of the fiscal year 1996 memorandum of agreement between LUMCON and the NOD.

Second: Dr. Bahr.
Passed unanimously.

D. Mr. Podany presented a recommendation of the Technical Committee to return \$30,000 that was deobligated from the Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study earlier in the year. The funds were originally intended for use by a Technical Advisor, which the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources later determined was not necessary. The restored funds would be used to cover cost overruns associated with the Phase 1 modeling effort (see enclosure 5).

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve restoring \$30,000 in funds (previously obligated for a Technical Advisor) to cover cost overruns in the Phase 1 modeling effort in the Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study.

Second: Dr. Bahr.
Passed unanimously.

E. Construction and Cost Increase Approval for Several Priority List Projects.

Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the Technical Committee's recommendation for the following: a. Approval for construction of the Point Au Fer (Phase 2), the Lake Salvador Shoreline Demonstration (Phase 1), the Channel Armor Gap, the Jonathan Davis Hydrologic Restoration (PBA-35), the Cameron Creole Maintenance (CS-4a), and the Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization, Phase 2 (XME-29) projects; b. Approval for construction with cost increase of the Big Island Mining (XAT-7) project (from \$4,136,000 to \$6,044,938) and the Atchafalaya Sediment Delivery (PAT-2) project (from \$908,000 to \$1,664,920); and d. Approval of cost increase for the Raccoon Island (TE-29)

project (from \$1,500,000 to \$2,063,000) and the Red Mud Demonstration (XTE-43) project (from \$470,500 to \$501,350).

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force approve the construction and cost increases of the above projects as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Frugé.
Passed unanimously.

F. Approval of Monitoring Plans.

Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval of the monitoring plans for the Channel Armor Gap (MR-6), Pass a Loutre Crevasse (MR-7), Highway 384 Hydrologic Restoration (C/S-21), Freshwater Bayou Canal Bank Stabilization (ME-13), Brown Lake (C/S-09), GIWW to Clovelly (BA-02), and Raccoon Island Breakwater Projects.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve the monitoring plans of the above projects as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Osborn.
Passed unanimously.

G. Approval of Budget Increase for Oyster Lease GIS.

Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the Technical Committee's recommendation to increase the oyster lease GIS budget by \$15,100 for this fiscal year (see enclosure 6).

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force approve the an increase in the Fiscal Year 1997 budget of \$15,100 for the oyster lease GIS, as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Thomas.
Passed unanimously.

H. Construction and Cost Increase Approval for Several Priority List Projects.

Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the Technical Committee's recommendation to include in the Standard Operating Procedures Manual (in Section 5.f.(4), last sentence): "Once a lead agency has received approval for a cost increase over the original 125% limit, they must request Task Force approval for any additional funds above the revised estimate."

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve the revision to the Standard Operating Procedures Manual, as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Thomas.
Passed unanimously.

I. Funding of the Mississippi River Diversion Workshop.

Mr. Podany presented a request for the Task Force to formally approve \$15,000 in funds for the Mississippi River Diversion Workshop held on March 13, 1997. (The Task Force had informally approved the funds in a February telephone poll).

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force formally approve the funding for the workshop.

Second: Mr. Gohmert.
Passed unanimously.

J. Report on the Development of a Strategic Plan.

Mr. Schroeder reported to the Task Force on a proposal of the Technical Committee to develop a strategic plan for coastal wetlands restoration (see enclosure 7, the original strategic plan draft dated April 18, 1997). Mr. Schroeder stated that there have been proposals from Dr. Lee Wilson and others on how to do the strategy as well as a proposal on who should do it; these proposal now need to be blended into one plan. Mr. Norm Thomas recommended that a budget and timeline be prepared for the effort. Ms. Katherine Vaughan noted that the proposal needs to be subject to State Wetlands Authority approval. Ms. Vaughan suggested that there be joint meetings between the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force and the State Wetlands Authority to resolve any issues which may arise. Secretary Caldwell suggested that the Task Force take action at this meeting to prevent delays that might arise in alternately seeking Task Force and State Wetlands Authority approval. Dr. Denise Reed stated that the Technical Committee proposal reflected more a chain of command for accomplishing the strategy; she suggested that functions be added to the blocks in the proposal. The Task Force then discussed in general the need to replace specific names identified in the blocks with titles. The May 19, 1997 Technical Committee revision to the strategic plan draft is also included in enclosure 8.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve moving forward with the strategy, generally as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: none.
Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force adopt the Technical Committee's plan for the coastwide strategy, contingent upon State Wetlands Authority approval, and replace names in the block diagrams with titles only.

Second: Mr. Frugé.
Passed unanimously.

K. Approval of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan Evaluation Draft Report.

Mr. Steve Underwood of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources presented status of the evaluation report called for in Section 303(b)(7) of the CWPPRA. The draft report has been reviewed by the Technical Committee, a special ad hoc committee established by the Technical Committee, and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. Mr. Underwood requested that the Task Force consider allowing a special pre-printing for use by the congressional delegation during the summer session; there was general consensus this should be done and that overall final printing of 1000 copies of the plan would be appropriate. Colonel Conner stated that Task Force members should receive a copy of the report to vote on formally at the next meeting; this would constitute the approval by the Task Force of the final report.

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve draft report.

Second: Mr. Gohmert.
Passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Report on Outreach Committee.

Mr. Jim Addison, chairman of the Outreach Committee, provided the Task Force a report on outreach activities. A summary of his remarks is included in enclosure 8. He stated that the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee had voted to recommend reducing a portion of the Outreach Committee's budget, but these increases had been covered by using EPA's salary rates to compute the Outreach Coordinator's FY 97 budget requirement. Dr. Bahr emphasized that the Governor's May 1st press conference will be an event that everyone will want to attend. Secretary Caldwell stated that the State's outreach effort (funded with State funds only) will be national in scope and complement the CWPPRA outreach effort very well. Mr. Frugé stated that over the

July 4th Congressional recess, he attempted to schedule a project dedication for the Cameron Creole Refuge project and other recently completed projects.

B. Status of Development of the State Conservation Plan.

Ms. Beverly Ethridge of the EPA briefed the Task Force on the status of the Conservation Plan authorized by section 304 of the Breaux Act. She reported that plan development is near completion (draft plan was provided by the state). Ms. Ethridge concluded by stating that a final formal proposal will be submitted to the Federal agencies for approval in May 1997.

C. Status of Feasibility Studies.

Mr. Podany gave a brief report on the status of the feasibility studies. For the Barrier Shoreline Study, he reported that the agencies are currently reviewing Step I, Formulation of Strategic Options and that a complete draft of Step H, Forecast Trends in Environmental Resource Conditions with No Action, was scheduled to be completed in May. Enclosure 9 is a fact sheet on the study.

Mr. Podany reported that the Mississippi River Diversion study is on schedule; he said that data and design information on the 11 intermediate concept plans are underway. Task involving the development of future without action conditions are being initiated through a MOA with LUMCON. Dr. Bahr suggested that monitoring efforts conducted in conjunction with the operation of the Bonnet Carré spillway operation be coordinated with the study. Enclosure 10 is a fact sheet on the study.

D. Status of Construction Program.

Mr. Scott Clark of the New Orleans District reported on the status of Breaux Act construction projects. He presented statistics on project completion, reasons for delays, and recommendations to improve performance (see enclosure 11). Mr. Clark concluded that the analysis did not reveal a pattern that would indicate a clear direction for improving performance. Mr. Mark Davis requested that this information be used in project selection decisions and in strategy development. Colonel Conner stated that the Task Force agencies have been only able to complete construction on one priority list project, out of approximately 17 that were scheduled for completion this fiscal year. This level of performance, he said, must be improved if the Louisiana congressional delegation is to be successful in securing reauthorization. Colonel Conner announced that he would be conferring with each agency to understand project implementation issues from the lead agency's perspective with a view toward improving overall program performance.

E. Report on the River Diversion Workshop.

Dr. Denise Reed presented a summary of the workshop (see enclosure 12). Among the topics discussed there were whether no net loss of wetlands is really the goal of coastal restoration efforts and whether such a goal is achievable.

Dr. Reed stated that there was general agreement among workshop attendees that diversions were part of the solution to land loss problems, but that their influence may be more limited and more complicated than what was originally thought. Dr. Bahr mentioned that a written statement that river diversions were an important tool for the restoration of coastal wetlands had been circulated to attendees of the workshop; others who had not attended but agreed with the statement were also encouraged to sign. Dr. Bill Good reported that there was some information on the effect of the Caernarvon Diversion project. Among other things, the results show that the diversion may have resulted in an increase of 4% per year of wetlands within the diversion outfall area. Prior to the diversion's operation there was a loss of 4% per year.

F. Report on the Lower Atchafalaya Reevaluation Study and on the activities of the Atchafalaya Liaison Group.

Mr. Troy Constance, New Orleans District, presented an overview of the Lower Atchafalaya Reevaluation Study and the relationship between it and other CWPPRA efforts. He mentioned that the Atchafalaya Liaison Group is exchanging information and pooling resources to conduct stream gaging on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and its tributaries.

G. Mr. Tim Osborn presented a video of actual construction for the Point au Fer Project. Mr. Osborn indicated that the video would be a useful tool in CWPPRA Outreach efforts.

VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Tim Osborn announced that the process of deauthorizing the Eden Isles project has begun in accordance with Task Force procedures.

Mr. Gohmert announced dedication and groundbreakings for the Raccoon Island, Timbalier Vegetative Plantings, and the GIWW to Clovelly Hydrologic Restoration Project on May 13 and 14, 1997. He introduced Mr. Bruce Lehto as the Natural Resources Conservation Service's new Technical Committee representative.

VII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting was tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 23, 1997, at the Corps headquarters building in

New Orleans. Task Force members will be contacted to confirm the date and location.

VIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Bahr, which was seconded by Mr. Frugé and approved unanimously.

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ENCLOSURE 4

REVISED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Encl 4

**Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
Revised Standard Operating Procedure for
Demonstration Projects**

Section 303(a) of the CWPRA states that in the development of Priority Project List, ". . . [should include] due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration."

The CWPRA Task Force on April 6, 1993, stated that: "The Task Force directs the Technical Committee to limit spending on demonstration projects to \$2,000,000 annually. The Task Force will entertain exceptions to this guidance for projects that the Technical Committee determines merit special consideration. The Task Force waives the cap on monitoring cost for demonstration projects."

What constitutes a demonstration project:

1. Demonstration projects contain technology that has not been fully developed for routine application in coastal Louisiana or in certain regions of the coastal zone.
2. Demonstration projects contain technology which can be transferred to other areas of the coastal zone.
3. Demonstration projects are unique and are not duplicative in nature.

What is required to evaluate a demonstration project:

1. Each demonstration project submitted for evaluation must have a specific project area.
2. No Wetland Value Assessments (WVA) will be performed on candidate demonstration projects.
3. CWPRA projects are designed and evaluated on a 20-year project life. However, demonstration projects are unique and each project must be developed accordingly. A specific plan of action must be developed, and operation and maintenance and project monitoring costs included. Monitoring plans are developed to evaluate the demonstration project's technique and the wetland response. Monitoring should be only long enough to evaluate the demonstration's performance and may be less than 20 years.
4. The evaluation must include a comparison of the demonstration project's method of achieving the project objectives vs. a traditional method of accomplishing the project objectives, if available, including a concise statement as to what is going to be demonstrated and how the demonstration project meets the project objectives;

5. The Engineering Work Group will review costs to ensure consistency and adequacy; address potential cost effectiveness; compare the cost of the demonstration project to the cost of traditional or other methods of achieving project objectives, when such information is available; and report the pros and cons of the demonstration vs. traditional or other methods. The Engineering Work Group will check monitoring costs with the Monitoring Work Group.

6. Demonstration projects do not need to be in the Restoration Plan.

The evaluation criteria:

Each candidate demonstration project will be evaluated and compared to other demonstration projects competing for funding on the annual priority list based on the following criteria:

- innovativeness
- applicability (or transferability)
- potential environmental benefits
- recognized need for the information to be acquired
- potential for technological advancement

The lead Federal agency will present the information shown in the evaluation section to the CWPPRA work groups and committees during the annual evaluation of candidate projects. The Environmental and Engineering Work Groups will review the information on each candidate demonstration project and will prepare a joint evaluation to the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee outlining the merits of each project. The recommendation will be based on the above established evaluation criteria. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee will present information on the demonstration projects at the public meetings that are held to present the results of the annual evaluation of candidate projects, including any such meetings of the Technical Committee or the Task Force. At these meetings the public will be notified that demonstration projects are testing unproven technology and, for that reason, have a relatively high risk of being unable to provide long-term wetlands benefits.

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ENCLOSURE 5

**FORECAST OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PPL 7
AND TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM CWPPRA**

Encl 5

2. July 1997

Forecast of Funding Available for PPL 7

New (FY1998) Funds ¹	\$40.5M
Less Planning Budget	\$ 5.0M
Plus State Match (assume 15%) ²	\$ 5.3M
Less Phased Funding of PPL 5 and 6 Projects	\$36.7M
Plus Likely Funds from Deauthorization ³	<u>\$ 5.0M</u>
	\$ 9.1M

¹ Assumes total funding of \$40.5M and notification from Dept. of Interior by 20 Nov 97.

² Assumes approval of Conservation Plan this calendar year.

³ Assumes deauthorization of the Eden Isles Project.

Total Construction Funds Available from CWPPRA

Priority List	Federal Const. Funds Available	Non-Fed. Const Funds Available	Total
1	\$28,084,900	\$10,517,773	\$38,602,673
2	\$28,173,110	\$10,161,033	\$38,334,143
3	\$29,939,100	\$10,156,410	\$40,095,510
4	\$29,957,533	\$5,000,000	\$34,957,533
5	\$33,371,625	\$5,000,000	\$38,371,625
6	\$39,134,000	\$10,000,000	\$49,134,000

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ENCLOSURE 6
CWPPRA PPL 7 CANDIDATE PROJECTS

Encl 6

**CWPPRA PPL-7 Candidate Projects
Selected by the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee on
July 10, 1997**

Rank	No.	Name	Parish	Project Type	Federal Sponsor	Total Area	Project First Cost (Millions)	Total Points
1	PBS-1	Upper Oak R. FW Introduction Siphon	Plaquemines	FD	NRCS	4,760 ac	\$3 M	64
2	XBA-63, BA-21	Selected Shoreline Stabilization along Bayou Perot and Rigolettes	Jefferson/ Lafourche	SP	NRCS	60,000 ft	\$3 M	61
3	PPO-2 d/h	L. Borgne Shore Protection East and West of Shell Beach	St. Bernard	SP	COE	16,000 ft of shore protection	\$1.6 M	52
4	XCS-48 (SA-1)	Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation	Cameron	MC	FWS/COE	174 ac	\$2.6 M	47
5	PO-11	Cut Off Bayou Marsh Restoration	Orleans	MC/HR	COE	3,915 ac	\$3.25 M	43
6	XBA 1a "i"	Vegetative Planting of Dredged Material Disposal Site on Grand Terre Island	Jefferson	VP	NMFS	100 ac	0.5 to 1 M	38
7	TE-11a "ii"	Lake Pelto Dedicated Dredging at New Cut Closure	Terrebonne	BI	EPA	100 ac	\$5.5 M	37
8	XTE-62 DNR	Wine Island Extension	Terrebonne	BI	COE	50 ac	\$1 M	36
9	XME-22	Pecan Island Terracing Project	Vermilion	TR	NMFS	1,950 ac	\$1.9 M	36
10	XME-42	South Grand Cheniere Freshwater Intro.	Cameron	FD	NRCS	6,750 ac	\$0.7 M	33

**Total Cost:
\$23.1-\$23.55 M**

Project Types:

FD= Freshwater Diversion
 SP= Shoreline Protection
 MC= Marsh Creation
 HR= Hydrologic Restoration
 VP= Vegetative Plantings
 BI= Barrier Islands

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STATUS OF THE COASTWIDE STRATEGY (COAST 2050)

For information.

Dr. Good will brief the Task Force on the status of the effort to develop a coastwide strategy for addressing the problem of wetland loss. Regional Planning Team leaders have been chosen and tasks for the regional teams have been outlined.

Thank EPA
others for briefing with W G
Next Step: Bring both W G
or will come down here

1st class show
what's being done
more needed

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REPORT OF PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

For information.

Mr. Clark will report on the implementation status of approved priority project list projects. The current status report on the projects is enclosed.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY REPORT

10 September 1997

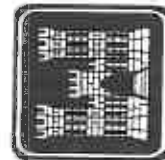
Summary report on the status of CWPPRA projects prepared for the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.
Reports enclosed:

- Project Details by Lead Agency
- Project Summary by Basin
- Project Summary by Parish
- Project Summary by Priority List

Information based on data furnished by the Federal Lead Agencies and collected by the Corps of Engineers

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Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE ARMY (COE)

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	Obligations/ Expenditures

Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Priority List 1

Barataria Bay Marsh Creation	BARA	JEFF	445	24-Apr-95 A	22-Jul-96 A	31-Dec-00	\$1,759,257	\$1,695,796	96.4	\$1,191,204 \$1,058,135
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Remarks/Status: The enlargement of Queen Bess Island was incorporated into the project and the construction of the 9-acre cell was completed in October 1996. If oyster-related conflicts are removed from the remaining marsh creation sites, they will be incorporated into the Corp's O&M deposit plan for the next maintenance cycle.

Bayou Labranche Wetlands Restoration	PONT	STCHA	203	17-Apr-93 A	06-Jan-94 A	07-Apr-94 A	\$4,461,301	\$3,658,740	82.0	\$3,378,263 \$3,352,725
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Remarks/Status: Contract awarded to T. L. James Co. (Dredge "Tom James") for dredging approximately 2,500,000 cy of Lake Pontchartrain sediments and placing in marsh creation area. Contract final inspection was performed on 04/07/94. Site visit by Task Force took place on 04/13/94. The area was seeded by LA DNR on 06/25/94.

The project site is being monitored. No further work is planned at this time except to address the problem of impaired access for the lease holders in the project area.

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Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE ARMY (COE)**

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection at Jean Lafitte NHP&P	BARA	JEFF	0	29-Oct-96 A	01-Jun-95 A	21-Mar-96 A	\$60,000	\$60,000	100.0	\$58,378 \$58,378
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Remarks/Status: This project was added to the Priority Lists at the March 1995 Task Force meeting.

The Task Force approved the expenditures of up to \$45,000 in Federal funds and non-Federal funds of \$15,000 (25%) for the design of the project.

A design review meeting was held with Jean Lafitte Park personnel in May 1996 to resolve design comments prior to advertisement for the construction contract. The contract was awarded December 4, 1996 for \$610,000 to Bertucci Contracting Corp. Notice to proceed was December 30, 1996. The contract was completed in April 1997.

Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection	TECHE	VERMI	54	17-Apr-93 A	10-Jan-96 A	11-Feb-96 A	\$1,526,000	\$2,056,249	134.7!	\$1,681,202 \$1,680,702
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Remarks/Status: The project was modified by moving the dike from the west to the east bank of the Cutoff to better protect the wetlands. The need for the sediment retention fence on the west bank is still undetermined.

The Task Force approved a revised project estimate of \$2,500,000; however current estimate is less.

Condemnation of real estate easements was required because of unclear ownership titles and significantly lengthened the project schedule. Construction was completed in February 1996.

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Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE ARMY (COE)**

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	

West Bay Sediment Diversion	DELTA	PLAQ	9,831	30-Sep-97	01-Mar-98	01-Jul-98	\$8,517,066	\$13,347,100	156.7!	\$454,925 \$454,634
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Remarks/Status: The major portion of the cost increase is for dredging the anchorage as a result of induced shoaling caused by the diversion of flow from the river. A model study of the river and diversion point was completed, providing a basis for estimating the amount of material to be dredged. However, the State of Louisiana was looking into the issue of State-owned waterbottom vs. private ownership, both before and after project construction, and they requested that we not proceed with easement acquisition through condemnation until that issue was resolved.

In a letter dated March 1, 1995, the Local Sponsor, LA DNR, requested de-authorization of the project citing cost overruns and its location on the "bird's foot" delta, which the CWPPRA Restoration Plan calls for a phased-abandonment. A letter requesting de-authorization of the project was issued to the Chairman of the Technical Committee on August 25, 1995.

However, at the February 28, 1996 Task Force meeting, the State withdrew its request for de-authorization and work on the project will proceed. The CSA was sent to LA DNR for signatures in March 1997. The current estimate exceeds the Priority List estimate by 125% and will, therefore, necessitate Task Force approval.

Total Priority List 1 10,533

5 Project(s)	\$16,323,624	\$20,817,884	127.5	\$6,763,972
4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed				\$6,604,573
4 Construction Started				
3 Construction Completed				
0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized				

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
				Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current
							%

Priority List 2

Clear Marais Bank Protection	CALC	CALCA	1,066	29-Apr-96 A	03-Mar-97 A	\$1,741,310	\$3,345,715	192.11	\$2,863,375	\$2,759,053
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Remarks/Status: The original construction estimate was low, based on the proposed plan in that the rock quantity estimate was less than half of the quantity needed (based on the original design), and the estimate did not include a floatation channel needed for construction. This accounts for most of the cost increase shown. The current estimate is based on the original rock dike design and costs about \$89/foot.

The Cost Sharing Agreement was executed and approved and the construction contract awarded on August 1, 1996 to Luhr Bros., Inc. for \$2,694,000. Construction was completed in March 1997.

There is an opportunity to create marsh behind the rock dike between Brannon Canal and Alkalie Ditch using material from GIWW maintenance dredging.

West Belle Pass Headland Restoration	TERRE	LAFOU	469	27-Dec-96 A	30-Apr-98	\$4,854,102	\$5,787,076	119.2	\$675,341	\$672,361
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Remarks/Status: We have received verbal authority from HQ Counsel to acquire oyster leases, for this project only, directly impacted by the construction of the project.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline Current	%
Total Priority List 2								
			1,535				\$6,595,412	138.5
2							\$9,132,791	
2								
1								
1								
0								
							\$3,538,716	
							\$3,431,414	

2 Project(s)

2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

1 Construction Started

1 Construction Completed

0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 3

Channel Armor Gap Crevasse	DELTA	PLAQ	936	13-Jan-97 A	19-Sep-97	01-Dec-97	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	\$893,865	110.6	\$421,707 \$225,217
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Remarks/Status: The Cost Sharing Agreement is being reviewed by LA DNR.

Cost increase is due to additional project management costs, by both Federal and Local Sponsor.

Surveys identified a pipeline in the crevasse area which would be negatively impacted by the project. US Fish & Wildlife reviewed their permit for the pipeline and determined that Shell Pipeline is required to lower it at their own cost. US FWS requested a modification to the alignment and only US FWS- owned lands should be involved.

MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection	PONT	STBER	755	17-Jan-97 A	15-Apr-98	31-Jul-98	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	\$553,900	108.1	\$185,070 \$183,712
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Remarks/Status: Cost increase is due to additional project management costs, environmental investigations and local sponsor activities not included in the baseline estimate. Further, title research indicates that private ownership titles are unclear, requiring condemnation. This accounts for the long period between CSA execution and project construction.

Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse	DELTA	PLAQ	918				***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	\$4,112,673	143.9!	\$107,911 \$104,644
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Remarks/Status: Two pipelines and two power poles are in the area of the crevasse, increasing relocation costs by approximately \$2.15 million. LA DNR asked that the Corps investigate alternative locations to avoid or minimize impacts to the pipelines, but there are no more suitable locations for the cut. The Corps has also reviewed the design to determine whether relocations cost-savings could be achieved. Reducing the bottom width of the crevasse from 430 feet as originally proposed to 200 feet reduced the relocation cost only marginally.

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					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current		%
Total Priority List 3										
			2,609				\$4,178,385	\$5,560,438	133.1	\$714,688 \$513,573
3										
2										
0										
0										
0										

3 Project(s)

2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 4

Grand Bay Crevasse	BRET	PLAQ	634					\$2,468,908	\$2,468,908	100.0	\$55,003 \$52,056
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Remarks/Status: The major landowner has indicated non-support of the project and has withheld ROE because of concern about sedimentation negatively impacting oil and gas interests within the deposition area.

Hopper Dredge Demo	DELTA	PLAQ	0	30-Jun-97 A	31-Jan-98	31-May-98		\$300,000	\$374,062	124.7	\$19,158 \$19,158
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Remarks/Status: LA DNR requested that the hoppers dump the material in crevasses, but there are concerns that the hopper dredges cannot get close enough to the crevasses to avoid dropping the material in the navigation channel. Current plan involves the pumpout of material from the hopper into a disposal area located on the left-descending bank or in Southwest Pass between miles 2.95 and 3.2 BHP.

Total Priority List 4 634

	\$2,768,908	\$2,842,970	102.7	\$74,161 \$71,214
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2 Project(s)

1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Priority List 5

Bayou Chevee	PONT	ORL	199	15-Oct-97	10-Jan-98	15-Jul-98	\$2,890,821	\$2,890,821	100.0	\$176,731
										\$176,731

Remarks/Status: Plans and specifications sent to DNR and Federal lead agencies the week of March 31, 1997.

Total Priority List 5 199

	\$2,890,821	\$2,890,821	100.0	\$176,731
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current
								%

Priority List 6

Avoca Island (Incr 1)	TERRE	STMRY	434				\$6,438,400	\$6,438,400	100.0	\$187,500
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Remarks/Status:

Dustpan/Cutterhead Dredge Demo	DELTA	PLAQ	0	19-Oct-97	05-Jan-98	02-Feb-98	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	100.0	\$93,500
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Remarks/Status:

Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration	TECHE	IBERI	408	13-Feb-98	18-May-98	29-Jan-99	\$4,094,900	\$4,094,900	100.0	\$257,500
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Remarks/Status:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures	
					Const Start	Baseline	Current	%
Total Priority List 6 842								
3						\$12,133,300	\$12,133,300	100.0
Project(s)								
0								
Cost Sharing Agreements Executed								
0								
Construction Started								
0								
Construction Completed								
0								
Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized								
Total DEPT. OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 16,352								
16						\$44,890,450	\$53,378,204	118.9
Project(s)								
9								
Cost Sharing Agreements Executed								
5								
Construction Started								
4								
Construction Completed								
0								
Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized								

Total DEPT. OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 16,352 \$44,890,450 \$53,378,204 118.9 \$11,806,768 \$10,797,505

Notes:

- Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
- Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind schedule
- Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 1

Isles Dernieres (Phase 0) (East Island)	TERRE	TERRE	9	17-Apr-93 A	17-Dec-97	01-Nov-98	*****	\$6,345,468	125.3!	\$6,554,842 \$308,033
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Remarks/Status: This phase of the Isles Dernieres restoration project is being combined with Isles Dernieres, Phase I (Trinity Island), a priority list 2 project. Project on hold pending resolution of servitude impasse between LL&E and DNR; project start estimated. The Task Force approved an increase of 125% of the project estimate. A revised estimate is being prepared. A revised Cost Sharing Agreement will be prepared.

Total Priority List 1	9							\$6,345,468	125.3	\$6,554,842 \$308,033
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
							Baseline	Current	%	

Priority List 2

Isles Dernieres (Phase 1) (Trinity Island)	TERRE	TERRE	110	17-Apr-93 A	17-Dec-97	01-Nov-98	\$6,907,897	\$8,614,287	124.7	\$6,084,563 \$333,703
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Remarks/Status: Project on hold pending resolution of servitude impasse between LL&E and DNR; project start estimated. The Task Force approved a project cost increase of 125% of the project estimate at the December 1996 meeting. A revised cost estimate and Cost Sharing Agreement is being developed.

Total Priority List 2			110				\$6,907,897	\$8,614,287	124.7	\$6,084,563 \$333,703
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures		
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%

Priority List 3

Red Mud Demo	PONT	STJON	0	03-Nov-94 A	08-Jul-96 A	31-Oct-97	\$350,000	\$480,500	137.31	\$367,493 \$286,467
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Remarks/Status: The P&E Committee, at their March 17, 1997 meeting, approved a project cost increase of \$30,850. This proposal will be presented at the April 24, 1997 meeting for Task Force approval. This increase brings the Federal and State costs to \$511,350 plus Kaiser contribution of \$318,435 toward monitoring costs, bringing the total project cost to \$829,785. DNR, in a letter dated August 6, 1997 to Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation, stated that their are no funds in the DNR approved budget, and suggested that no further CWPPRA funds, be expended on this project to correct the contamination of the experimental beds. DNR had no opposition to the continuation of the project if private funds were used.

Bids for construction were opened on January 31, 1996. Project construction started July 8, 1996. Facility construction is complete; but project is on hold pending resolution of saltwater source.

Whiskey Island Restoration (Phase 2)	TERRE	TERRE	1,239	06-Apr-95 A	20-Feb-98	31-Jan-99	\$4,844,274	\$6,055,000	125.0	\$4,380,069 \$43,824
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Remarks/Status: Construction pending on LL&E and LA DNR resolution regarding servitude and ownership. Task Force approved 125% increase of project cost at their December 1996 meeting. A revised CSA to reflect this increase is being developed.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual
					Const Start	Const End	Current	Obligations/ Expenditures
							%	

Total Priority List 3			1,239				\$5,194,274	\$6,535,500	125.8	\$4,747,562	\$330,291
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- 2 Project(s)
- 2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
 - 1 Construction Started
 - 0 Construction Completed
 - 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

Priority List 4

Compost Demo	CALC	CAMER	0	22-Jul-96 A	15-Mar-98	30-Jun-98	\$370,594	\$380,594	102.7	\$286,199	\$6,833
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Remarks/Status: Engineering/design proposals were received September 6, 1996. Project location has been changed and a new site is being evaluated. Any necessary changes or modifications in design will be evaluated by the project sponsors.

Total Priority List 4			0				\$370,594	\$380,594	102.7	\$286,199	\$6,833
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
 - 0 Construction Started
 - 0 Construction Completed
 - 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
							Baseline	Current	%

Priority List 5

Bayou Lafourche Siphon, Ph 1	TERRE	ASCEN	428	19-Feb-97 A			\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	100.0	\$750,000 \$188,157
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Remarks/Status: The 5th Priority List authorized funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the FY 96 Phase 1 of this project. Priority List 6 authorized \$8,000,000 for the FY 97 Phase 2 of this project. Priority List 7 is scheduled to fund \$15,000,000 if the project is fully implemented. Total Bayou Lafourche Siphon project is scheduled to cost \$24,487,337 if fully implemented. Phases 2 and 3 are subject to presentation and approval of the evaluation report by the Task Force. Completion of the report is scheduled for Oct 1997.

The public has been involved in development of the scope of the first phase in carrying out this project by presenting statements at the four public meetings or submitting written comments. A Responsiveness Summary and Revised Plan of Work has been provided to the project mailing list of 600. Work has begun gathering stream flow data and drainage surveys, and modeling and costs.

The Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) is was executed February 19, 1997. Phase 1 evaluation and design completion is scheduled for October 1, 1997.

Total Priority List 5	428						\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	100.0	\$750,000 \$188,157
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline		

Priority List 6

Bayou Boeuf/Verret Basin, Incr 1	TERRE	STMAR		30-Nov-97			\$150,000	100.0	\$112,500 \$0
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Remarks/Status: This is the first increment of a 3-phased project. Priority List 6 authorized funding of \$150,000; Priority List 7 is scheduled to fund \$250,000; and Priority List 8 is scheduled to fund \$100,000. Total project cost is \$500,000.

Total Priority List 6

	\$150,000	\$150,000	100.0	\$112,500 \$0
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures	
					Const Start	Const End				
Total ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 6			1,786				\$28,207,104	\$32,871,671	116.5	\$18,714,819 \$1,180,236
8 Project(s)										
7 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed										
2 Construction Started										
0 Construction Completed										
0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized										

Notes:

1. Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
2. Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind schedule
3. Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE											
Priority List 1											
Bayou Sauvage #1	PONT	ORL	1,550	17-Apr-93 A	01-Jun-95 A	30-May-96 A		\$1,657,708	\$1,598,612	96.4	\$1,078,880 \$975,767
Remarks/Status: Project completed May 30, 1996. A dedication ceremony was held in mid-summer 1996.											
Cameron Creole Watershed Hydrologic Restoration	CALC	CAMER	487	17-Apr-93 A	01-Oct-96 A	28-Jan-97 A		\$660,460	\$775,974	117.5	\$430,821 \$395,076
Remarks/Status: The project was completed on January 28, 1997.											
Cameron Prairie Refuge Shoreline Protection	MERM	CAMER	247	17-Apr-93 A	19-May-94 A	09-Aug-94 A		\$1,177,668	\$1,490,074	126.5	\$906,951 \$899,382
Remarks/Status: Project complete 9 August 1994.											

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures				
					Const Start	Baseline	Current				
					Const End		%				
Sabine Wildlife Refuge Erosion Protection	CALC	CAMER	5,542	17-Apr-93 A	24-Oct-94 A	01-Mar-95 A	\$4,895,780	\$1,868,673	38.2	\$1,195,492	\$1,194,540

Remarks/Status: Project complete as of March 1, 1995.

Total Priority List 1	7,826	\$8,391,616	\$5,733,333	68.3	\$3,612,144	\$3,464,765
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- 4 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 4 Construction Started
- 4 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 2

Bayou Sauvage #2	PONT	ORL	1,281	30-Jun-94 A	15-Apr-96 A	28-May-97 A	\$1,452,035	\$1,700,121	117.1		\$999,009 \$942,919
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Remarks/Status: Construction was completed on March 18, 1997. Initial problems with the pumps were corrected, and the project was accepted at a final inspection conducted May 28, 1997.

Total Priority List 2			1,281				\$1,452,035	\$1,700,121	117.1		\$999,009 \$942,919
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/Expenditures		
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%

Priority List 3

Sabine Refuge Structures (Hog Island)	CALC	CAMER	953	25-Oct-96 A	01-Oct-98	01-Jul-99	\$4,581,454	\$4,591,454	100.2	\$220,318	\$15,640
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Remarks/Status: The construction completion date was revised to accommodate a State-requested review of alternative structure design options. A meeting held on March 21, 1997 led to selection of the current design option. Project completion is now projected to occur in July 1999. Geotechnical investigations are scheduled for fall 1997.

Total Priority List 3 953

\$4,581,454 \$4,591,454 100.2 \$220,318 \$15,640

- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
							Baseline	Current	%	

Priority List 5

Grand Bayou / GIWW Freshwater Introduction	TERRE	LAFOU	1,609	31-Oct-97	01-May-99	30-Nov-99	\$5,135,468	\$5,135,468	100.0	\$74,500 \$1,062
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Remarks/Status: Based on consultations with fishermen, local residents, and CWPPRA agencies, the most suitable location for the Cutoff Canal structure was determined to be that as originally proposed. Locating the structure at this site would require the installation of an additional structure on Bayou Pointe au Chien to protect residents against project-enhanced tidal flooding. The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is developing costs and designs for several additional structures that could be installed, which together with the Bayou Pointe au Chien structure, would benefit an additional 17,000 acres of fresh to brackish marsh not within the original project area. A proposal for the project modification will be made to CWPPRA agencies by September 1997. Because of these pending project modifications, project completion has been delayed 3 months to November 1999. Results of the TABS modeling, funded by the FWS and EPA, will be available in August 1997. The LA DNR has reviewed the draft cost sharing agreement. The agreement is now being reviewed by FWS personnel in the Atlanta Regional Office.

Total Priority List 5	5		1,609				\$5,135,468	\$5,135,468	100.0	\$74,500 \$1,062
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	***** Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 6

Lake Boudreaux FW Introduction, Alt B	TERRE	TERRE	619	01-Aug-98	01-Aug-02	01-Aug-03	\$4,915,650	\$4,915,650	100.0	\$20,000 \$0
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Remarks/Status: The FWS is working with the LA DNR to acquire land rights for the freshwater introduction inflow/outflow channel. The Service together with Koch Pipeline Company is investigating potential project impacts to the Koch Pipelines in the project area.

Total Priority List 6		619	\$4,915,650	\$4,915,650	100.0	\$20,000 \$0
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
 Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR (FWS)

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures		
				CSA	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current		%	
Total DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE			12,288				\$24,476,223	\$22,076,026	90.2	\$4,925,971	\$4,424,385
8											
6											
5											
5											
0											

Notes:

1. Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
2. Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind schedule
3. Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: DEPT. OF COMMERCE (NMFS)**

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	***** Current	***** %	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Priority List 1

Fourchon Hydrologic Restoration	TERRE	LAFOU	0			\$252,036	\$6,999	2.8	\$6,999
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Remarks/Status: In a meeting on October 7, 1993, Port Fourchon conveyed to NMFS personnel that any additional work in the project area could be conducted by the Port and they did not wish to see the project pursued because they question its benefits and are concerned that undesired Government / general public involvement would result after implementation.

NMFS has recommended to the Task Force that the project be deauthorized and the Task Force concurred at the July 14, 1994 meeting.

Lower Bayou LaCache Hydrologic Restoration	TERRE	TERRE	0	17-Apr-93 A		\$1,694,739	\$100,625	5.9	\$99,625
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Remarks/Status: In a public hearing on September 22, 1993, with landowners in the project area, users strenuously objected to the proposed closure of the two east-west connections between Bayou Petit Caillou and Bayou Terrebonne. The integrity of the project with these openings must be determined before proceeding with project implementation. As a design response, a boat bay has been proposed for one of the two east-west connections.

NMFS has received a letter from LA DNR, dated February 6, 1995, recommending de-authorization of the project. NMFS has forwarded letter to COE for Task Force approval.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline Current	%
Total Priority List 1								
			0				\$1,946,775	5.5
2							\$107,625	
								\$106,625
2								
1								
0								
0								
2								

2 Project(s)

1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

2 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/Expenses
				Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current %

Priority List 2

Atchafalaya Sediment Delivery	ATCH	STMRY	2,232	01-Aug-94 A	01-Nov-97	01-Sep-98	\$907,810	\$1,589,920	175.11	\$1,209,309 \$682,982
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Remarks/Status:

Big Island Mining (Increment 1)	ATCH	STMRY	2,160	01-Aug-94 A	01-Nov-97	01-Sep-98	\$4,136,057	\$5,819,938	140.71	\$4,393,495 \$3,010,109
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Remarks/Status:

Point Au Fer	TERRE	TERRE	375	01-Jan-94 A	01-Oct-95 A	08-May-97 A	\$1,069,589	\$1,775,000	166.01	\$1,206,700 \$881,204
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Remarks/Status: Construction for the project will be accomplished in two phases. Phase I construction on the wooden plugs in the oil and gas acc canals in Area 1 was completed December 22, 1995. Phase II construction is Area 2 has been delayed until suitable materials can be found to backfill the canal fronting the Gulf of Mexico. Phase II construction completed in May 1997. Task Force approved project design change and project cost increase over the 125% limit at December 18, 1996 meeting.

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Actual
 Obligations/
 Expenditures

\$6,809,504
 \$4,574,295

***** SCHEDULES ***** ESTIMATES *****
 CSA Const Start Const End Baseline Current %

4,767 \$6,113,456 \$9,184,858 150.2

Total Priority List 2

- 3 Project(s)
- 3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	*****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current
								%

Priority List 3

Bayou Perot / Bayou Rigolettes Marsh Restoration	BARA	JEFF	1,065	01-Mar-95 A			\$1,835,047	\$1,844,750	100.5	\$1,389,483 \$1,292,580
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Remarks/Status: A feasibility study conducted by LA DNR indicated that possible wetlands benefits from construction of this project are questionable. LA DNR has indicated a willingness to deauthorize the project. In April 1996, LA DNR had asked to reconsider the project with potential of combining this with two other projects in the watershed. Discussions are on-going at this time on the proposal.

Project on hold.

East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration #1	TERRE	LAFOU	1,013	01-Feb-95 A	01-Apr-98	31-Jul-98	\$2,046,971	\$2,057,000	100.5	\$1,546,516 \$1,464,614
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Remarks/Status:

Lake Chapeau Sediment & Hydrologic Restoration	TERRE	TERRE	509	01-Mar-95 A	01-Dec-97	01-Jun-98	\$4,149,182	\$3,995,023	96.3	\$3,129,723 \$3,006,580
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Remarks/Status: Preliminary engineering and design plans will be reviewed in July 1996. Field surveying and geotechnical data collection completed in May 1996.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
							Baseline	Current	%	
Lake Salvador Shore Protection Demo	BARA	STCHA	176	01-Mar-95 A	02-Jul-97 A	01-Oct-97	\$1,444,628	\$2,565,894	177.6!	\$1,924,421 \$1,083,130

Remarks/Status:

Total Priority List 3 2,763

- 4 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

\$9,475,828 \$10,462,667 110.4 \$7,990,143 \$6,846,904

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****		***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	Obligations/ Expenditures
								%	

Priority List 4

East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration #2	TERRE	LAFOU	215	08-Jun-95 A	01-Apr-98	31-Dec-98	\$5,752,404	\$5,752,404	100.0	\$4,314,749 \$69,174
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Remarks/Status:

Eden Isles East Marsh Restoration	PONT	STTAM	1,454				\$5,018,968	\$5,018,968	100.0	\$41,347 \$1,073
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Remarks/Status: Representatives of the CWPPRA Task Force are discussing with present landowner on the donation or acquisition of a large amount of the tract for restoration.

Total Priority List 4 1,669

							\$10,771,372	\$10,771,372	100.0	\$4,356,096 \$70,247
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2 Project(s)

1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
					Const Start	Baseline	Current
					Const End		%

Priority List 5

Little Vermilion Bay Sediment Trapping	TECHE	VERMI	441	22-May-97 A	01-Apr-98	01-May-98	\$940,065	\$940,100	100.0	\$702,576 \$5,181
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Remarks/Status:

Myrtle Grove Siphon, Ph 1	BARA	PLAQ	1,119	20-Mar-97 A	01-Aug-98	01-Oct-98	\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000	100.0	\$3,372,500 \$17,397
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Remarks/Status: The 5th Priority List authorized funding in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the FY 96 Phase 1 of this project. Priority List 6 authorized funding in the amount of \$6,000,000. Priority List 7 is scheduled to fund the remaining \$5,000,000 if the project is fully implemented. Total project cost is estimated to be \$15,525,950.

Early site investigations have been initiated. A cooperative agreement with LA DNR should be approved by September 1, 1996.

Total Priority List 5			1,560				\$11,440,065	\$11,440,100	100.0	\$4,075,076 \$22,578
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- 2 Project(s)
- 2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 6

Black Bayou Hydrologic Restoration	CALC	CAMER	3,594					\$6,316,800	\$6,316,806	100.0	\$4,730,214 \$0
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Remarks/Status:

Delta: Wide Crevasses	DELTA	PLAQ	2,386					\$2,736,950	\$2,736,950	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks/Status: Priority List 6 authorizes funding of \$2,736,950 for Phase 1 of this 2-phased project. Priority List 7 is scheduled to fund \$2,736,950. Total project is scheduled to cost \$5,473,900.

Jaws Sediment Trapping	TECHE	STMAR	1,999					\$3,167,400	\$3,167,400	100.0	\$2,361,052 \$0
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Remarks/Status:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Nutria Harvest for
Wetland Restoration
Demo

TERRE COAST

\$400,000 \$400,000 100.0

\$0 \$0

Remarks/Status: This is a two-phased project. Priority List 6 authorizes \$400,000 for phase 1; Priority List 7 is scheduled to fund \$1,740,000. The total project will cost \$2,140,000.

Total Priority List 6 7,979

\$12,621,150 \$12,621,156 100.0 \$7,091,266 \$0

- 4 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	
Total	DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE		18,738				\$52,368,646	\$54,587,778	104.2	\$30,428,710 \$11,620,648
17	Project(s)									
11	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed									
2	Construction Started									
1	Construction Completed									
2	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized									

Notes:

1. Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
2. Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind schedule
3. Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Lead Agency: DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Priority List 1

BA-2 GIWW to Clovelly Wetland Restoration	BARA	LAFOU	175	17-Apr-93 A	21-Apr-97 A	28-Feb-98	\$8,141,512	\$6,859,412	84.3	\$1,240,913 \$843,286
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Remarks/Status: The project has been divided into a number of smaller contracts in order to expedite implementation.

Contract 1: Begin: 1 May 97 Complete: 30 Nov 97 \$ 646,691
 Contract 2: Begin: 30 Dec 97 Complete: 30 Apr 98 \$2,826,968
 Contingency: \$ 765,575

Vegetative Plantings Demo - Dewitt-Rollover	MERM	VERMI	312	17-Apr-93 A	11-Jul-94 A	26-Aug-94 A	\$191,003	\$79,282	41.5	\$79,448 \$79,448
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Dewitt-Rollover has been de-authorized.

Vegetative Plantings Demo - Falgout Canal	TERRE	TERRE	54	17-Apr-93 A	30-Aug-96 A	30-Dec-96 A	\$144,561	\$180,296	124.7	\$118,532 \$109,655
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project. Wave-stilling devices are in place. Vegetative plantings to be complete in April 1997.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES	Current	%	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
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Vegetative Plantings Demo - Timbalier Island	TERRE	TERRE	169	17-Apr-93 A	15-Mar-95 A	30-Jul-96 A	\$372,589	\$411,602	\$411,602	110.5	\$333,019 \$96,292
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

The contract to install the sand fences has been completed and the vegetation was planted during the summer of 1996. The project is complete.

Vegetative Plantings Demo - West Hackberry	CALC	CAMER	98	17-Apr-93 A	15-Apr-93 A	30-Mar-94 A	\$213,947	\$225,157	\$225,157	105.2	\$154,898 \$151,013
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project. The project is complete.

Total Priority List 1			808				\$9,063,612	\$7,755,749	\$7,755,749	85.6	\$1,926,810 \$1,279,695
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- 5 Project(s)
- 5 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 5 Construction Started
- 4 Construction Completed
- 1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Priority List 2

Brown Lake	CALC	CAMER	274	28-Mar-94 A	15-Dec-97	01-Oct-98	\$3,222,800	\$3,222,666	100.0	\$240,196 \$140,313
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Remarks/Status: Land rights may be a problem holding up construction start.

Caernarvon Outfall Management

BRET	PLAQ	802	13-Oct-94 A	01-Oct-98	01-Sep-99	\$2,522,199	\$2,634,353	104.4	\$268,687 \$149,573
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Remarks/Status: NRCS correspondence dated September 30, 1996 requests DNR to evaluate project for possible de-authorization. DNR correspondence of December 6, 1996 concurs with NRCS to begin formal de-authorization of project. As of 1 July 1997, LA DNR has stated that problems may be able to be resolved, and requested that NRCS not proceed with formal de-authorization at July 1997 Task Force meeting. Further discussion with primary landowner has put de-authorization on hold. A meeting is scheduled for 22 July 1997 between NRCS, LA DNR and primary landowner to see if problems can be resolved. Project on hold pending results of meeting.

Freshwater Bayou

MERM	VERMI	1,604	17-Aug-94 A	29-Aug-94 A	31-Dec-97	\$2,770,093	\$2,780,100	100.4	\$1,273,095 \$1,120,828
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Remarks/Status: The project has been expedited in order to allow the use of stone removed from the Wax Lake Outlet Weir at a substantial cost savings. Construction is included as an option in the Corps of Engineers contract for the Wax Lake Outlet Weir removal. Option was exercised on September 2, 1994.

The rock bank protection was Phase I of this project and was completed on January 26, 1995. Phase II will consist of installing water control structures to benefit the interior marsh area.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Fritchie Marsh	PONT	STTAM	1,040	21-Feb-95 A	30-Aug-98	01-Mar-99	\$3,048,389	\$2,875,475	94.3	\$226,557 \$115,294
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Remarks/Status: Delays in project construction start occurred as a land owner had changed his position regarding prompting design changes, and local officials expressed concerns about drainage that required additional investigations.

Hwy 384	CALC	CAMER	150	13-Oct-94 A	30-Nov-97	28-Apr-98	\$700,717	\$756,562	108.0	\$76,226 \$40,679
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Remarks/Status: Difference of opinion between agencies concerning impacts and benefits resulted in delays, and multiple, complex land-owner title issues are not yet resolved.

Jonathan Davis Wetland	BARA	JEFF	510	05-Jan-95 A	30-Dec-97	31-Jul-99	\$3,398,867	\$4,046,673	119.1	\$346,862 \$236,891
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Remarks/Status: Land rights are a problem.

Mud Lake	CALC	CAMER	1,520	24-Mar-94 A	01-Oct-95 A	15-Jun-96 A	\$2,903,635	\$2,807,225	96.7	\$1,476,279 \$1,352,605
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Remarks/Status: Bid opening was August 8, 1995 and contract awarded to Crain Bros. Construction started in early October 1995. Water control structures are installed and the vegetation installed in the summer of 1996. The project is complete.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Vermilion Bay/Boston Canal	TECHE	VERMI	378	24-Mar-94 A	13-Sep-94 A	30-Nov-95 A	\$1,008,634	\$965,473	95.7	\$690,231 \$672,048

Remarks/Status: The structural portion of the project - shoreline protection - is complete.
The vegetative portion of the project is complete.

Total Priority List 2	6,278	\$19,575,334	\$20,088,527	102.6	\$4,598,133 \$3,828,231
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8 Project(s)	
8 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed	
3 Construction Started	
2 Construction Completed	
0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized	

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Priority List 3

Brady Canal	TERRE	TERRE	297	13-Oct-94 A	30-May-98	31-Jan-99	\$4,717,928	\$4,598,773	97.5	\$202,031 \$32,361
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Remarks/Status: Project delayed because of landowner concerns about permit conditions regarding monitoring, and objection from a pipeline company in the area. In addition, CSA revisions are needed to accommodate the landowner's interest in providing non-Federal funding.

Cameron Creole Maintenance	CALC	CAMER	2,602	09-Jan-97 A	30-Sep-97	31-Jul-98	\$3,719,926	\$3,730,000	100.3	\$45,500 \$6,174
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Remarks/Status: This project provides for maintenance on an as-needed basis, therefore, a definite design completion start date cannot be set.

Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration	TECHE	STMRY	2,223	01-Jul-96 A	30-Nov-97	31-May-98	\$5,173,062	\$4,964,802	96.0	\$413,046 \$59,004
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Remarks/Status: LA DNR's placement of the project on a September 1995 candidate deauthorization list caused delays, as did the CSA being put on hold during that time. Land rights may be a problem holding up construction.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****			Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%		
SW Shore White Lake Demo	MERM	VERMI	16	11-Jan-95 A	30-Apr-96 A	31-Jul-96 A	\$126,062	\$146,944	116.6	\$58,286 \$35,971	
Remarks/Status: The project is complete.											
Violet Freshwater Distribution	PONT	STBER	247	13-Oct-94 A	30-Sep-98	30-Sep-99	\$1,821,438	\$1,831,440	100.5	\$143,011 \$8,001	
Remarks/Status: Rights-of-way to gain access to the site is a problem due to multiple landowner coordination, and additional questions have arisen about rights to operate existing siphon.											
West Pointe-a-la- Hache Outfall Management	BARA	PLAQ	1,087	05-Jan-95 A	01-Aug-98	30-Mar-99	\$881,148	\$891,100	101.1	\$98,923 \$7,893	
Remarks/Status:											
White's Ditch Outfall Management	BRET	PLAQ	37	13-Oct-94 A	01-Aug-98	30-Nov-98	\$756,134	\$766,160	101.3	\$102,335 \$23,075	
Remarks/Status: LA DNR concurs with NRCS to begin formal de-authorization of the project. Formal de-authorization proceeding are on hold as of 1 July 1997 and may be presented at a future Task Force meeting in conjunction with Caernarvon.											

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List 3												
			6,509						\$17,195,698	\$16,929,219	98.5	\$1,063,132
7												\$172,478
7 Project(s)												
7												
7 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed												
1												
1 Construction Started												
1												
1 Construction Completed												
0												
0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized												

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					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Priority List 4

Bayou L'Ours Ridge Hydrologic Restoration	BARA	LAFOU	737	23-Jun-97 A	01-Jun-99	01-Jul-00	\$2,418,676	\$2,418,700	100.0	\$251,555 \$1,073
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Remarks/Status:

BBWW "Dupre Cut" - West	BARA	JEFF	232	23-Jun-97 A	01-Jul-98	28-Feb-99	\$2,192,418	\$2,192,418	100.0	\$181,246 \$1,377
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Remarks/Status:

Flotant Marsh Fencing Demo	TERRE	TERRE	0	30-Sep-97	30-Jan-99	30-Jul-99	\$367,066	\$367,066	100.0	\$73,294 \$1,073
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Remarks/Status: Difficulty in locating an appropriate site for demonstration and difficulty in addressing engineering constraints.

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					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	

Pery Ridge Bank Protection	CALC	CALCA	1,203	23-Jun-97 A	30-Dec-97	30-Jul-98	\$2,223,518	\$2,223,518	100.0	\$182,094 \$11,980
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Remarks/Status: Land rights may be a problem holding up construction.

Plowed Terraces Demo	CALC	CAMER	0	15-Nov-97	01-Apr-98	30-Sep-98	\$299,690	\$299,690	100.0	\$44,542 \$1,472
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Remarks/Status: Project was put on hold pending results of an earlier terraces demonstration. project being paid for by the Gulf of Mexico program. The project is currently proceeding.

Total Priority List	4		2,172				\$7,501,368	\$7,501,392	100.0	\$732,731 \$16,974
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- 5 Project(s)
- 3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 5

Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization	MERM	VERMI	511	01-Jul-97 A	15-Dec-97	15-Apr-98		\$3,998,919	\$3,998,919	\$3,998,919	100.0	\$154,968 \$7,575
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Remarks/Status:

Naomi Outfall Management	BARA	PLAQ	633	30-Dec-97	01-Mar-99	30-Sep-99		\$1,686,865	\$1,686,865	\$1,686,865	100.0	\$109,981 \$1,062
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Remarks/Status:

Racoon Island Breakwaters Demo	TERRE	TERRE		03-Sep-96 A	21-Apr-97 A	31-Jul-97 A		\$1,497,538	\$2,063,398	\$2,063,398	137.8 !	\$1,765,830 \$1,536,946
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Remarks/Status:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
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Sweet Lake/Willow Lake	CALC	CAMER	247	23-Jun-97 A	01-Jun-98	01-Jun-99		\$4,800,000	\$4,762,700	99.2	\$130,535 \$23,672
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Remarks/Status: The 5th Priority List authorized funding in the amount of \$2,300,000 for the FY 96 Phase 1 of this project. Priority List 6 authorized funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the FY 97 Phase 2 of the project. Total project cost is \$4,800,000.

Total Priority List 5	1,391	\$11,983,322	\$12,511,882	104.4	\$2,161,314 \$1,569,253
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- 4 Project(s)
- 3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 6

BBWW "Dupre Cut" - East	BARA	JEFF	217	30-Dec-97	01-Mar-99	30-Aug-99	\$5,019,900	\$5,019,900	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks/Status: This project will be combined with the Naomi Outfall Management project for planning, design and construction.

Cheniere au Tigre Sediment Trapping Device Demo	TECHE	VERMI	0	01-Feb-98	01-Oct-99	30-Mar-00	\$500,000	\$500,000	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks/Status:

Oaks/Avery Canals Hydrologic Restoration- Incr 1 (B.S. only)	TECHE	VERMI	160	01-Feb-98	01-Jul-99	30-Dec-99	\$2,367,700	\$2,367,700	100.0	\$0 \$C
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Remarks/Status:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
							Baseline	Current	%

Penchant Basin Plan w/o Shoreline Stabilization	TERRE	TERRE	1,155	01-Feb-98	01-Oct-00	30-Oct-01	\$7,051,550	\$7,051,550	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks/Status: Priority List 6 authorizes funding for \$7,051,550; Priority List 7 is scheduled to fund \$7,051,550, for a total project cost of \$14,103,100.

Total Priority List 6			1,532				\$14,939,150	\$14,939,150	100.0	\$0 \$0
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- 4 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures	
				CSA	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current		%
Total			18,690				\$80,258,484	\$79,725,919	99.3	\$10,482,119
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE										\$6,866,630

33 Project(s)

26 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

10 Construction Started

8 Construction Completed

1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

Notes:

1. Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
2. Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind schedule
3. Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

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Project Status Summary Report - Total All Priority Lists

PROJECT	ACRES	***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures			
		Baseline	Current				
SUMMARY	Total All Projects	67,854	\$230,200,907	\$242,639,598	105.4	\$76,358,386	\$34,889,405
82	Project(s)						
59	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed						
24	Construction Started						
18	Construction Completed						
3	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized						
	Total Available Funds						
	Federal Funds					\$188,660,268	
	Non/Federal Funds					\$50,894,934	
	Total Funds					\$239,555,202	

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Project Status Summary Report by Basin

Basin: All Basins in State		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	Cons Plan	1	0	1	1	0	0	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$13,219
Basin Total		1	0	1	1	0	0	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$13,219

Basin: Atchafalaya		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:		2	4,392	2	0	0	0	\$5,043,867	\$7,409,858	\$3,693,091
Basin Total		2	4,392	2	0	0	0	\$5,043,867	\$7,409,858	\$3,693,091

Basin: Barataria		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	1	3	620	3	3	1	0	\$9,960,769	\$8,615,208	\$1,959,798
Priority List:	2	1	510	1	0	0	0	\$3,398,867	\$4,046,673	\$236,891
Priority List:	3	3	2,328	3	1	0	0	\$4,160,823	\$5,301,744	\$2,383,603
Priority List:	4	2	969	2	0	0	0	\$4,611,094	\$4,611,118	\$2,449
Priority List:	5	2	1,752	1	0	0	0	\$12,186,865	\$12,186,865	\$18,459
Priority List:	6	1	217	0	0	0	0	\$5,019,900	\$5,019,900	\$0
Basin Total		12	6,396	10	4	1	0	\$39,338,318	\$39,781,508	\$4,601,200

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Project Status Summary Report by Basin

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Basin: Breton Sound									
Priority List:	2	1	802	1	0	0	\$2,522,199	\$2,634,353	\$149,573
Priority List:	3	1	37	1	0	0	\$756,134	\$766,160	\$23,075
Priority List:	4	1	634	0	0	0	\$2,468,908	\$2,468,908	\$52,056
Basin Total	3	1,473	2	0	0	0	\$5,747,241	\$5,869,421	\$224,704

Basin: Calcasieu

Priority List:	1	3	6,127	3	3	0	\$5,770,187	\$2,869,804	\$1,740,629
Priority List:	2	4	3,010	4	2	0	\$8,568,462	\$10,132,168	\$4,292,649
Priority List:	3	2	3,555	2	0	0	\$8,301,380	\$8,321,454	\$21,814
Priority List:	4	3	1,203	2	0	0	\$2,893,802	\$2,903,802	\$20,284
Priority List:	5	1	247	1	0	0	\$4,800,000	\$4,762,700	\$23,672
Priority List:	6	1	3,594	0	0	0	\$6,316,800	\$6,316,806	\$0
Basin Total	14	17,736	12	5	5	0	\$36,650,631	\$35,306,734	\$6,099,048

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	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Basin: Miss. River Delta									
Priority List:	1	9,831	0	0	0	0	\$8,517,066	\$13,347,100	\$454,634
Priority List:	3	1,854	1	0	0	0	\$3,666,187	\$5,006,538	\$329,861
Priority List:	4	0	1	0	0	0	\$300,000	\$374,062	\$19,158
Priority List:	6	2,386	0	0	0	0	\$4,336,950	\$4,336,950	\$0
Basin Total	6	14,071	2	0	0	0	\$16,820,203	\$23,064,650	\$803,652

Basin: Mermentau									
Priority List:	1	559	2	2	2	1	\$1,368,671	\$1,569,356	\$978,830
Priority List:	2	1,604	1	1	0	0	\$2,770,093	\$2,780,100	\$1,120,828
Priority List:	3	16	1	1	1	0	\$126,062	\$146,944	\$35,971
Priority List:	5	511	1	0	0	0	\$3,998,919	\$3,998,919	\$7,575
Basin Total	5	2,690	5	4	3	1	\$8,263,745	\$8,495,319	\$2,143,203

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	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Basin: Pontchartrain									
Priority List:	1	2	1,753	2	2	0	\$6,119,009	\$5,257,352	\$4,328,492
Priority List:	2	2	2,321	1	1	0	\$4,500,424	\$4,575,596	\$1,058,213
Priority List:	3	3	1,002	1	0	0	\$2,683,636	\$2,865,840	\$478,180
Priority List:	4	1	1,454	0	0	0	\$5,018,968	\$5,018,968	\$1,073
Priority List:	5	1	199	0	0	0	\$2,890,821	\$2,890,821	\$176,731
Basin Total	9	6,729	7	4	3	0	\$21,212,858	\$20,608,577	\$6,042,688

Basin: Teche / Vermilion

Priority List:	1	1	54	1	1	0	\$1,526,000	\$2,056,249	\$1,680,702
Priority List:	2	1	378	1	1	0	\$1,008,634	\$965,473	\$672,048
Priority List:	3	1	2,223	0	0	0	\$5,173,062	\$4,964,802	\$59,004
Priority List:	5	1	441	0	0	0	\$940,065	\$940,100	\$5,181
Priority List:	6	4	2,567	0	0	0	\$10,130,000	\$10,130,000	\$0
Basin Total	8	5,663	4	2	2	0	\$18,777,761	\$19,056,624	\$2,416,935

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	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Basin: Terrebonne									
Priority List: 1	5	232	4	2	2	2	\$8,809,393	\$8,651,942	\$620,605
Priority List: 2	3	954	3	1	1	0	\$12,831,588	\$16,176,363	\$1,887,268
Priority List: 3	4	3,058	4	0	0	0	\$15,758,355	\$16,705,796	\$4,547,379
Priority List: 4	2	215	1	0	0	0	\$6,119,470	\$6,119,470	\$70,247
Priority List: 5	3	2,037	2	1	1	0	\$15,633,006	\$16,198,866	\$1,726,164
Priority List: 6	5	2,208	0	0	0	0	\$18,955,600	\$18,955,600	\$0
Basin Total	22	8,704	14	4	4	2	\$78,107,412	\$82,808,037	\$8,851,664

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Project Status Summary Report by Basin

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Total All Basins	82	67,854	59	24	18	3	\$230,200,907	\$242,639,598	\$34,889,405

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Project Status Summary Report by Parish

Parish: ASCENSION		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	5	1	428	1	0	0	0	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$188,157
Parish Total		1	428	1	0	0	0	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$188,157
Parish: CALCASIEU		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	2	1	1,066	1	1	1	0	\$1,741,310	\$3,345,715	\$2,759,053
Priority List:	4	1	1,203	1	0	0	0	\$2,223,518	\$2,223,518	\$11,980
Parish Total		2	2,269	2	1	1	0	\$3,964,828	\$5,569,233	\$2,771,032
Parish: CAMERON		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	1	4	6,374	4	4	4	0	\$6,947,855	\$4,359,878	\$2,640,011
Priority List:	2	3	1,944	3	1	1	0	\$6,827,152	\$6,786,453	\$1,533,597
Priority List:	3	2	3,555	2	0	0	0	\$8,301,380	\$8,321,454	\$21,814
Priority List:	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	\$670,284	\$680,284	\$8,304
Priority List:	5	1	247	1	0	0	0	\$4,800,000	\$4,762,700	\$23,672
Priority List:	6	1	3,594	0	0	0	0	\$6,316,800	\$6,316,806	\$0
Parish Total		13	15,714	11	5	5	0	\$33,863,471	\$31,227,575	\$4,227,398

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		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Parish: Coastal Parishes										
Priority List:	Cons Plan	1	0	1	1	0	0	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$13,219
Priority List:		6		0	0	0	0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
Parish Total		2	0	1	1	0	0	\$638,871	\$638,871	\$13,219
Parish: IBERIA										
Priority List:		6	408	0	0	0	0	\$4,094,900	\$4,094,900	\$0
Parish Total		1	408	0	0	0	0	\$4,094,900	\$4,094,900	\$0
Parish: JEFFERSON										
Priority List:		1	445	2	2	1	0	\$1,819,257	\$1,755,796	\$1,116,512
Priority List:		2	510	1	0	0	0	\$3,398,867	\$4,046,673	\$236,891
Priority List:		3	1,065	1	0	0	0	\$1,835,047	\$1,844,750	\$1,292,580
Priority List:		4	232	1	0	0	0	\$2,192,418	\$2,192,418	\$1,377
Priority List:		6	217	0	0	0	0	\$5,019,900	\$5,019,900	\$0
Parish Total		6	2,469	5	2	1	0	\$14,265,489	\$14,859,537	\$2,647,360

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	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Parish: LAFOURCHE									
Priority List:	1	2	175	1	0	1	\$8,393,548	\$6,866,411	\$850,285
Priority List:	2	1	469	0	0	0	\$4,854,102	\$5,787,076	\$672,361
Priority List:	3	1	1,013	0	0	0	\$2,046,971	\$2,057,000	\$1,464,614
Priority List:	4	2	952	0	0	0	\$8,171,080	\$8,171,104	\$70,247
Priority List:	5	1	1,609	0	0	0	\$5,135,468	\$5,135,468	\$1,062
Parish Total	7	4,218	5	1	0	1	\$28,601,169	\$28,017,059	\$3,058,569

Parish: ORLEANS									
Priority List:	1	1	1,550	1	1	0	\$1,657,708	\$1,598,612	\$975,767
Priority List:	2	1	1,281	1	1	0	\$1,452,035	\$1,700,121	\$942,919
Priority List:	5	1	199	0	0	0	\$2,890,821	\$2,890,821	\$176,731
Parish Total	3	3,030	2	2	2	0	\$6,000,564	\$6,189,554	\$2,095,417

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	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Parish: PLAQUEMINES									
Priority List:	1	9,831	0	0	0	0	\$8,517,066	\$13,347,100	\$454,634
Priority List:	2	802	1	0	0	0	\$2,522,199	\$2,634,353	\$149,573
Priority List:	3	2,978	3	0	0	0	\$5,303,469	\$6,663,798	\$360,829
Priority List:	4	634	1	0	0	0	\$2,768,908	\$2,842,970	\$71,214
Priority List:	5	1,752	1	0	0	0	\$12,186,865	\$12,186,865	\$18,459
Priority List:	6	2,386	0	0	0	0	\$4,336,950	\$4,336,950	\$0
Parish Total	12	18,383	6	0	0	0	\$35,635,457	\$42,012,036	\$1,054,707

Parish: ST. BERNARD

Priority List:	3	1,002	2	0	0	0	\$2,333,636	\$2,385,340	\$191,713
Parish Total	2	1,002	2	0	0	0	\$2,333,636	\$2,385,340	\$191,713

Parish: ST. CHARLES

Priority List:	1	203	1	1	1	0	\$4,461,301	\$3,658,740	\$3,352,725
Priority List:	3	176	1	1	0	0	\$1,444,628	\$2,565,894	\$1,083,130
Parish Total	2	379	2	2	1	0	\$5,905,929	\$6,224,634	\$4,435,855

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Project Status Summary Report by Parish

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Parish: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST									
Priority List:	3	0	1	1	0	0	\$350,000	\$480,500	\$286,467
Parish Total	1	0	1	1	0	0	\$350,000	\$480,500	\$286,467

Parish: ST. MARTIN

Priority List:	6	1,999	0	0	0	0	\$3,317,400	\$3,317,400	\$0
Parish Total	2	1,999	0	0	0	0	\$3,317,400	\$3,317,400	\$0

Parish: ST. MARY

Priority List:	2	4,392	2	0	0	0	\$5,043,867	\$7,409,858	\$3,693,091
Priority List:	3	2,223	1	0	0	0	\$5,173,062	\$4,964,802	\$59,004
Priority List:	6	434	0	0	0	0	\$6,438,400	\$6,438,400	\$0
Parish Total	4	7,049	3	0	0	0	\$16,655,329	\$18,813,060	\$3,752,095

Parish: ST. TAMMANY

Priority List:	2	1,040	1	0	0	0	\$3,048,389	\$2,875,475	\$115,294
Priority List:	4	1,454	0	0	0	0	\$5,018,968	\$5,018,968	\$1,073
Parish Total	2	2,494	1	0	0	0	\$8,067,357	\$7,894,443	\$116,367

Project Status Summary Report by Parish

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date	
Parish: TERREBONNE										
Priority List:	1	4	232	4	2	2	1	\$8,557,357	\$8,644,942	\$613,606
Priority List:	2	2	485	2	1	1	0	\$7,977,486	\$10,389,287	\$1,214,907
Priority List:	3	3	2,045	3	0	0	0	\$13,711,384	\$14,648,796	\$3,082,765
Priority List:	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$367,066	\$367,066	\$1,073
Priority List:	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	\$1,497,538	\$2,063,398	\$1,536,946
Priority List:	6	2	1,774	0	0	0	0	\$11,967,200	\$11,967,200	\$0
Parish Total	13	4,536	10	4	4	1	\$44,078,031	\$48,080,689	\$6,449,296	

Parish: VERMILION

Priority List:	1	2	366	2	2	2	1	\$1,717,003	\$2,135,531	\$1,760,150
Priority List:	2	2	1,982	2	2	1	0	\$3,778,727	\$3,745,573	\$1,792,876
Priority List:	3	1	16	1	1	1	0	\$126,062	\$146,944	\$35,971
Priority List:	5	2	952	2	0	0	0	\$4,938,984	\$4,939,019	\$12,755
Priority List:	6	2	160	0	0	0	0	\$2,867,700	\$2,867,700	\$0
Parish Total	9	3,476	7	5	4	1	\$13,428,476	\$13,834,767	\$3,601,752	

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Project Status Summary Report by Parish

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under		Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
				Const.						
Total All Parishes	82	67,854	59	24	18	3	\$230,200,907	\$242,639,598	\$34,889,405	

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

Project Summary Report by Priority List

P/L	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Const. Completed	Federal Const. Funds Available	Non/Fed Const. Funds Available	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Obligations To Date	Expenditures To Date	
1	14	18,864	13	2	10	\$28,084,900	\$10,517,773	\$39,933,317	\$42,180,103	\$18,778,320	\$11,577,617	
2	15	13,971	15	1	5	\$28,173,110	\$10,161,033	\$40,644,134	\$48,720,584	\$22,029,924	\$13,110,561	
3	17	14,073	16	2	1	\$29,939,100	\$10,156,410	\$40,625,639	\$44,079,278	\$14,735,843	\$7,878,887	
4	10	4,475	6	0	0	\$29,957,533	\$5,000,000	\$21,412,242	\$21,496,328	\$5,449,186	\$165,267	
5	9	5,187	6	0	1	\$33,371,625	\$5,000,000	\$40,449,676	\$40,978,271	\$7,237,621	\$1,957,781	
6	13	10,972	0	0	0	\$39,134,000	\$10,000,000	\$44,759,250	\$44,759,256	\$7,762,266	\$0	
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Active Projects	78	67,542	56	5	17	\$188,660,268	\$50,835,216	\$227,824,258	\$242,213,821	\$75,993,160	\$34,690,113	
Deauthorized Projects	3	312	2	0	1			\$2,137,778	\$186,907	\$186,073	\$186,073	
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Total Projects	81	67,854	58	5	18	\$188,660,268	\$50,894,934	\$229,962,036	\$242,400,727	\$76,179,233	\$34,876,186	
Conservation Plan	1	0	1	1	0	\$0	\$59,718	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$179,153	\$13,219	
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Total Construction Program	82	67,854	59	6	18	\$188,660,268	\$50,894,934	\$230,200,907	\$242,639,598	\$76,358,386	\$34,889,405	
							\$239,555,202					

- NOTES: 1. Total of 82 projects includes 78 active construction projects, 3 deauthorized projects, and the State of Louisiana's Wetlands Conservation Plan.
 2. The current estimate for deauthorized projects is equal to expenditures to date.
 3. Current Estimate for the 5th priority list includes authorized funds for FY 96 and FY 97 for phased projects with multi-year funding. These projects will require an additional \$20.5 million from future lists if implemented.
 4. Obligations include expenditures and remaining obligations to date.
 5. Total construction program funds available is \$239,555,202.

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TASK FORCE MEETING
17 September 1997

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF COAST 2050 FUNDING FOR
REMAINDER OF FY 1997

For Task Force Decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation concerning Coast 2050 funding for the remainder of FY 1997 (previously approved by fax vote).

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

In order to provide the necessary remaining FY 97 requirements for Coast 2050 contracts in the estimated amount of \$50,000, the Technical Committee recommends to the Task Force the use of:

a. all remaining unobligated funds for FY 97, along with available agency contributions from previously budgeted FY 97 activities, as follows:

\$20,000	USACE
\$5,000	NRCS
\$5,000	LADNR
\$2,000	USFWS

and

b. \$16,000 in deobligated FY 95 funds budgeted to the National Marine Fisheries Service for use on the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient and Freshwater Redistribution Study.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

17 September 1997

CONSIDERATION FOR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

For Task Force Decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation concerning construction approvals.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force approve for construction the following projects:

- a. West Belle Pass Headland Restoration Project (PTE-27) from the 2nd Priority Project List. The estimated total cost of this project is \$5,750,985 (previously approved by fax vote);

- b. Isles Dernieres Barrier Island Restoration Project, Phase 0 and Phase 1 on East Trinity Islands (TE-20 and XTE-41) from the 1st and 2nd Priority Project Lists. The estimated total cost of the projects is \$16,566,706; and

- c. Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material Demonstration Project from the 2nd Priority Project List. The estimated total cost of this project is \$375,000.

MEMORANDUM FOR Chief, Planning Division
ATTN: Tom Podany (CWPPRA P&E Subcommittee)

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Proceed to Construction on the CWPPRA West Belle Pass Headland Restoration Project

1. The Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is ready to begin construction of the CWPPRA West Belle Pass Headland Restoration Project. In accordance with the CWPPRA Project Standard Operating Procedures Manual, we request approval from the Task Force to proceed to construction. The required information is as follows:

a) CEMVN-RE-L internal memorandum, dated 18 Aug 97, subject of "West Belle Pass Headland Restoration Section 303(e) Approval", concludes that the project meets the requirements of Section 303(e) of CWPPRA.

b) By letter, dated August 7, 1997, the Natural Resource Conservation Service provided no present or foreseen concerns with over-grazing.

c) Total project cost is currently estimated at \$5,750,985, fully funded through Fiscal Year 2018. As the surveys were just obtained, this cost estimate will be verified shortly. The original PPL 2 maximum total fully funded cost was \$6,067,600.

d) The Cost Sharing Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the local sponsor, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, was executed on December 27, 1997.

e) CEMVN-PD-RS internal memorandum, dated 4 Aug 97, subject of "West Belle Pass Headland Restoration Project, Supplemental Environment Compliance", provides that the project is cleared for construction with regard to NEPA, cultural resources, and HTRW.

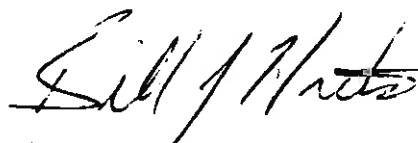
f) Plans and specifications were sent to the Lead Agencies for review and comments in June 1997. All comments received have been addressed. The current design is essentially unchanged.

CEMVN-PM-M (1110-2-1150a)

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Proceed to Construction on the
CWPPRA West Belle Pass Headland Restoration Project

g) The current schedule is enclosed. To meet this schedule please obtain, by fax/phone poll, the requested approval by 03Sep97. Approval is requested contingent upon the final estimate resulting in a total project estimate below 125% of the PPL 2 baseline estimate.

2. If you should have any questions, please call me at (504) 862-2626.



Bill Hicks
Project Manager

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CWPPRA WEST BELLE PASS HEADLAND RESTORATION

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Execute Cost Sharing Agreement	Dec 96
Execute Escrow Agreement Admendment	Sep 97
Complete Land Acquisition	Sep 97
Advertise Construction Contract	Sep 97
Award Construction Contract	Nov 97



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

September 3, 1997

Mr. Tom Podany
Chairman, CWPPRA Plan-Evaluation
Subcommittee
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160

Dear Mr. Podany:

The Environmental Protection Agency requests approval by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) for construction of the Isles Dernieres Barrier Island Restoration Project, Phase 0 and Phase 1, on East and Trinity Islands. The two island restoration segments were included on Priority Lists 1 and 2, with action by the Task Force the projects were to be combined for cost savings. The following information is provided as required:

- The Cost-Share Agreement was executed on April 16, 1993.
- The CWPPRA Section 303(e) approval was provided by the Corps of Engineers on January 27, 1997.
- Determination has been made that overgrazing is not a problem and is not expected to become a problem on the remote islands.
- A Clean Water Act Section 404 project was issued March 4, 1994. A revised 404 permit is under concurrence for final signature at the present time.
- The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division determined the original project was consistent with the coastal management plan in March, 1994. CMD has provided a determination of consistency for the revised project dated August 8, 1997.
- Compliance with the Endangered Species Act has been coordinated with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service.
- The National Environmental Policy Act has been complied with. An environmental impact assessment was submitted to public review in December, 1993 with a draft finding of no significant impact. No objections to the proposed action were received. A final findings of no significant impact is being

issued this week.

- An HTRW survey is not a requirement of EPA.
- The present estimated total cost is \$16,566,706; the Federal share at 75% is \$12,425,029; the non-Federal (State) share is \$4,141,676.
- The current schedule anticipates advertisement for bids in September, 1997 with construction beginning possibly November, 1997. Length of construction is dependent on the bidding as to whether construction on the islands is concurrent or consecutive.

Approval for the construction funds is requested contingent upon receiving all of the permits.

If there are any questions, please call me at 504-389-0736.

Sincerely,

Jeanene Peckham
Jeanene Peckham
Project Officer

cc: Norm Thomas
Jerry Duzynski

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MEMORANDUM FOR Chief, Planning Division
ATTN: Tom Podany (CWPPRA P&E Subcommittee)

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Proceed to Construction on the
CWPPRA Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material Demo Project

1. The Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is ready to begin construction of the CWPPRA Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material Demo Project. In accordance with the CWPPRA Project Standard Operating Procedures Manual, we request approval from the Task Force to proceed to construction. The required information is as follows:

a) CEMVN-RE-L internal memorandum, dated 29 Aug 97, subject of "Beneficial Use of Hopper Dredge Material Demo Section 303(e) Approval", concludes that the project meets the requirements of Section 303(e) of CWPPRA.

b) By letter, dated June 25, 1997, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries provided no present or foreseen concerns with over-grazing on their management area.

c) Total project cost is currently estimated at \$375,000, fully funded through Fiscal Year 2002. The original PPL 4 maximum total fully funded cost was \$375,000.

d) The Cost Sharing Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the local sponsor, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, was executed on June 30, 1997.

e) CEMVN-PD-RP internal memorandum, dated 13 Dec 96, subject of "In-House Review of P&S for Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico, Southwest Pass (SWP) and Cubic's Gap, Leased Hopper Dredge No. 7-97, Specification No. OM-95-056", provides that the project is cleared for construction with regard to NEPA, cultural resources, and HTRW.

CEMVN-PM-M (1110-2-1150a)

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Proceed to Construction

f) Plans and specifications were sent to the Lead Agencies for review and comments in November 1996. All comments received have been addressed. The current design is essentially unchanged.

g) The current schedule is enclosed. To meet this schedule please obtain the requested approval at the Task Force meeting scheduled for 17 Sep 97.

2. If you should have any questions, please call me at (504) 862-2626.



Bill Hicks
Project Manager

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Execute Cost Sharing Agreement	Jun 96
Execute Escrow Agreement Admendment	Aug 97
Complete Land Acquisition	Nov 96
Advertise Construction Contract (CWPPRA Project is an optional line item in Leased Hopper Dredge contract No. 97-7. Bids will be opened by amendment)	May 97
Award Construction Contract	Dec 97

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

17 September 1997

REQUEST FOR PROJECT CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR BAYOU CHEVEE

For Task Force Decision.

Messrs. Hicks and Podany will discuss the project and request a change in scope for Bayou Chevee (XPO-69) from the 5th Priority Project List. Details of the approval request are enclosed. If approved, the Corps intends to award the contract for the revised project this calendar year.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force approve the revised project scope and design change as requested by Messrs. Hicks and Podany.

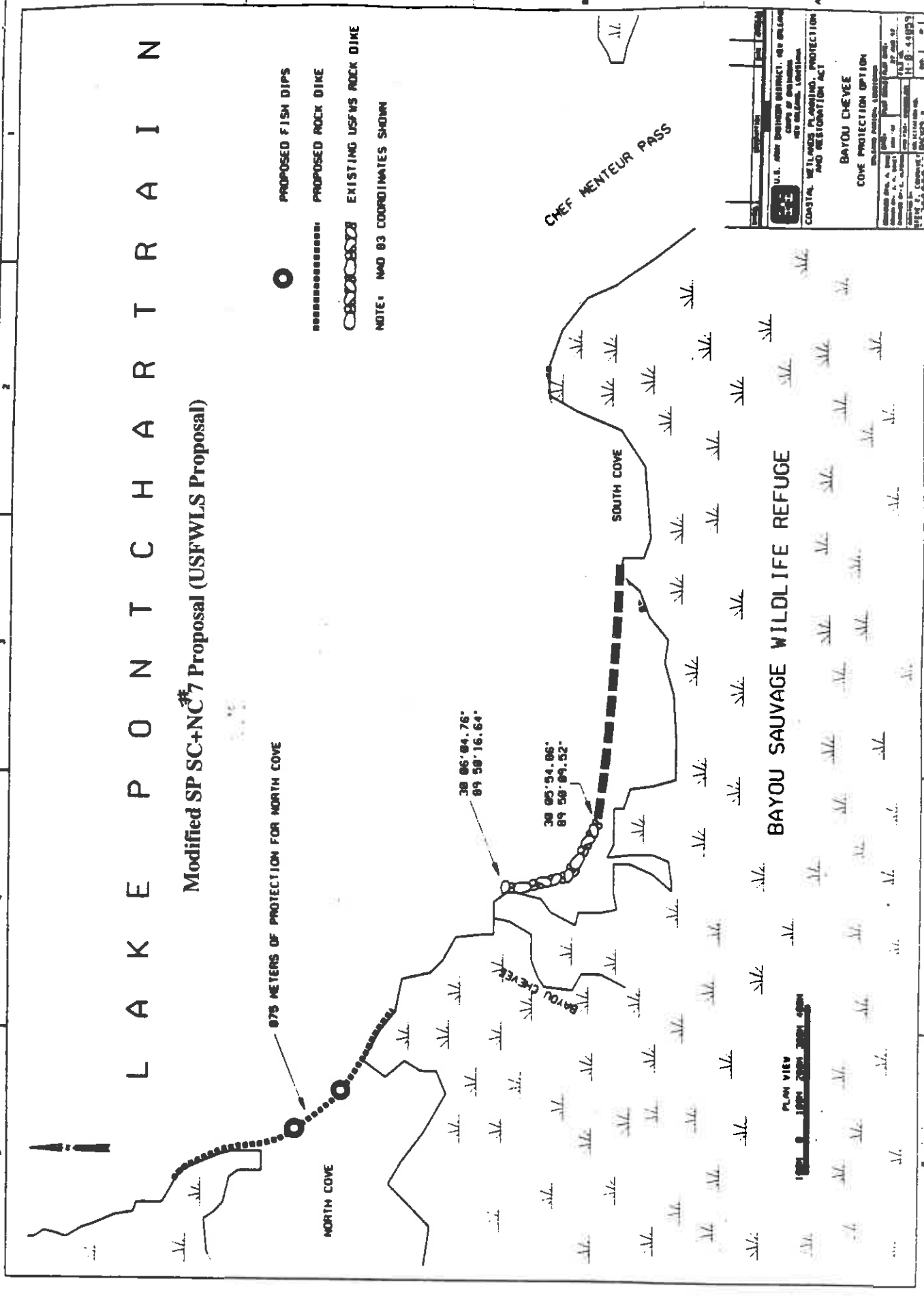
SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Design Changes to the Bayou Chevee Marsh Creation Project

1. Due to changed site conditions and the requests of the Bayou Sauvage Refuge Manager, the Corps, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like to change the purpose of the subject project from marsh creation to shoreline protection.
2. Initially the project was to have created 150 acres of marsh behind an erodable earthen dike. Subsequent field visits discovered that a rock dike had recently been constructed in the middle of the marsh creation area project site. In addition, submerged aquatic vegetation was beginning to appear behind the rock dike. The Bayou Sauvage Refuge Manager expressed concerns that the erodable earthen dike may not realize the projected benefits of the project and the project would destroy the newly discovered submerged aquatic vegetation.
3. The original project ranked 9th on the 5th Priority Project List with a fully funded estimated cost of \$2,890,800 and with project benefits estimated to be 114 AAHU's.. Approximately 136 acres would be created over the life of the project. Based on a recently completed engineering and design effort, the original plan is estimated to cost \$4,017,000, a 39 percent increase over the original estimate.
4. After reviewing the status of this project, Colonel Conner directed the Corps to formulate a plan that would be acceptable to the Bayou Sauvage Refuge Manager and not exceed the 125 percent cost threshold where additional Task Force funding approval would be required. Based on these constraints, and in consultation with the Environmental Work Group and the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee, the Corps formulated 7 additional alternative plans for the area:
 - Plan 2: Marsh Creation with a Rock Dike that Ties into the USFWLS Rock Dike
 - Plan 3: Rock Dike Shoreline Protection over Entire 9800 ft. Project Area.
 - Plan 5: Rock Dike Shoreline Protection on North Cove Only
 - Plan 6: Rock Dike Shoreline Protection on South Cove Only
 - Plan 7: Rock Dike Shoreline Protection on North and South Cove Only
 - Plan 7a: Rock Dike Shoreline Protection on North Cove with an 800 ft Eastern Extension of USFWLS Rock Dike
 - Plan 8: Marsh Creation with an Earthen Dike that Ties into the USFWLS Rock Dike
 - Plan 9: Original Plan (Current Estimated Cost)
5. Plan comparisons are shown on the attached sheets. After consideration of cost effectiveness and the reformulation constraints described above, we recommend that

Plan 7a be approved as a design change.. Plan 7a has an estimated fully funded cost of \$1,989,000 (the same as Plan 7 and 31 percent below the original estimate) and would produce 42 AAHU's. For comparison purposes, the plan would have ranked 13th on the 5th Priority Project Candidate list, within a reasonable range of the plans that were eventually selected. We request that the Technical Committee recommend approval of this scope and design change so that the construction contract may be awarded this calendar year.

L A K E P O N T C H A R T R A I N

Modified SP SC+NC#7 Proposal (USFWLS Proposal)



875 METERS OF PROTECTION FOR NORTH COVE

38 05' 04.76"
89 58' 16.64"

38 05' 54.86"
89 58' 09.52"

- PROPOSED FISH DIPS
 - PROPOSED ROCK DIKE
 - EXISTING USFWS ROCK DIKE
- NOTE: NAD 83 COORDINATES SHOWN

CHEF MENTEUR PASS

SOUTH COVE

BAYOU SAUVAGE WILDLIFE REFUGE

PLAN VIEW
1000 METERS

U.S. Army District District, 48th ARBOR
 Corps of Engineers
 4800 Old Orchard Road
 New Orleans, Louisiana

CONTRACT NO. DAH03-83-1-0001
 TITLE: LAKESIDE PLANNING, PROTECTION
 AND RESTORATION ACT

BAYOU CHEVEE
 COVE PROTECTION OPTION
 INCLUDING PROPOSED LOCATIONS

Contract No.	DAH03-83-1-0001
Title	LAKESIDE PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
Project No.	4800
Task Order No.	1
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L A K E P O N T C H A R T R A I N

SP Plan #3

- PROPOSED FISH DIPS
- PROPOSED ROCK DIKE
- USFWS ROCK DIKE

CHEF MENTEUR PASS

USFWS ROCK DIKE

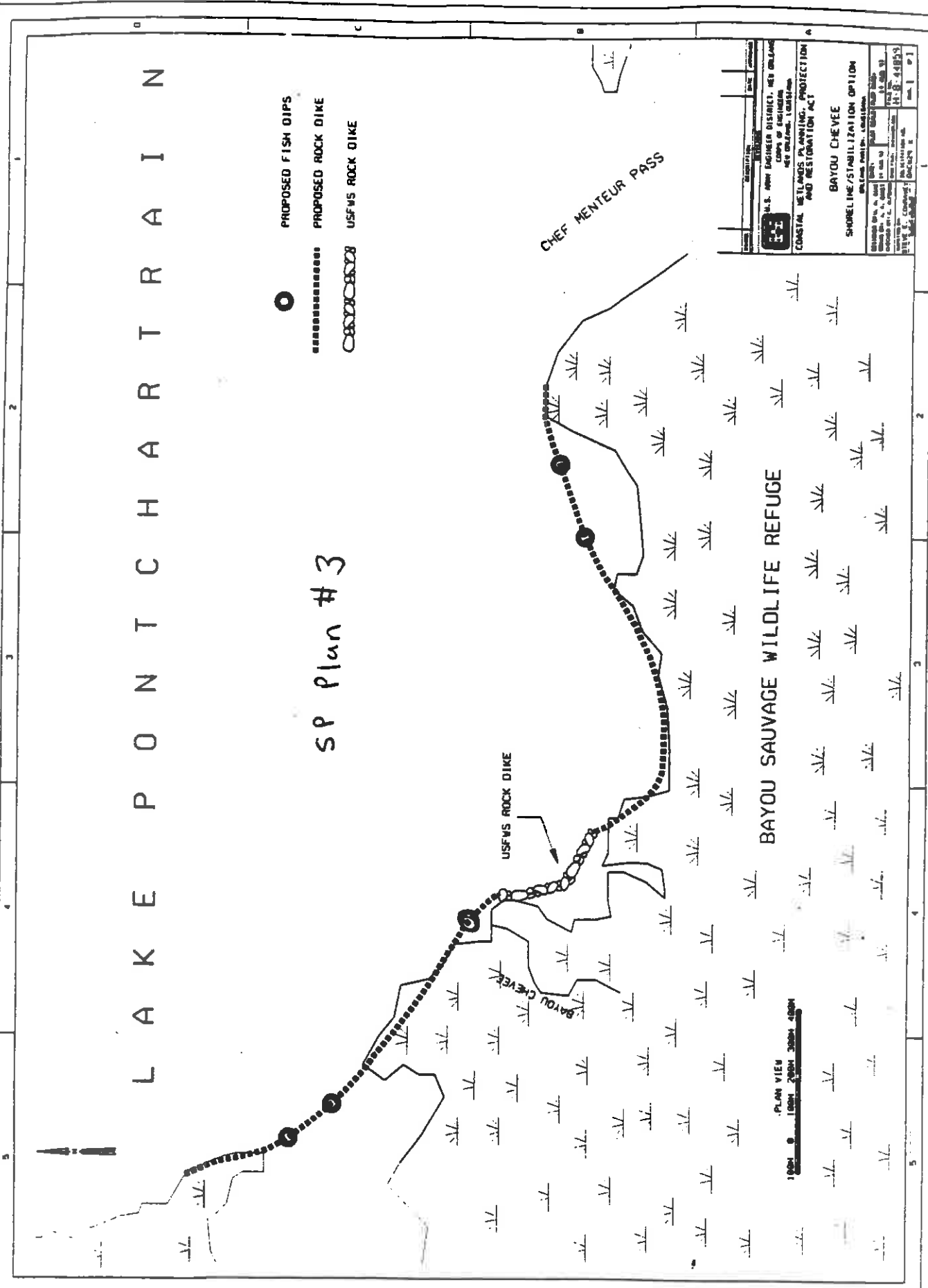
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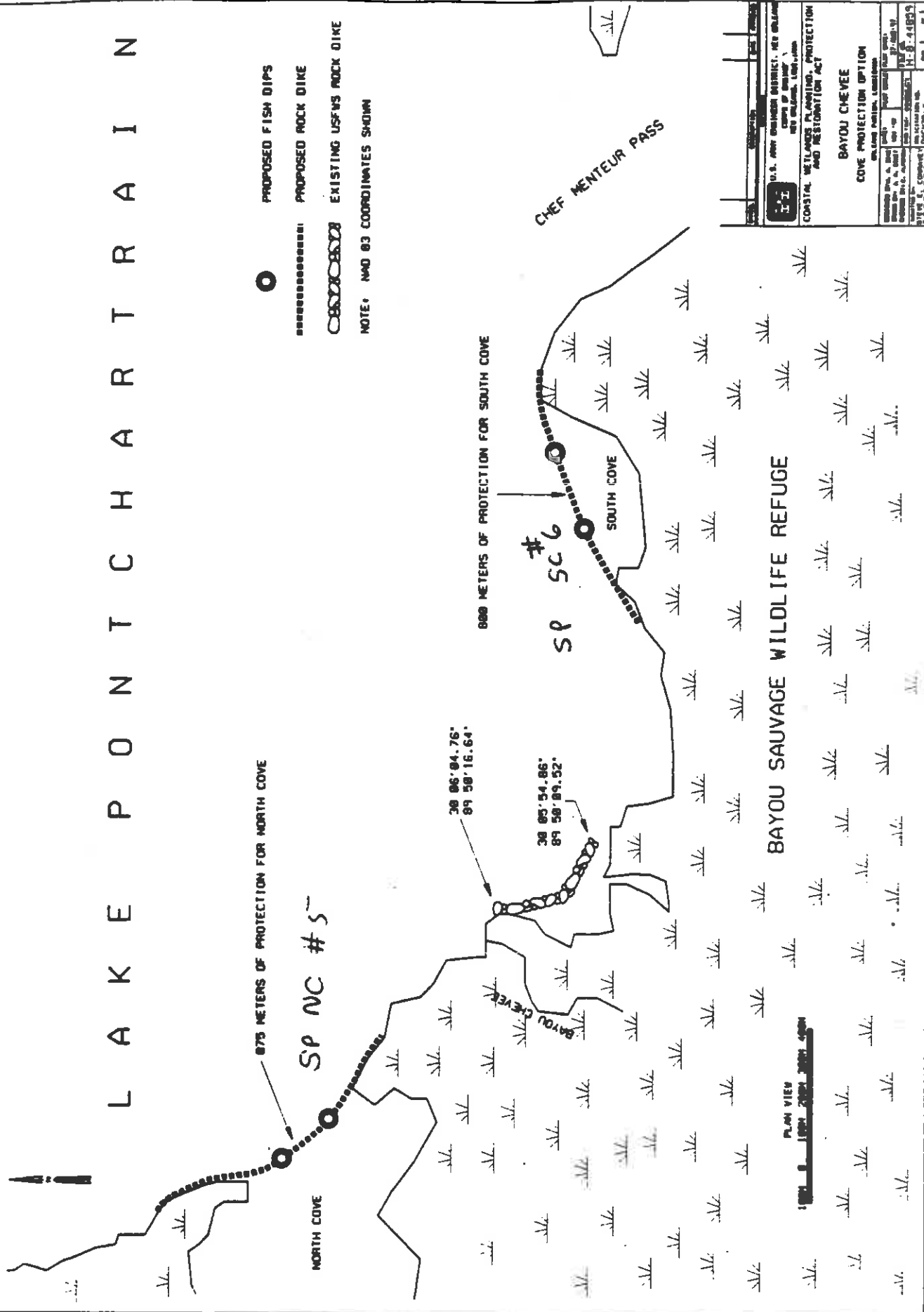


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BAYOU CHEVEE SHORELINE STABILIZATION OPTION	
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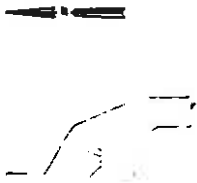
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- PROPOSED FISH DIKS
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 - EXISTING USFWS ROCK DIKE
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BAYOU CHEVEE COVE PROTECTION OPTION on Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana	
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LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN



Marsh Creation Alternatives 1, 2, 8 + 9

BAYOU CHEVEE

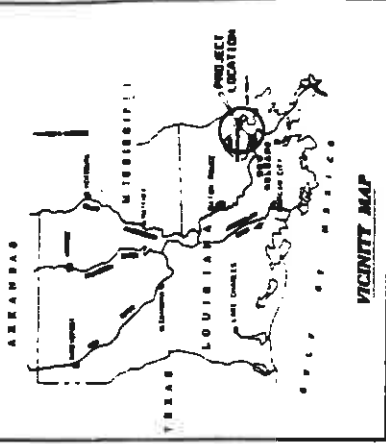
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NEW FRONT DIKE ALIGNMENT
(ALT 2 + 8)

BACK DIKE ALIGNMENT

USFWS ROCK DIKE

CHEF MENTEUR PASS



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PLAN VIEW IN FEET



BAYOU CHEVEE
MARSH CREATION AND MARSH PROTECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Analysis of PPLS Candidate Projects
 Candidate Project Ranking for Technical Committee
 Ranked by Weighted Total

3 Sep 97

Project No.	Project Name	Average Annual Cost (\$ X 1,000)	Average Annual Habitat Units (AAHU's)	Avg Annual Cost/AAHU (\$/AAHU)	Fully Funded Cost (\$ X 100k)	Cost-Effectiveness Index	Longevity/Sustainability	Ranking Criteria				Risk & Uncertainty	Weighted Total
								Support for Basin Strategy	Partnership Support	Public Support	Support for Basin Strategy		
1	BA-3	129	879	140	1,744	10.00	7.14	10	10	10	5.86	8.86	
2	FTV-19	86	149	578	940	8.85	6.86	10	10	10	7.71	8.28	
3	BA-7/PBA-12b	119	676	502	4,090	9.16	6.14	10	10	10	5.00	8.21	
4	TE-10/AE-19	397	771	515	3,136	9.10	4.71	10	10	10	5.57	7.99	
5	TV-5/7	366	452	810	4,056	8.12	7.00	10	10	10	8.86	7.96	
6	CS-16	863	992	1,458	9,051	6.84	9.57	10	10	10	5.29	7.46	
7	PBA-20b	2,544	1,069	2,379	26,943	5.78	9.57	10	10	10	4.71	7.09	
8	PBA-48a	1,468	527	2,785	15,526	5.44	10.00	10	10	10	8.71	6.91	
9	CS-11b	456	261	1,747	4,763	6.45	5.86	10	10	10	7.14	6.78	
10	XNE-29	392	248	1,581	3,999	6.66	7.86	3	10	10	9.71	6.78	
11	XNE-22	217	240	905	2,220	7.88	7.43	3	10	10	7.57	6.77	
12	XMR-10b	444	357	1,244	4,552	7.19	9.57	3	10	10	8.29	6.75	
13	XPO-49	184	42	4,374	1,989	4.46	9.57	10	10	10	7.14	6.24	
14	PBA-20	2,360	499	4,729	24,487	4.29	9.57	10	10	10	5.00	6.22	
15	PRO-2a/g	602	111	4,595	6,194	4.35	9.57	10	10	10	7.14	6.18	
16	XTV-30	171	246	694	1,829	8.45	2.14	3	10	10	3.00	6.07	
17	PMR-8	179	125	1,430	1,816	6.88	5.57	3	10	10	6.14	5.88	
18	PBA-12b	220	129	1,707	2,303	6.50	6.29	3	10	10	6.57	5.80	
19	XBS-17	451	157	2,874	4,528	5.37	9.57	3	10	10	8.57	5.77	
20	FTV-10/XTV-25	216	118	1,812	2,673	6.34	5.71	3	10	10	8.00	5.70	
21	XTE-45	657	230	2,857	6,582	5.38	3.57	10	10	10	2.14	5.60	
22	PTE-15N(v) 2	1,298	384	3,380	12,022	5.02	3.13	10	10	10	2.63	5.36	
23	XTE-49	430	122	3,522	4,310	4.93	5.29	3	10	10	6.29	4.97	
24	PTE-15N(v) 1	598	118	5,068	5,861	4.14	3.13	10	10	10	2.75	4.88	
25	XBA-73	522	97	5,382	5,213	4.00	3.14	3	10	10	7.14	4.88	
26	PTE-26a	350	74	4,731	4,154	4.28	2.29	10	10	10	2.00	4.88	
27	PTE-15N(v)	2,067	384	5,383	19,080	4.00	3.14	10	10	10	2.14	4.78	
28	XPO-54	949	66	14,371	13,248	1.87	3.00	10	10	10	0.00	3.48	
29	XAT-3	228	16	14,256	2,559	1.89	2.00	3	10	10	6.71	2.62	

* Avg Annual Cost, AAHU, Fully Funded Cost, Long/Short, and Risk/Uncert were revised from original values for this analysis.

Cost-Effectiveness Index = 5 x Long(100 x Em/EI)

- Weighting .55 x Cost-Effectiveness Index
- .15 x Longevity and Sustainability
- .15 x Supports Strategy
- .05 x Partnership Support
- .05 x Public Support
- .05 x Risk and Uncertainty

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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**CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF FUTURE
PRIORITY PROJECT LIST GUIDANCE**

For Task Force Decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation for the future priority project list guidance.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force approve the revised Priority Project List procedures (attached) as general guidance for the future.

DRAFT SELECTION PROCESS FOR PRIORITY PROJECT LIST (PPL) No.8

Policy on preparation of PPL would be set by CWPPRA Task Force

Strategic guidance that determines what sort of projects are eligible for nomination to PPL No. 8. For instance: at least 2/3 funds could be dedicated to strategic impact projects in the regions that need sediment and freshwater, determine how many projects over \$25 million can be nominated in each region, how many projects can be nominated per regions, team make-up, etc.¹

Regional Teams set up by CWPPRA Task Force

Cheniere Plain - Calcasieu/Sabine and Mermentau Basins.

Western Deltaic Plain - Teche/Vermilion, Atchafalaya, Terrebonne and Barataria.

Eastern Deltaic Plain - Miss. Delta, Breton Sound, and Pontchartrain. (Barataria might go better here)

Team membership - official voting members ~~(NOTE TO TECHNICAL COMM. Two people may be a problem for some agencies and number of votes per agency remains to be decided.)~~

one from each Federal Agency

one academic advisor

one from State

one from among the local CZM representatives in the Region

one ~~ad-hoc~~ representative appointed by the Governor

Each team will select its own leader.

Local government representatives, landowners, consultants, environmental groups, fishers, etc. will all be active participants in the regional meetings.

Public Coordination

Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee sets dates and location of Regional Meetings, using LSU Extension Service and/or local CZM representatives for help in mailing list and finding local meeting places.

Outreach person insures that key People are notified of all meetings of Regional Teams. P&E, Technical Comm., and Task Force.

Helps develop project nomination form and disseminate this along with Task Force Strategic Guidance.

Regional Meeting No. 1 - The Rules and New Information

Facilitated, interactive forums similar to initial Restoration Planning sessions in 1993.

Meeting format:

Description of new selection process

CWPPRA Task Force Strategic Guidance

Brief review of all Basin Restoration Plans in Region

Review Basin strategies

Review lists of Basin projects

New knowledge about the area and its problems not known in 1993 (current wetland loss, model projections of future shoreline, etc.)

Review new studies/projects (LAR, Morganza to Gulf, HNC Lock, MRSNFR, etc.)

Identification of focus areas - greatest need or best opportunities for system projects

Discussion of highest priority restoration strategies for Region

Identify Basin projects that best address highest priority strategies

implementability of projects - land ownership, oyster leases, relocation

① Change
to name
of Regional
Team
February
2050
②

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¹ Edited for clarification after P&E vote.

Local Meetings - Early planning

These are one-day meetings, held in various parishes, team members are present to discuss any project that locals (parishes, landowners, etc.) or team members want to nominate. The team will help locals develop their ideas, find a Federal sponsor, and fill out nomination forms.

Integrated groups of projects can be developed.

Project nominators have face-to-face meetings with key community leaders, landowners, etc in projects areas to help gauge implementability and aid in cost estimates.

Suggested locations of meetings:

Cheniere - Cameron and Vermilion

Western Delta - Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Jefferson

Eastern Deltaic - Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Orleans, and St. Tammany

Regional Meeting No. 2 Interactive project development

Team gathers to discuss project possibilities.

Preliminary peer/local interest review of projects.

Regional Meeting No. 3 Daytime Session - Project nominations

All candidate projects presented to group. Describe features and how project relates to Task Force guidance and highest priority strategies for Region.

Projects placed on regional map.

Discuss possibility of combining projects.

Develop greater detail for projects, if necessary.

Team reviews nomination packages for completeness and identifies additional information needs.

Regional Meeting No. 3 Evening Session - first cut at candidate selection

Team members pick regional candidate projects using 2 or 3 criteria such as:

- a) implementability
- b) Fits Task Force strategic guidance
- c) Systemic project
- d) Preliminary benefits
- e) costs

Criteria must be flexible enough to allow small projects to be selected.

Limit is 10 projects per region.

Notify all of these first cut results.

Provide nomination packages to P&E and Tech. Comm.

Coastwide Meeting - committee selection of candidate projects

Each Task Force Representative will send one representative to vote on the selection of candidate projects.

Committee select top 15-20 candidate projects for further evaluation based on same criteria as Regional Team selection.

Lead agencies continue preparing details on projects features.

WVA Team meets

Agrees on boundaries for all candidate projects.

Does field trips and office WVA's.

Engineering Work Group meets

Encourages agencies to finalize project plans and approves costs of each project as soon as WVA Team is finished with that project.

Economics Work Group meets

Prepares average annual costs.

Public Meetings for Presentation of Candidate Projects

The features, benefits and costs of all 15 to 20 candidate projects are presented at two or three meetings across the coastal zone.

P&E Subcommittee and Technical Committee Joint Meeting - selects PPL No.8 projects

Task Force Meeting - approves/modifies P&E/Tech. Comm. selection

State presents PPL No. 8 and State-only projects to La. Legislature

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Ship should
or not?
Darius pro
E Dec 97
EIS w/ WRDA -
WRDA does not
require it

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF
FEASIBILITY STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Martin Chavira:
Urge Task Force
not to advance
director on
Barrier Shoreline
re Phases I & III

TF Panel C:
Needs to
audit 2050
"data" to 1997

D'Neel:
Need EIS \$ \$
to look at all

K.U. - other
funds can be
had if needed.
(grants, etc.)

For Task Force Decision.

Mr. Podany will present the Feasibility Steering Committee's recommendations concerning the circumstances of the Barrier Shoreline Study Phases 2 and 3 and the Phase 1 EIS.

Recommendation of the Feasibility Steering Committee:

The Feasibility Steering Committee recommends to the Task Force the following:

- a. that Phase 2 of the Barrier Shoreline, as presently approved, be deauthorized, and that DNR be directed to develop a new proposal for a feasibility study of wetland loss problems relating to the shoreline and interior marshes of the Chenier Plain;
- b. that Phase 3 of the Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study, as currently approved, be deauthorized; and
- c. that the Phase 1 EIS be terminated at this time, and the unexpended funds (currently estimated to be \$420,000) be transferred this fiscal year to Coast 2050 efforts and carried over for FY 98 Coast 2050 activities.

Asch Paris -
Strongly urge that
we get out \$ out
of them. No decision
to be made on EIS
for Phase I until we
get F. Report
Done. That 2050 would
be provided as nothing
Darius which

Prepared 09/15/97

Phase I - M.D. not
clear what DNR would
look at. ~~Phase~~
If we're looking at
interior marshes
or C.P., need to
look at

Bob Jones:
Not happy w/ rec
of Steering Committee
Budget Proposal
better. Need
Money on follow
through
\$150 to develop SOW
Tab K

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CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF FY 1998
PLANNING PROGRAM BUDGET

For Task Force Decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation for the FY 1998 Planning Program Budget. A budget summary is shown in the attachment.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force approve the FY 1998 Planning Program Budget, as shown in detail in the attachment. In general, this proposal includes:

- a. \$2,561,612 in funds for agency participation in the program, completion of Priority Project List 7, and initiation of Priority Project List 8;
- b. a total of \$550,000 for the Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study (\$200,000 to complete Phase 1 work, \$150,000 to develop a Phase 2 feasibility scope that will consider restoration of both the shoreline and interior marshes of the Chenier Plain, and \$200,000 to initiate Phase 2);
- c. a total of \$562,900 in FY 98 for the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient and Freshwater Redistribution Study (Funds in the amount of \$150,000 would be budgeted for FY 99 to complete the study in December 1998 in accordance with the current schedule; no slippage in the schedule would result);
- d. an FY 98 total of \$1,066,800 to be budgeted over two years for Coast 2050 (FY 97 and FY 98); and
- e. a total of \$43,424 in unallocated funds.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act
Fiscal Year 1998 Budget

Task	Number	Department of the Interior				State of Louisiana			Department of Agriculture		CWP/PRA Total Amount (\$)	
		USFWS		USCS RR		DNR	LDWF		Office of Gov	EPA		Commerce
		Amount (\$)	8:5	Amount (\$)	12,000		Amount (\$)	Amount (\$)				
Develop Designs and Cost Est for PPL7 Cand. Projects	PL 7050*										12,800	
Engr Wk Grp Reviews Designs and Cost Estimates	PL 7060*		8:5								1,710	
Evaluate Benefits of PPL7 Cand. Projects (Env Wk Grp)	PL 7070*		8:5								3,620	
Agencies Prepare Fact Sheets	PL 7080*										1,150	
Econ Wk Grp Evaluates Project Effectiveness	PL 7090*										1,710	
Lead Agencies Submit Fact Sheets for PPL7 Projects	PL 7100*											
Present Candidate Projs for PPL7 to Public (1)	PL 7105		2,853			6,137				6,083	4,183	
Engr & Env Wk Grps Apply Selection Criteria (1)	PL 7110	8,734	3,260			3,454				2,777	3,047	
PPS Selects Draft PPL7 Projects	PL 7120	5,587	2,038			6,000				4,183	2,555	
TC and CFG Review and Approve PPL7 Remandita (1)	PL 7138		2,038			1,237				3,057	2,655	
Present Draft PPL7 Projects to La. Nat. Res. Com.	PL 7140	2,656				2,711				582	368	
Agencies Prepare Input for PPL7 Report	PL 7150	9,015	2,853			13,000				5,021	3,929	
Task Force Reviews and Approves PPL7 (1)	PL 7160		3,484			2,683				4,280	4,280	
Prepare PPL7 Report	PL 7170	24,503				2,000				1,833	737	
Finalize PPL7 Report	PL 7180	8,848				1,000				841		
Submit PPL7 Report to ASA (CV)	PL 7200	888										
ASA (CV) Reviews PPL7 Report	PL 7250											
ASA (CV) Submits PPL7 Report to Congress	PL 7300											
Corps Prepares and Submits Revisions to Rest Plan	RP 3020	3,003	1,223									
Develop a Plan for PPL8 (1)	PL 8010	5,432	3,683			7,231				4,581	3,978	
Interagency Meetings (12)	PL 8015	35,258	49,311			15,988				24,320	16,286	
Mings to Select PPL8 Candidate Projects (1)	PL 8030	7,622	3,280			5,385				3,751	30,773	
Develop Project Information for WPA	PL 8040	9,830	6,928	17,577		37,782				48,423	48,118	
Develop Dgnys & Cost Est for PPL8 Cand Projs	PL 8050	133,245	8,553			11,292				103,430	44,471	
Engr Wk Grp Reviews signs and Cost Est (7)	PL 8060	14,229	408			4,202				11,878	2,655	
Evaluate Benefits of PPL8 Candidate Projects (Env WG)	PL 8070	59,384	68,528			21,284				34,312	30,948	
Agencies Prepare Fact Sheets	PL 8080	7,286	1,223			4,408				10,813	9,713	
Econ Wk Grp Evaluates Project Effectiveness	PL 8090	6,278	408			4,958				6,480		
Submit Fact Sheets for PPL8 Projs	PL 8100					1,382					481	
Program Management—Coordination	PM 8010	108,786	15,079			72,814				55,130	54,988	
Program Management—Correspondence	PM 8020	66,200	4,075			49,384		93,505		17,086	10,628	
Prog Mgmt—Budget Development and Oversight	PM 8030	71,957	6,113			2,878				24,433	26,972	
PLRS Mings (7 mings: prep and attendance)	PE 8010	17,324	7,338			9,718				13,710	8,239	
Steering Com Mings (4 mings: prep and attend)	SC 8010	10,822	6,113			352				8,673	10,022	
Tech Com Mings (4 mings: prep and attend)	TC 8010	21,583	9,189			7,851				14,538	6,183	
Task Force mings (4 mings: prep and attend)	TF 8010	34,257	12,228			7,511				13,670	21,851	
Public Outreach	PO 8010		8,151									
Prepare Evaluation Report (Report to Cong)	ER 8010		1,223			11,864				12,528	8,348	
State Consistency Determination	CN 8010					10,681				3,519	6,407	
Miscellaneous Technical Support	MS 8010					3,259					3,259	
Total by Agency		673,801	232,136	45,219	8,800	360,073	15,800	93,505	348,270	438,089	335,908	2,561,812

* Activities marked with an asterisk were previously budgeted during FY 97 and are scheduled for completion during FY 98.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

Technical Committee's Proposed Fiscal Year 1998 Budget

12 Sep 97



	FY95 Amount (\$)	FY96 Amount (\$)	FY97 Amount (\$)	Proposed FY98 Amount (\$)	Estimated FY99 Amount (\$)	
State of Louisiana						
DNR	416,700	495,500	371,100	360,073		
Gov's Ofc	94,200	84,900	95,300	93,505		
LDWF	20,000	20,000	15,800	15,800		
Total State	530,900	600,400	482,200	469,378		
EPA	252,300	310,700	354,700	346,270		
Dept of the Interior						
USFWS	152,400	183,600	235,800	232,136		
NBS	87,500	67,800	73,200	45,219		
NBS Mntrng		62,000 ¹	0	0		
USGS Reston		8,800	8,800	8,800		
USGS Baton Rouge	7,800	10,600	12,000	12,000		
Total Interior	247,700	332,800	329,800	298,155		
Dept of Agriculture	509,500	595,900	434,900	438,099		
Dept of Commerce	331,900	304,800	317,300	335,909		
Dept of the Army	759,200	862,100 ²	792,000	673,801		
Agency Total	2,631,500	3,006,700	2,710,900	2,561,612	150,000	
Feasibility Studies						
Barrier Shoreline Study	1,007,000	594,400 ⁹	107,600 ⁹	550,000 ⁸		Total
Miss R Diversion Study	919,900	993,000 ⁴	1,457,600 ³	562,900	150,000	2,259,000
Total Feasibility Studies	1,926,900	1,587,400	1,565,200	1,112,900	150,000	4,083,400
Miscellaneous						
Academic Advisory Group	117,000	75,000	115,000 ⁷	95,000		
Public Outreach	56,050	129,000	165,000 ⁶	279,000 275,000 *		
DNR Video Repro	1,000					
GIS/Oyster Lease Maps	40,000		105,100 ⁵	80,264	85,086	
Gov's Office Workshop			15,000			
GIWW Data collection			68,000			
COAST 2050			239,000 ¹⁰	827,800	103,400	1,473,200
Total Miscellaneous	214,050	204,000	707,100	1,282,064	188,486	
Total Allocated	4,772,450	4,798,100	4,983,200	4,956,576	488,486	
Unallocated Balance	227,550	201,900	16,800	49,424 49,424	1,188	
Total Unallocated	227,550	429,450	446,250	489,674 493	1,188	

1 amended 28 Feb 96

2 \$700 added for printing, 15 Mar 96 (TC)

3 transfer \$600k from '97 to '98

4 transfer \$204k from MRSNFR TO Barrier Shoreline Study

5 increase of \$15.1k approved on 24 Apr 97

6 increase of \$35k approved on 24 Apr 97

7 increase of \$40k approved on 26 Jul 97 from Corps Planning Funds

8 Includes \$200k to complete Phase 1 EIS, and \$350k to develop

Phase 2 feasibility scope, and 300 for Phase 2 ^{50k} ~~and to include 100k for F.S. initiative~~

9 Assumes a total of \$420,000 is removed from the Barrier Shoreline Study over 2 years from Phase 1 EIS.

10 Excludes \$20k COE, \$5k NRCS, \$5k DNR, \$2k USFWLS, and \$16k NMFS moved to COAST 2050 during FY 97 for contracts & @ \$255k absorbed in agency FY 97 budgets for a total of: \$303,000

* Defer Round weekly reader

50k need money (200k) for actual scope

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STATUS OF PROJECT DEAUTHORIZATIONS

*Motion to
Approved & Rec.
that Tech Com
begin re-authorizing
proceeding on
following project.*

*Final Action
at Next Task
Force Meeting*

For Task Force Decision.

Mr. Osborn will brief the Task Force on the status of deauthorization for Eden Isles East Marsh Creation (PPO-4) from the 3rd Priority Project List. Mr. Gohmert will brief the Task Force on the status of deauthorization for White's Ditch Outfall Management (BS-4a) from the 3rd Priority Project List. The procedure for project deauthorization is excerpted from the CWPPRA Project Standard Operating Procedures Manual.

*NMFS
Will also request
deauthorization of B. Perot - B. Ingollette Project*

*A motion on BA-2 -
Ready for rec of deauthorization @
Next mtg.*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

September 8, 1997

Colonel William Conner
District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Colonel Conner:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), with concurrence of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, hereby requests the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Task Force to move forward with the deauthorization of the Eden Isles Restoration Project. At this time, no apparent opportunity exists to move forward with this project.

This project proposed to acquire an approximately 3000 acre tract of land in St. Tammany Parish adjacent to Interstate 10 and Lake Pontchartrain. Twice, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the NMFS (through the services of a non-profit conservancy) placed bids with the Resolution Trust Corporation to seek to acquire the land. Both times, the bids were turned down due to higher bids being received by private developers. Presently, we understand that development is underway on the tract at this time.

We appreciate the support of the Task Force and your agency in this effort.

Sincerely,

Tim Osborn
Program Officer

cc: Katherine Vaughan, LDNR
Tom Bigford, NMFS
Rickey Ruehsamen, NMFS
Dave Fruge, FWS
Edmund Russo, COE
Robert Schroeder, COE





United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation Service

3737 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana
71302

September 11, 1997

Colonel William Conner
District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

Re: Deauthorization of White's Ditch Outfall Management Project

Dear Colonel Conner:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, would like to initiate the formal deauthorization process for the White's Ditch Outfall Management Project. The major landowner in the area has objections to some of the project features and feels the project area is benefiting nicely from the Caernarvon Diversion. Attached is a letter from the Department of Natural Resources indicating their concurrence with deauthorizing this project. Please put this item on the agenda for the September 17, 1997 Task Force Meeting.

Sincerely,


Donald W. Gohmert
State Conservationist

State of Louisiana



M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

JACK C. CALDWELL
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

March 20, 1997

Mr. Donald W. Gehmert
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302

Dear Mr. Gehmert:

I am writing in response to your letter regarding the (NRCS) position of the Natural Resources Conservation Service on the future status of the White's Ditch Outfall Management Project (BA-04c). The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) agrees that this project should not be constructed without land owner's concurrence. As a result, we concur with the recommendation of the NRCS to begin formal deauthorization of the BS-04c project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack C. Caldwell".

Jack C. Caldwell

CC: Clyde Giordano, Plaquemines Parish Government
CWPPRA Task Force Members
~~Katherine Mangum, Assistant Secretary~~
~~Bill Gandy, Administrator~~
~~James Smith, District Manager~~
~~John Radford, Project Manager~~
Larry Rousselle, Plaquemines Soil and Water Conservation District

CWPPRA STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Project Deauthorization

5.r. Project Deauthorization.

(1) When the Lead Agency and the Local Sponsor agree that it is necessary to deauthorize a Project prior to construction, they shall submit a letter to the Technical Committee explaining the reasons for requesting the deauthorization and requesting approval by the Task Force.

(2) If agreement between the Lead Agency and the Local Sponsor is not reached, either party may then appeal directly to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will forward to the Task Force a recommendation concerning deauthorization of the project. Nothing herein shall preclude the Lead Agency or the Local Sponsor from bringing a request for deauthorization to the Task Force irrespective of the recommendation of the Technical Committee.

(3) Upon submittal of a request for deauthorization to the Technical Committee, all parties shall suspend all future obligations and expenditures as soon as practicable, until the issue is resolved.

(4) Upon receiving preliminary approval from the Task Force to deauthorize a Project, the Chairperson of the Technical Committee shall send notice to the Louisiana Congressional delegation, the State House and Senate Natural Resources Committee chairs, the State Senator(s) and State Representative(s) in whose district the project falls, senior parish officials in the parish(es) where the Project is located, any landowners whose property would be directly affected by the Project, and any interested parties, requesting their comments and advising them that, at the next Task Force meeting, a final decision on deauthorization will be made.

(5) When the Task Force determines that a Project should be abandoned or no longer pursued because of economic or other reasons, all expenditures shall cease immediately or as soon as practicable. Congress and the State House and Senate Natural Resources Committee chairs will be informed of the decision.

(6) Once a Project is deauthorized by the Task Force, it shall be categorized as "completed" and closed-out as required by paragraph 5.s.

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REPORT ON STATUS OF THE 7TH PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

For information.

Mr. Podany will brief the Task Force on the status of the 7th Project Priority List.

Present ^{Cardinal} Proj to Public
in Nov.

Probable size of list (Tech Committee) ?

Deferred projects will be included

↳ Stay that way until
next list is approved.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

17 September 1997

STATUS OF THE LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PLAN
EVALUATION REPORT

For information.

Mr. Steve Underwood of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will report on the status of the evaluation report called for in Section 303(b)(7) of the CWPPRA.

*Included acknowledgment of Task Force members
2,000 copies*

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

17 September 1997

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF DATES AND LOCATIONS OF FY 1998
QUARTERLY TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Recommendation for Task Force Approval:

Mr. Rauber will brief the Task Force on potential meeting sites and dates for FY 1998. Task Force meetings will ordinarily be scheduled for the third Wednesday of the last month in each quarter of the year.

7 Jan

Potential Task Force Meeting Sites and Dates for FY98

Dates:

1st qtr. - 7 January 98 (early December is too soon to finish 7th PPL tasks; late December is the holiday season and vacation time; the 7th PPL must be selected prior to 15 January 98.)

2nd qtr.- 1 April 98 (working back toward 3rd Wednesday of the final month of the quarter)

3rd qtr.- 24 June 98 (working back toward 3rd Wednesday of the final month of the quarter)

4th qtr.- 16 September 98 (FY99 budget time)

Locations:

Good Accessibility and Accommodations:

New Orleans (NOD, hotel, Yenni Bldg.)
nearby: **Bayou Segnette, Hahnville** (St Charles Council)

Yenni Bldg. provides break from NOD. Hahnville provides a break from NOD and the city. Bayou Segnette is a nice setting.

Baton Rouge (LDNR, LDWF, hotel, Bluebonnet Swamp N C)

Baton Rouge is a central location. The Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center is a nice setting.

Lafayette (Nat Wet R C, hotel, USL?)
nearby: **Abbeville** (public facility), **New Iberia**

The Task Force should consider returning to this part of the state. Abbeville might be considered closer to the public.

Lake Charles (public facility, hotel)

It is not centrally located but would be appreciated by some interested parties in the Southwest region of the state.

Closer to the Public:

Morgan City (City Court) Good location

Houma (Auditorium) Good location

Thibodaux (NSU Student Union) Good Location

Cocodrie (LUMCON) It is not centrally located but does offer an interesting setting

Cameron (Police Jury Annex) It is not centrally located but would be appreciated by some interested parties in the Southwest region of the state.

Plaquemine Parish (public facility) It is not centrally located but would be appreciated by some interested parties in the Mississippi Delta region of the state.

Suggestions:

147 January 98 -**Bayou Segnette**
close to N.O. for 7th PPL selection

1 April 98 -**Abbeville**

24 June 98 -**Thibodaux**

16 September 98 -**Baton Rouge**, Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center
central location for budget approval

TASK 1 BUDGET - CWPPRA WEB SITE MAINTENANCE

Continued Maintenance, Support, and Development of the
CWPPRA web site www.LAcoast.gov

1) CWPPRA Outreach Amount = \$ 43,000

Computer Science Intern 30 hr. /wk, 52 wk. @\$12.00 18,720

Computer Operator II 9 wk. @ \$18.00 6,530

Computer Maintenance 3,000

Software Maintenance 2,000

Supplies and Materials 2,000

Indirect Cost (Overhead) 10,750

2) National Wetlands Research Center Contribution Amount = \$15,600

Scott Wilson 10hr./wk * 52 wk @ \$30.00 15,600

CWPPRA HOME PAGE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY98 - TASK ONE DESCRIPTION

Task 1. Continued Maintenance, Support, and Development of the CWPPRA web site
www.LAcoast.gov

- Continue to update the web page with new material provided by the agencies.
- Continue to respond to email requests from other agencies and the general public.
- Continue to add press releases for the Task Force agencies to the web site.
- Continue to work with DNR in the inclusion of monitoring plans, progress reports, and field data.
- Continue to add aerial photographs for all project sites as they becomes available.
- Continue to add other Geography Information System products as they are produced.
- Continue to immediately respond to information that is out of date or incorrect.
- Continue to update the COE's CWPPRA Project Status Summary Report (Quarterly)
- Continue to update the COE's CWPPRA Construction Program Status Report (Quarterly)
- Continue to add the minutes from the Task Force and other meeting, as provided.
- Continue to add digital copies of Watermarks newsletters.
- Continue to update and monitor the Coastal Louisiana Calendar of Events.

TASK 2 BUDGET - UPGRADE GENERAL PUBLIC AND MEDIA
COMPONENTS FOR THE LACOAST WEB SITE

<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Computer Graphic Intern 20 hr. /wk, 52 wk. @\$12.00	12,480
Computer Operator II 7 wk. @ \$18.00	5,040
Additional Computer Storage	3,000
Supplies and Materials	2,000
Indirect Cost (Overhead)	7,500

Note: Due to the importance of the CWPPRA Web Site and limited dollars for restoration activities, the National Wetlands Research Center will contribute Scott Wilson's time to the completion of this project. This contribution is approximately equal to 10 hours/wk * 52 wk @ \$30.00 = \$15,600.

CWPPRA HOME PAGE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY98 - TASK TWO DESCRIPTION

Task 2. Update General Public and Media Components for www.Lacoast.gov

The CWPPRA web page contains a wealth of information. However, the majority of the information is very project specific and very technical. To help the general public understand the national problem of coastal wetland loss in Louisiana, the National Wetlands Research Center, in cooperation with the New Orleans Corp. of Engineers, and other Task Force Agencies, would like to develop new sections of the web site that contain information that is more generalized and better suited to be used by the national media groups and the public. The CWPPRA web site has been successful in sharing information to people all around the world, but the site would be more effective if information was made available in formats the national media groups could instantly use in their own articles or video segments. To help the media better cover the events in coastal Louisiana, new sections of the CWPPRA web page should be added. This exact content of this new web site sections will be identified in a series of meetings with the CWPPRA Web site working group. Examples of the new sections could include:

- An interactive press room which would contain press releases and electronic press kits. The press kits could contain high and low resolution photography for use in newspapers or TV segments, video clips, GIS information and other short news bites. Portions of the press kit would be recorded to video tape for reporters at press events.
- An education area with information geared for general public and school age children, such as reformatting the CWPPRA CD-ROM for the web.
- An electronic forum (questions and answers) covering CWPPRA.
- A dedicated area for special functions or activities like Wetland Month.

This exact content of this new web site sections will be identify in a series of meeting with the CWPPRA Web site working group.

Additionally, funds in task 2 will be used to display the Web site and other computer-based products at functions, such as, Task Force meetings, Dedications, etc.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

For information.

Mr. Jay Gamble will report on the committee's national outreach program. The Outreach Committee Report is enclosed.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

September 17, 1997

1. Action Item Summary
2. CWPPRA Display-Conventions and Symposiums
3. CD-ROM
4. Watermarks
5. Budget
6. Coast 2050
7. Dedications

1. Action Item Summary:

- a. Outreach efforts continue to use the key messages developed in the committee:

Sense of Urgency

Sense of Value

Sense of Place

Sense of Commitment

- b. Dr. Paul Coreil of LSU-CES has completed and delivered to the Outreach Committee copies of the CWPPRA slide show with text and cassette tapes. Some distribution has been completed. Anyone requiring additional copies should contact Dr. Coreil at LSU-CES (504) 388-2266.

- c. Media, public, and government contacts continue to be expanded. The "outreach" network is expanding.

2. CWPPRA Display-Conventions and Symposiums:

- a. The tabletop/full size display has been at the following events since the last report:
 - (1) 42nd Annual Conference Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association
 - (2) Southwest Louisiana CWPPRA projects dedication
- b. Scheduled exhibit events within the next three months (Regional & National)
 - (1) National Wetlands Conference-EPA (Virginia)
 - (2) Water Environment Federation (Chicago)
 - (3) National FFA Convention (Kansas City)
 - (4) National Science Teachers Association-Southern Area Convention (Nashville)
- c. Recent presentations have included:
 - (1) Upward Bound students at Southeast Louisiana University.
 - (2) Wildwood Wanderings 4-H Camp, Tensas Wildlife Refuge
 - (3) Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) facilitator training (Hammond)
 - (4) CWPPRA briefing to touring international journalists (China, Philippines, Israel, etc.)

3. CD-ROM:

Work is progressing on the CD-ROM. To this date, most of the story lines have been

written with the help of a writer/editor working through the summer. Presently, a graphics artist is "dressing up" the design. A meeting was held with the Audubon Aquarium Chief Operating Officer and members of his staff. The CD-ROM is aimed primarily at the general public with an adjustment for Audubon Aquarium customers. They were quite pleased with the efforts of the CWPPRA staff and contractors working on the project. They commented that the work done on our CD-ROM meets or exceeds anything they expected and are anxious to provide the support they promised. The Aquarium has 1.2 million visitors a year-both national and international guests. Many inquiries have come from across the nation as people learn of the project. The CD-ROM is scheduled for completion in November, 1997.

4. Watermarks:

The Summer 1997 Issue of Watermarks was received from the contractor and distributed through the established mailing distribution. Additional copies of the publication continue to be used as reference material in media packets, dedication material, and at exhibit events.

5. Budget:

Attached is the proposed FY98 budget recommended to the CWPPRA Task Force for consideration. A significant portion of the budget reflects increased publication costs of Watermarks and a new, biannual youth publication along the lines of the "Weekly Reader".. Additionally, the committee is committed to improving the Web site for general public use and for the news media as well as producing a quality CD-ROM with wide-ranging distribution and marketing.

6. Coast 2050:

Outreach Committee members continue to provide resources to the Coast 2050 effort. Several staff are assigned as Regional Team Leaders, Outreach Development Team (ODT), and work on the Planning Management Team (PMT). The Outreach Coordinator is working closely with DNR, LSU-CES, and the Governor's Office to plan, execute, and evaluate outreach efforts through this initiative. It is anticipated that within the next quarter, the Outreach Coordinator will be going into the coastal parishes carrying the CWPPRA/Coast 2050 messages to public/private interests, industry, private land owners, and local governments.

7. Project Dedications:

Outreach Committee members coordinated the Southwest Louisiana Breaux Act Project dedications at Cameron-Creole Wildlife Refuge. The projects dedicated on August 12 were: Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Shoreline Protection, Cameron Creole Watershed Hydrologic Restoration, Clear Maoris Bank Protection, Cameron-Creole O&M and Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Shoreline Protection. Dedication plans are being spearheaded by NMFS for the Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection Project. That dedication is being planned for mid October.

DRAFT OUTREACH FY'98 BUDGET

1. OUTREACH COORDINATOR (Salary, frienge, and overhead)	\$70,000.
2. <u>Watermarks</u> (NRCS) Quarterly Coastal Youth Reader (2 issues)	\$52,000. \$34,000.
3. Homepage Maintenance (NBS/USGS)	\$43,000.
4. In-House Contractual Support (Graphics, brochures, photography, exhibits)	\$30,000.
5. Travel	\$10,000.
6. Coastal Wetlands Posters	\$15,000.
7. CD-ROM Production/Marketing	\$25,000.
Grand Total	\$279,000.

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STATUS OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES

For information.

Mr. Tom Podany will report to the Task Force on the status of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Study and the Mississippi River Diversion Study. Enclosed are fact sheets for the two studies.

July 21, 1997

PROJECT FACT SHEET

will be summarized @ next TF mtg

PROJECT: Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study

1. PURPOSE: To assess and quantify wetland loss problems linked to protection provided by barrier formations along the Louisiana coast. The study will identify solutions to these problems, attach an estimated cost to these solutions, and determine the barrier configuration which will best protect Louisiana's significant coastal resources from saltwater intrusion, storm surges, wind/wave activity and oil spills. These resources include, but are not limited to, oil and gas production and exploration facilities, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, pipelines, navigable waterways, and fragile estuarine and island habitats.

2. FACTS:

a. Study Authority. This study is authorized pursuant to the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA). The study is funded by 100 percent federal funds from the CWPPRA planning budget. The CWPPRA Task Force, which implements the Act, directed the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to be the lead agency for the barrier shoreline feasibility study. The Louisiana Governor's Office of Coastal Activities also assists in the implementation of the study. A steering committee composed of federal agency representatives provides input and oversight to the study.

b. Location. The study area encompasses the barrier shoreline formations between the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers, the chenier plain barrier formations in Vermilion and Cameron Parishes, and the Chandeleur Islands.

c. Problems and Solutions Being Investigated. The study will investigate coastal wetland coastal use and resource loss linked to barrier shoreline deterioration.

d. Status. A contract for the feasibility study was let to T. Baker Smith and Sons of Houma, Louisiana. Funds for year one (\$1,007,000) were approved by the Task Force at the June 1995 meeting.

The three year study is broken into three geographic phases. Phase 1 (year 1) focuses on the region between Racoon Point and the Mississippi River. Phase 2 (year 2) focuses on the chenier plain. Phase 3 (year 3) focuses on the Chandeleur Islands, the Lake Pontchartrain/Lake Borgne land bridge, and the coastal wetlands east of the Mississippi River.

The feasibility study will generate the following information for each phase: A. Review of prior studies, reports, and existing projects; B. Conceptual and quantitative system framework; C. Assessment of resource status and trends; D. Inventory and assessment of physical conditions and parameters; E. Inventory and assessment of existing environmental resource conditions; F. Inventory and assessment of existing economic resource conditions; G. Forecast trends in physical and hydrological conditions with no action; H. Forecast trends in environmental resource conditions with no action; I. Formulation of strategic options; J. Assessment of strategic options; K. Identification and assessment of management and engineering alternatives; L. Description and

rationale for the selected plans; M. Project implementation plans and; N. Final report and EIS collaboration.

All deliverables up to and including Step G and Step I have been completed and submitted for Steering Team review. Hydrologic modeling efforts are ongoing. The No-Action Scenario is near completion and preliminary incomplete drafts of the Step H report have been circulated for agency comment. No deliverables have been presented for Steering Team review since March 1997. At a Sept. 9, 1997 meeting, the contractor established the following time line for completion of the drafts on the remaining deliverables.

Step H - 9/27/97
Step I - 10/3/97
Step J - 11/30/97
Step K - 9/27/97
Step L - 12/31/97*
Step M - 12/31/97*
Step N - 12/31/97*

* It is proposed that steps L- M be compiled as a single report. DNR has no objection to this proposal pending Steering Team review and approval.

Total estimated cost (100% federal)	\$3,775,000
Allocated for FY 95	\$1,007,000
Allocated for FY 96	\$704,000
Allocated for FY 97	\$418,000
Request for FY 98	\$550,000

e. Issues. The potential use of Ship Shoal sand in rebuilding the barrier islands has meant that Minerals Management Service (MMS), the agency which manages minerals on federal property, must be consulted for EIS work. A contract for an EIS has been let and managed by the MMS with the input of the other CWPPRA agencies. The Department of Natural Resources, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the MMS have signed a Memorandum of Agreement which assigns responsibility to the agencies in completing the EIS. The EIS effort is currently on hold pending the outcome of the Phase 1 and a determination of the economic effectiveness of using Ship Shoal as a sediment source for island restoration.

This study is funded as part of the CWPPRA planning budget. Shortfalls in the FY97 planning budget have resulted in decreased funding levels for the study in FY97 that will result in delaying the initiation of the Phase 2 (Chenier Plain) study until Phase 1 is completed.. The scope of Phase 2 will be revised per Task Force recommendations from the September 1997 meeting.

STUDY MANAGER: Steven Gammill, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, (504) 342-0981

*Will have full info/status 9/9/97
Maple
C. Wright Task Force meeting*

SUBJECT: Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient and Freshwater Redistribution Study

1. PURPOSE: To determine means to quantify and optimize the available resources of the Mississippi River to create, protect and enhance coastal wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations in coastal Louisiana. To plan, design, evaluate and recommend for construction projects utilizing the natural resources of the Mississippi River in order to abate continuing measured loss of this habitat and restore a component of wetland growth.

2. FACTS:

a. Status.

i. **Tasks Completed:** Initial analyses completed include land use, habitat type and land loss, endangered and threatened species documentation, and existing water supply demand. Spatial distribution of these parameters has also been developed for the study area. The development of concept plan receiving area footprints are being completed. Basic structure sizings, channel and levee requirements are being developed for each plan as the hydraulics is completed. Hydraulic modeling of riverine impacts for multi-diversion combinations is complete. A quality assurance review of the model was completed and H&H Branch review of the output is underway. A workshop to address issues stemming from project scope, sponsorship, implementation and operational complexity was held in mid Mar 97. Attendees reach consensus on a number of points although there was serious discussion over several technical issues.

ii. **Tasks Underway:** Data and design information development for the intermediate concept plans are underway. Tasks involving the development of future without action conditions are being initiated through the MOA with LUMCON. Modeling of the hydraulic effects of the combined MRSNFR and Barrier Shoreline study alternatives in the Barataria basin are also being performed through the LUMCON agreement. Landscape modeling runs of the Barataria alternatives are also being done. The wetland evaluations for the intermediate study alternatives have been initiated. Real Estate cost estimates for the individual alternatives are being developed. The study efforts are being closely coordinated Coast 2050 planning process. This coast wide multi-interest public planning process will directly influence the implementability of all study alternatives.

iii. **Budget:** The current total time and cost estimate calls for a study duration of 41 months and a cost of \$4.1 million, including 25 percent contingencies. The Task Force also established a steering committee to oversee and coordinate all CWPPRA funded studies and approve the study scopes and estimates.

Total Estimated Cost (100% Fed)	\$4,082,500
Allocated through FY 1995	\$919,000
Allocated for FY 1996	\$993,400
Allocated for FY 1997	\$1,458,600
Balance to Complete After FY 1997	\$712,500

b. Issues.

i. A high level of participation by diverse interests has been identified throughout the CWPPRA effort as a critical need for the success of the planning process. This expanded involvement is necessary in order to achieve collectively acceptable solutions throughout the study process.

ii. Coordination of existing water resources uses is, and will continue to be, a major issue in project development. While specific measures may not effect all uses uniformly, or on a consistent annual or seasonal basis, it should be anticipated that some use will be impacted for virtually every action.

iii. Legal issues involving outputs that would be commonly measured as benefits will also require attention. There are numerous liability issues stemming from proprietary interests, assumed or real, in surface conditions as related to specific user interests.

iv. The composite of these issues has a direct effect on the local sponsors ability and willingness to participate in these projects. The resultant project and legal costs and operational conflicts can potentially be a deterrent to local sponsorship.

The Coast 2050 effort should be an effective means of coordinating and addressing these issues.

c. Study Authority. This study was authorized by the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force established under the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) and is funded with CWPPRA planning funds. The Corps of Engineers was directed by the Task Force to be the lead agency in the execution of this study.

d. Location. The study area is comprised of the entire Mississippi River Deltaic Plain, from the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee eastward to the Louisiana-Mississippi state border. The area is bounded to the south by the Gulf of Mexico. The area encompasses approximately 6.4 million acres or 10,000 square miles.

e. Problems and Solutions Being Investigated. The study will investigate existing modifications to natural deltaic processes and resultant loss of coastal wetlands and assess potential uses of the sediment, nutrient and freshwater resources found in the Mississippi River to modify or reverse these trends. Hydraulic modeling will be used to establish the availability of the riverine resources which are to be applied and the effect of reallocation of these resources. After an intermediate screening, lump sum component costs, unit habitat outputs, and the value of resultant attendant resource outputs will be developed. Habitat output will be developed by means of a Wetland Value Assessment model. Alternative analysis will be accomplished primarily with existing information. Economic evaluation of the intermediate alternatives will consider positive and negative National Economic Development type impacts as credits and debits toward the cost of each alternative. The final recommendations will be based on the evaluation of environmental outputs versus costs of an alternative as described in Draft EC 1105-2-206.

STUDY MANAGER: TIM AXTMAN, (504) 862-1921

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CONSIDERATION FOR TASK FORCE APPROVAL OF MOAs WITH THE
ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FOR 8TH LIST WORK AND COAST 2050

For Task Force Decision.

Ms. Hawes will request Task Force approval for the enclosed MOAs with the academic community for 8th Priority Project List work and Coast 2050.

FY 98 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

AND THE

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM

FOR PRIORITY LIST #8

I. Purpose

This agreement, between the Department of the Army, hereinafter referred to as the "Corps," represented by the District Engineer, New Orleans District, and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, hereinafter referred to as LUMCON, represented by the Executive Director, is hereby entered into under the authority of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA).

The Corps has requested professional assistance from LUMCON to provide the expertise of university scientists in various aspects of coastal restoration under CWPPRA. LUMCON is willing to provide the requested services.

II. Scope of Work

LUMCON agrees to provide the following services (summarized below and detailed in Attachment I, Plan of Work.

A. Management - appoint a project manager to oversee day-to-day operation of the project, participate in Task Force activities, and aid in review of the CWPPRA Plan Evaluation Report.

B. Solicitation - Develop and distribute solicitations of interest and enter information concerning respondents into a CWPPRA Scientific Assistance database. Conduct a preliminary screening of the responses. With help of Scientific Steering Committee, established as in 1994, evaluate which interested scientists meet the minimum selection criteria and if sufficient qualified university scientists can be identified, provide Task Force with list of names for consideration which exceeds the number of scientists actually required by no more than 50 percent.

C. Workshop - organize and conduct an informal CWPPRA information transfer workshop during the spring or summer of 1998.

D. Priority Project List Selection - provide nine scientists to attend Wetland Value Assessment (WVA) field trips, WVA group meetings and meetings of the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee and Technical Committee for final project selection.

E. Monitoring - provide a group of scientists of varying disciplines to assist the Technical Advisory Group in the development of monitoring plans for individual CWPPRA projects.

III Terms of Agreement

A. This agreement becomes effective on the date of the last official signature and expires on 30 December 1998.

B. LUMCON will make known to the Corps the need for any changes to the awarded agreement as soon as possible. Any revisions to the agreement shall be coordinated with the Academic Assistance Subcommittee of the CWPPRA Task Force.

C. In disputes concerning a question of fact relating specifically to the work to be performed, the decision of the Corps Point of Contact shall be final, subject to appellate review.

D. The Corps will reimburse LUMCON for expenses as per Attachment 2, Cost Estimate, and all mutually agreed upon expenditures.

E. The Corps will provide all funds required for completion of the services outlined in the attached Plan of Work. In no case will expenditures be allowed to exceed the funds available. If available funds are exhausted, the Corps will direct LUMCON to stop or suspend work pending final resolution and decision on the course of action necessary.

F. Should additional funds be required in one of the above tasks, LUMCON may rebudget between tasks after consultation with Representative.

G. This agreement shall be terminated on 30 December 1998; provided that upon thirty (30) days written notice, either party to this agreement may terminate or suspend this agreement without penalty.

IV. Liability

The Corps, its agents and employees assume no responsibility for injury to property or persons resulting from or related to work under this agreement.

V. Payment

The Corps, upon acceptance of this agreement, will obligate and reserve \$65,000 for services to be completed under the terms of this agreement. These funds will be furnished to LUMCON on a reimbursable basis as costs are incurred. LUMCON will provide a quarterly billing and accounting to the Corps for agreement costs.

Address for Billing

Suzanne R. Hawes
Planning Division
Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160

Payment for billing will be made payable to Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium and mailed to LUMCON, Accounts Receivable, 8421 Highway 56, Chauvin, LA 70344.

Point of Contact for LUMCON project management is Denise Reed 504 851-2800.

Point of Contact for Corps billing and funding is Suzanne R. Hawes 504 862-2518.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES
MARINE CONSORTIUM

BY: _____
William L. Conner

BY: _____
Michael J. Dagg, Ph.D.

TITLE: Colonel, District Engineer

TITLE: Executive Director

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

PLAN OF WORK
FOR
UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS ASSISTANCE TO
LOUISIANA COASTAL CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TASK FORCE -
Priority Project List 8

by

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM
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This Plan of Work includes activities to provide scientific assistance to the Louisiana Coastal Conservation and Restoration Task Force (hereinafter 'Task Force'). It has been developed by the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) and covers the period through 30 September 1998.

Management Task

The Chief Project Manager will be the Executive Director of LUMCON, who will appoint a Project Manager to work on the project.

The Project Manager (PM) will be responsible for managing the remaining tasks outlined in this Plan of Work, as described below. The PM may be assisted in some of the Tasks by a Coordinator and LUMCON clerical staff. The specific duties of the Project Manager have been divided into a number of subtasks:

Subtask 1. Oversee day-to-day operation of project

The Project Manager will facilitate execution of the main contract; draft subcontracts to Louisiana universities for implementation by LUMCON Grants and Contracts personnel; approve all spending, including subcontract invoices; prepare breakdowns by task for invoices submitted on main contract; and act as a single point of contact for the Task Force, the Scientific Steering Committee, subcontractors, and the broader academic community. Task Force personnel, or the appropriate responsible parties, will inform the Project Manager of the date and time of all meetings of the Task Force, the Technical Committee, the WVA group, and the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee regarding. This information is necessary to ensure information flow to the relevant university scientists or their alternates, and to track billings according to the number of meetings attended. The Contracting Officer or their Technical Representative (COTR) will provide a single point of contact for contracting arrangements, and for other activities where Task Force action is required.

Subtask 2. Participate in Task Force Activities

The PM, or a designated alternate, will attend all Task Force and Technical Committee meetings, and any other meetings as outlined in subtask 1. The Project Manager will also communicate information of Task Force activities to the broader scientific community.

Management Task Deliverables:

List of meetings attended and summary of Management Activities

Report on the status of subcontracts and summary of university scientists participation

Financial report

Costs: 1.25 man-months plus travel.

Selection of Participants Task

This task includes all activities related to the search for and selection of university scientists to provide advice and assistance to the Task Force.

Subtask 1. CWPPRA Scientific Assistance Database.

Information concerning respondents, their areas of interest/expertise and their availability has been added to the CWPPRA Scientific Assistance database from previous Solicitations of Interest. Original CVs and information sheets are kept on file, and will be used by the PM and the Scientific Steering Committee to provide a list of appropriate scientists to conduct the tasks outlined in this Plan of Work.

Subtask 2. Selection of University Scientists

The Project Manager will conduct a preliminary screening of the data base and remove from consideration this year those with expertise outside the desired fields. The Scientific Steering Committee will evaluate which of these interested scientists are best suited for the activities to be performed. The Scientific Steering Committee will provide the COTR with a list of names for consideration which exceeds the number of scientists actually required by no more than 100% (e.g., where one person is required, no more than 2 names will be provided). The COTR will consult with the Academic Assistance subcommittee to make the final selection of scientists. This final selection stage will include input as necessary from the Scientific Steering Committee. The COTR will notify the Project Manager of the final selections within ten working days of being provided with the list.

Solicitation Task Deliverables:

List of interested university scientists meeting the minimum selection criteria

Copy of the CWPPRA Scientific Assistance database

Costs:

0.25 man months

Priority Project List Task

The development of Priority Project List 8 (PPL8) includes the screening meeting for the initial project selection, Wetland Value Assessment (WVA) field trips, WVA group meetings, and meetings of the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee and Technical Committee for final project selection. For PPL8 up to five university scientists will participate in these tasks. The scientists will provide advice and assistance to Task Force personnel. The Task Force estimates that there will be approximately 10 projects considered in detail for PPL8.

PPL Task Deliverables:

The main deliverable for this Task is the direct input provided by the University scientists. No written deliverable will be provided.

Workshop Task

LUMCON will organize and conduct an informal information transfer workshop. This will be held during early Spring 1997. The meeting will last one day. Task Force personnel will be invited to give presentations concerning the CWPPRA process and the current status of project implementation, monitoring and feasibility studies. The Scientific Steering Committee, in association with representatives of Task Force agencies, will develop a schedule of presentations from active wetland researchers. The goal of these presentations will be to inform the Task Force of current research projects pertinent to marsh creation and restoration. The Workshop will be publicized to the scientists on the CWPPRA Scientific Assistance database who may attend at their own cost. Travel funds and honoraria will be provided to those scientists giving presentations. Travel funds will be provided to members of the Scientific Steering Committee. A questionnaire will be distributed to all attendees requesting feedback on the usefulness of the meeting and how any future such meetings might be improved.

Workshop Task Deliverables:

- List of workshop attendees
- Synopsis of attendee comments

Costs

- 4 Project Manager Days
- 2 Coordinator Days
- 3 Clerical Days

plus travel, honoraria, supplies for mailing, copying, operating services (inc. postage), and meeting arrangements.

Monitoring Task

A group of scientists of varying academic disciplines will be assembled and will be called upon to assist the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) in the development of Monitoring Plans for individual CWPPRA projects.

Monitoring Task Deliverables:

The deliverables for this task will be direct input of the scientists to the TAG and the Monitoring Plans. No specific written deliverable will be provided.

Costs:

Attend TAG meetings - 11 scientist days approx.

Cost Estimates

The estimated cost for this plan of work, not including Feasibility Study tasks, is \$64,979.

The costs for salaries and fringe benefits in the LUMCON component of the budget are based upon actual salaries and have been calculated on a per meeting basis. As with all other categories, should the number of Task Force meetings increase, costs will increase accordingly. Travel costs have also been estimated. They cannot be final until personnel are appointed and meeting locations are finalized.

The costs for salaries and fringe benefits on subcontracted tasks are by necessity estimated. Scientists salary is estimated to average \$400/day including fringe benefits and indirect costs. Universities will provide more accurate information as subcontracts are established. Direct costs will be limited to salaries, and fringe benefits. All travel reimbursements will comply with current Louisiana state regulations and will be reimbursed directly from LUMCON.

LUMCON indirect costs have been charged at a rate of 40% on direct costs excluding subcontracts. LUMCON will charge an overhead rate of 10% on subcontracted funds.

The Project Manager will over see the budget for the project, and ensure that appropriate documentation of costs is provided. Should an increase in the budget be required, the Project Manager will contact the COTR as soon as these needs are foreseen.

Cost Estimate PPLB, Workshop, Monitoring

	Management	Selection	Workshop	PPLB Monitoring
LUMCON				
Project Manager	5805	860	860	
Fringe Benefits	1451	215	215	
Coordinator			385	
Clerical				
Fringe Benefits			96	
Travel - mileage	720		500	1800
Travel - lodging	80			
Travel - per diem	84			
Supplies	250		500	
Scientists (av. \$400/day inc. fr. & non-LUMCON indirect)				4400
Operating Serv.	50		800	
Total Direct Costs	8440	1075	3356	4400
Indirect Costs LUMCON funds	3376	430	1342	0
Indirect Costs on Subcontracted Funds (85% Science)				440
TOTAL COST/TASK	11816	1505	4698	42120
GRAND TOTAL	64979			

FY 98 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND THE
LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM
FOR COAST 2050

I. Purpose

This agreement, between the Department of the Army, hereinafter referred to as the "Corps," represented by the District Engineer, New Orleans District, and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, hereinafter referred to as LUMCON, represented by the Executive Director, is hereby entered into under the authority of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA).

The Corps has requested professional assistance from LUMCON to provide the expertise of university scientists in various aspects of coastal restoration under CWPPRA. LUMCON is willing to provide the requested services.

II. Scope of Work

LUMCON agrees to provide the following services (summarized below and detailed in Attachment I, Plan of Work, as amended).

- A. Provide academic assistance on the Regional Teams as needed.
- B. Utilize data provided by the COE and prepare computer-generated maps of the future land loss and gain at years 50 and 100 for the area from the Atchafalaya River to the Sabine River.

III Terms of Agreement

- A. This agreement becomes effective on the date of the last official signature and expires on 30 December 1998.
- B. LUMCON will make known to the Corps the need for any changes to the awarded agreement as soon as possible. Any revisions to the agreement shall be coordinated with the Academic Assistance Subcommittee of the CWPPRA Task Force.
- C. In disputes concerning a question of fact relating specifically to the work to be performed, the decision of the Corps Point of Contact shall be final, subject to appellate review.
- D. The Corps will reimburse LUMCON for expenses as per Attachment 2, Cost Estimate, and all mutually agreed upon expenditures.
- E. The Corps will provide all funds required for completion of the services outlined in the

attached Plan of Work. In no case will expenditures be allowed to exceed the funds available. If available funds are exhausted, the Corps will direct LUMCON to stop or suspend work pending final resolution and decision on the course of action necessary.

F. Should additional funds be required in one of the above tasks (II A through F), LUMCON may rebudget between tasks after consultation with Representative.

G. This agreement shall be terminated on 30 December 1998; provided that upon thirty (30) days written notice, either party to this agreement may terminate or suspend this agreement without penalty.

IV. Liability

The Corps, its agents and employees assume no responsibility for injury to property or persons resulting from or related to work under this agreement.

V. Payment

The Corps, upon acceptance of this agreement, will obligate and reserve \$106,000 for services to be completed under the terms of this agreement. These funds will be furnished to LUMCON on a reimbursable basis as costs are incurred. LUMCON will provide a quarterly billing and accounting to the Corps for agreement costs.

Address for Billing

Suzanne R. Hawes
Planning Division
Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160

Payment for billing will be made payable to Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium and mailed to LUMCON, Accounts Receivable, 8421 Highway 56, Chauvin, LA 70344.

Point of Contact for LUMCON project management is Denise Reed 504 851-2800.

Point of Contact for Corps billing and funding is Suzanne R. Hawes 504 862-2518.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES
MARINE CONSORTIUM

BY: _____
William L. Conner
TITLE: Colonel, District Engineer

BY: _____
Michael J. Dagg, Ph.D.
TITLE: Executive Director

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

PLAN OF WORK
FOR
UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS ASSISTANCE TO
LOUISIANA COASTAL CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TASK FORCE
COAST 2050

by

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM
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This Plan of Work includes activities to provide scientific assistance to the Louisiana Coastal Conservation and Restoration Task Force (hereinafter "Task Force"). It has been developed by the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) and covers the period through 30 December 1998.

The Chief Project Manager will be the Executive Director of LUMCON, who will appoint a Project Manager to work on the project. The Project Manager (PM) will be responsible for managing the tasks described below.

Coast 2050 Task

Subtask 1 - Participation in Regional Teams and support to the Planning Management Team

Six university scientists will be requested to provide input, as appropriate, to Task Force activities under the Coast 2050 planning effort. This will involve participation in the Regional Planning Teams. University scientists will conduct tasks appropriate to their fields of expertise at the direction of the Regional Team Leader and the Planning Management Team.

Subtask 2 - Preparation of No Action Map from Atchafalaya River to Sabine River

The LSU Natural Systems Engineering Laboratory will be requested to utilize the data furnished by the COE to prepare a computer-generated Future with No Action Map for the area from the Atchafalaya River to the Sabine River (referred to as "Cheniere Plain"). This map will indicate the land loss (due to various causes) and the land gain (from CWPPRA Priority Lists 1-6 and other restoration projects) at years 50 and 100.

The "Cheniere Plain" map will be merged with the previously developed "Deltaic Plain" map to prepare a land loss/gain map of the entire Louisiana coastal area.

Deliverables**Subtask 1**

Direct input of the scientists to the Coast 2050 meetings will be the main deliverable. A list of meetings attended will also be provided.

Subtask 2

Twenty copies of the "Cheniere Plain" map will be furnished on 11x17 paper. One copy of the map of the entire coastal area will be provided, at a yet to be agreed upon scale.

Costs

Project management costs for this effort will be covered by funds already allocated for Project Management in existing Memoranda of Agreement concerning CWPPRA. Each participating scientist in Subtask 1 will receive approximately two months of salary for their efforts and an allowance for travel and supplies. The cost for Subtask 2 will be \$20,000.

Cost Estimates

The estimated cost for this Plan of Work is \$105,336. See attachment.

All travel reimbursements will comply with current Louisiana state regulations. Direct costs will be limited to salaries, fringe benefits, travel and supplies. LUMCON will charge an overhead rate of 10% on subcontracted funds.

The PM will oversee the budget for the project and ensure that appropriate documentation of costs is provided. Should an increase in the budget be required, the PM will contact the COTR as soon as these needs are foreseen.

**Cost Estimate 1998
Coast 2050**

Coast 2050

Subcontracts for Chenier Plain No Action Map	20000
Subcontracts for Regional team members (four in total)	75760
Total Direct Costs	95760
LUMCON Indirect Costs @ 10% on subcontracted funds	9576
TOTAL COST	105336

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

17 September 1997

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

For information.

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

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

17 September 1997

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Task Force chairman will offer members of the public an opportunity to comment on issues of concern.

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 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 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 the 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 MR&T to increase flows and sediment to the Achafalaya River for land building wetland nourishment.
 - 25% if the state has dedicated trust fund from which principal is not spent.
 - 15% when Louisiana's Conservation Plan is approved.

TITLE III--WETLANDS

Sec. 301. SHORT TITLE.

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

Sec. 302. 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, individual 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.

(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, 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 creating, 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. 304. LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION PLANNING.

(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 assurance 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.

(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.

(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 Wetlands 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.

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 wetlands 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.

(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.

(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."