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

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This document is a compilation of projects identified to date as beneficial to the restoration of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Projects identified within this document are intended to be considered for funding under CWPPRA, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), the Louisiana Wetlands Restoration Trust Fund, or any other possible funding mechanism. This document has two sections: 1) a table listing a brief description of each project or restoration strategy and providing an approximate cost (or probable cost range); and, 2) an appendix providing a more detailed description and a map of each project identifying approximate component sites.

Projects included in this document were derived from previously reviewed CWPPRA Priority Project Lists, as well as recommendations from the Coast 2050 regional teams. Some projects included within this document were derived from both efforts. Projects and strategies included in the summary table are divided into regions, based on the four Coast 2050 regional teams, and then further identified as either "large scale" or "small scale". To be considered as "large scale", projects must benefit a relatively large wetland area (generally greater than 30,000 acres) and address the principal, perceived cause of wetland loss in that area. Small scale projects include those that benefit a relatively small area, or minimally address the cause of marsh loss in a large wetland area. In some situations, shoreline protection or barrier island projects that individually benefit a relative small area were combined as subcomponents into one project that would address the major cause of wetland loss over a large region. In these cases, that principle project is identified as a "large scale" project.

It should be recognized that there is wide disparity among projects and strategies in the amount of data available for the development of cost estimates. Those projects that were incorporated into this document from previous priority projects lists were closely scrutinized to assure they could be constructed at the estimated costs. Those projects are identified in the table with an asterik (*). However, those projects derived solely through the Coast 2050 process have not undergone detailed review by either the Engineering or the Economics Work Groups. As such, cost estimates for those projects are identified as an approximate range, if possible. In those situations where information is insufficient at the time of document finalization to estimate a probable cost, no costs are provided.



Because the projects recommended under the Coast 2050 effort have not undergone in-depth environmental analysis, estimates of acres created and/or protected have not been provided in this document. It should be recognized that, in general, the larger river diversion and dedicated dredging efforts will create greater acreages of marsh than smaller diversions. In addition, projects that are classified as hydrologic restoration and shoreline protection do not typically create marsh, rather they slow or prevent future marsh loss.

This document has been referred to recently in the CWPPRA effort as the "needs list". It identifies projects that are needed to offset Louisiana's wetland loss problem on a state-wide basis. Although implementation of the projects included in those document will be expensive, it should be recognized that Louisiana's coastal wetland loss problem is approximately 80% of the Nation's. Therefore, the national issue of wetland loss can not be addressed without first ensuring that future wetland loss in Louisiana is halted.

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O&M Summary

CWPPRA Operation & Maintenance Funding Analysis						
Project Number	P/L	Agency	Actual			125% of Original
			Baseline Estimate (1/13/1998)	Economic Work Group Estimate	Variance from Original	
BA-15, i-1	3	NMFS	60,000	98,856	38,856	75,000
BA-15, i-2	3	NMFS	0	0	0	0
BA-24b	5	NMFS	773,496	1,118,703	345,207	966,870
MR-09	6	NMFS	3,470,239	3,734,177	263,938	4,337,799
TE-22	2	NMFS	220,000	439,675	219,675	275,000
AT-02	2	NMFS	75,000	451,404	376,404	93,750
AT-03	2	NMFS	225,000	413,033	188,033	281,250
TE-25	3	NMFS	0	0	0	0
TE-30	4	NMFS	0	0	0	0
CS-27	6	NMFS	410,000	577,332	167,332	512,500
TV-15	6	NMFS	14,139	249,177	235,038	17,674
TV-12	5	NMFS	10,000	192,289	182,289	12,500
BA-28	7	NMFS	39,962	59,320	19,358	49,953
TE-26	3	NMFS	150,000	406,468	256,468	187,500
ME-14	7	NMFS	0	176,665	176,665	0
Subtotal			5,447,836	7,917,099	2,469,263	6,809,795
PO-16	1	USFWS	290,087	271,301	(18,786)	362,609
CS-17	1	USFWS	62,560	166,321	103,761	78,200
CS-18	1	USFWS	584,160	298,753	(285,407)	730,200
PO-18	2	USFWS	283,768	322,659	38,891	354,710
CS-23	3	USFWS	778,562	648,531	(130,031)	973,203
TE-10	5	USFWS	1,073,523	2,287,916	1,214,393	1,341,904
TE-32	6	USFWS	2,546,363	2,831,847	285,484	3,182,954
LA-02	1	USFWS	0		0	0
ME-09	1	USFWS	303,989	185,918	(118,071)	379,986
Subtotal			5,923,012	7,013,246	1,090,234	7,403,765
BA-02	1	NRCS	1,952,936	1,324,183	(628,753)	2,441,170
TE-17,18,CS-19	1	NRCS	97,500	74,407	(23,093)	121,875
TV-09	2	NRCS	196,226	179,941	(16,285)	245,283
ME-04	2	NRCS	632,201	809,286	177,085	790,251
PO-06	2	NRCS	399,926	305,541	(94,385)	499,908
BA-20	2	NRCS	323,283	451,967	128,684	404,104
CS-09	2	NRCS	444,992	403,563	(41,429)	556,240
CS-20	2	NRCS	382,306	519,389	137,083	477,883
CS-21	2	NRCS	149,454	330,326	180,872	186,818
TV-04	3	NRCS	386,790	646,084	259,294	483,488
TE-28	3	NRCS	1,267,703	1,240,635	(27,068)	1,584,629
PO-09a	3	NRCS	333,606	337,207	3,601	417,008
CS-24	4	NRCS	69,332	448,478	379,146	86,665
BA-22	4	NRCS	90,280	412,055	321,775	112,850
BA-23	4	NRCS	116,394	801,824	685,430	145,493
BA-03c	5	NRCS	115,313	472,866	357,553	144,141
CS-11b	5	NRCS	248,588	467,182	218,594	310,735
TE-29	5	NRCS	24,464	16,724	(7,740)	30,580
ME-13	5	NRCS	274,953	567,523	292,570	343,691
TV-13a	6	NRCS	323,026	284,508	(38,518)	403,783
BA-26	6	NRCS	213,968	1,265,458	1,051,490	267,460
CS-25	4	NRCS	0	2,914	2,914	0
Subtotal			8,043,241	11,362,061	3,318,820	10,054,051

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Project Number	P/L	Agency	Baseline Estimate (1/13/1998)	Actual		
				Economic Work Group Estimate	Variance from Original	125% of Original
TV-03	1	USACOE	451,000	224,978	(226,022)	563,750
CS-22	2	USACOE	400,000	795,269	395,269	500,000
TE-23	2	USACOE	228,252	431,256	203,004	285,315
TV-14, TV5/7	4	USACOE	151,479	146,534	(4,945)	189,349
PO-22	5	USACOE	250,000	238,769	(11,231)	312,500
BA-19	1	USACOE	0	0	0	0
PO-17	1	USACOE	0	0	0	0
MR-06	3	USACOE	0	0	0	0
PO-19	3	USACOE	0	0	0	0
MR-08	4	USACOE	0	0	0	0
SF-14	4	USACOE	0	0	0	0
MR-10	6	USACOE	0	0	0	0
Subtotal			1,480,731	1,836,806	356,075	1,850,914
TE-20	1	EPA	0	0	0	0
TE-24	2	EPA	0	0	0	0
TE-27	3	EPA	0	0	0	0
PO-20	3	EPA	60,000	0	(60,000)	75,000
CS-26	4	EPA	0	0	0	0
Subtotal			60,000	0	-60,000	75,000
Totals			20,954,820	28,129,212	7,174,392	26,193,525
					See **	
		Projects Requiring More Information to Evaluate				
BA-25	5	EPA	2,231,237			2,789,046
BS-3a	2	NRCS	94,223			117,779 *
CS-4a	3	NRCS	3,719,926			4,649,908 *
BA-04c	3	NRCS	600,431			750,539 *
TE-31	4	NRCS	20,934			26,168
TE-34	6	NRCS	1,855,804			2,319,755
TE-36	7	NRCS	69,492			86,865
BA-27a	7	NRCS	892,799			1,115,999
TV-16	6	NRCS	3,000			3,750
MR-03	1	USACOE	6,473,000			8,091,250
Subtotal			15,960,846	15,960,846		19,951,058
Grand Total				44,090,058		46,144,583
						*Unreviewed project has existing cost share agreement
						** This is net figure of over/under budget. If excess budgeted funds are not redistributed, an additional \$1,731,764 are needed, totaling \$8,906,156.

Snd out schedule
of Meetings & Hearings
Bill will send

Out Shell = All Public Meetings
and

Meetings

- 1) Follow Completion of Tech Eval
ENV MC, ENG work group
- 2) Task Force will be involved in
Planning of Public Meetings &
Review of Briefing Materials
- 3) Focus of Meetings should be to
 - a) describe project program
 - b) Describe cost cost & benefit factors
 - c) Tell people that other findings
~~are~~ would be required
 - d) Answer questions about
Project

⇒ Task Force groups
should be notified about
meetings - ~~to~~
Environment Work Group
factors - E.G.

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4 Meetings in Aug w/ 3
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Sept. = 5 Public Meetings

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TABLE FOR NEEDS LIST

REGION I

LARGE SCALE STRATEGIES

Project Name	Project Description	Cost millions \$	Page
Upper Basin Swamp Restoration	<i>Freshwater Diversions, Outfall Management, Vegetative Plantings and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material</i> at Bayou Manchac, Blind River, Reserve and Bonne Carré.		
Modify the MRGO	<i>Shoreline Protection, Marsh Restoration, and Dedicated Dredging</i> along MRGO from the jetties to GIWW and construction at Seabrook or Bayou LaLoutre to reduce saltwater intrusion.		

SMALL SCALE STRATEGIES

Cutoff Bayou Marsh Restoration PO-11	<i>Hydrologic and Marsh Restoration</i> by reducing volume and velocity of water through the area and by creating and restoring marsh with dredged material.	\$6.6*	
Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> at Lake Borgne including areas south of Bayou Bienvenue (PPO-2b), the south shore (XPO-92b), Alligator Point on the eastern shore (PO-15), Shell Beach (PPO-2dh), and the Biloxi marshes. Protection will primarily consist of breakwaters.		
New Orleans East Marsh Creation PPO-21	<i>Marsh Creation</i> on Orleans Parish Lakefront by creating wetlands from a borrow area in Pale Pontchartrain and to use them fro stormwater treatment.	\$1.3*	

Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Page
Bonne Carré Outfall Management XPO-54	<i>Outfall Management</i> by routing water leaking from the Bonne Carré Spillway structure into adjacent wetlands.	\$16.7*	
Lake Athanasio Spit XPO-83	<i>Marsh Creation</i> on eastern shore of Lake Athanasio by using maintenance dredged material from MRGO.		
Tangipahoa/ Pontchartrain Shore Protection PO-13	<i>Shoreline Protection and Vegetative Planting</i> along Lake Pontchartrain near the mouth of the Tangipahoa River using limestone breakwaters.		
Marsh Creation at LaBranche	<i>Marsh Creation</i> by pumping sediment and dedicated dredging from Lake Pontchartrain to LaBranche Wetlands.		
Manchac Land Bridge West	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> along Manchac Land Bridge West with restoration of SAV's		
Manchac Land Bridge Hydrologic Restoration	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> in marshes south of Manchac Wildlife Management Area.		
Enlarge Violet Siphon	<i>Freshwater Diversion and Outflow Management</i> at Violet.		
Lake Pontchartrain Marshes	<i>Marsh Creation</i> on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain west of the Orleans Parish line.		
Bayou Sauvage Hydrologic Restoration	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> of Bayou Sauvage marsh between I-10 and Lake Pontchartrain.		
Bayous Dupre and Ycloskey	<i>Beneficial Use of Dredge Material</i> from dredging MRGO from the jetties to the GIWW.		
Central Wetlands	<i>Marsh Creation</i> in wetlands of St. Bernard and Orleans west of Paris Road by terracing.		

REGION II

LARGE SCALE STRATEGIES

Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Page
Restoration of Barataria Shoreline	<i>Barrier Island Restoration</i> , Fourchon Headland, and the Plaquemines barrier shoreline from Belle Pass to Southwest Pass.		
Myrtle Grove Delta-Building Diversion PBA-48	<i>Large Sediment Diversion</i> of the Mississippi River at Myrtle Grove.	\$17.1*	
Barataria Land Bridge XBA-63	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> along west bank of Bayou Perot, east bank of Bayou Rigolettes and the northern shoreline of Little Lake using rock riprap, reinforced matting, PVC sheetpile, and rock breakwaters.	\$ 5.1*	
Fort Jackson Diversion PBA-44	<i>Large Sediment Diversion</i> through an "uncontrolled" diversion channel from the Mississippi River into Yellow Cotton Bay.		

SMALL SCALE STRATEGIES

Bayou Lamoque Outfall Management BS-5	<i>Outfall Management</i> east of Nairn on the east bank of the Mississippi River by controlling water levels and direction of flow using culverts,	\$1.2*	
Upper Oak River Siphon PBS-1	<i>Freshwater and Sediment Diversion</i> from the Mississippi River about ½ mile south of Bertrandville using a siphon.	\$10.6*	
Crevasse at Bohemia (Grand Bay Crevasse) PBS-6	<i>Sediment Diversion/Marsh Creation</i> by constructing a cut from the Mississippi River at Jurjevich Canal into Grand Bay.	\$2.7*	
Wills Point Marsh Creation XBS-17	<i>Marsh Creation/Dedicated Dredging</i> on east bank near Wills Point with dredged material from Mississippi River.	\$5.0*	

Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Page
Dedicated Dredging in Mississippi River CW-1	<i>Dedicated Dredging</i> of the Mississippi River and/or adjacent passes near Venice to create marsh.		
Pass-a-Loutre Sediment Mining PMR-8	<i>Marsh Creation</i> using dredged material from Pass-a-Loutre.	\$2.0*	
Channel Armor Gap West XMR-10b	<i>Sediment Diversion</i> which consists of deepening existing gaps along the Mississippi River below Venice into the West Bay area.	\$5.1*	
Dedicated Dredging at West Point a la Hache CW-4	<i>Dedicated Dredging</i> on east bank of the Mississippi River at Happy Jack and transportation of dredged material in West Point a la Hache siphon outfall area.	\$5.1*	
Lafourche Parish Dedicated Dredging CW-6	<i>Dedicated Dredging</i> to restore marsh and shallow areas by buying and operating a micro dredge which will disperse dredged material in marshes adjacent to Bayou Lafourche.	\$5.5*	
Spanish Pass Diversion PBA-11	<i>Hydrologic Restoration or Freshwater Diversion?</i> will bring freshwater into project area by cleaning out ditches and installing sediment traps to restore marsh.	\$6.9*	
GIWW to Highway 90 BA-6	<i>Hydrologic Restoration and Vegetative Planting</i> using structures such as weirs and plugs.		
Shell Island PBA-38	<i>Barrier Island Restoration and Shoreline Protection</i> by pumping sand from the Mississippi River.		
Grand Pierre Island Restoration XBA-1c	<i>Barrier Island Restoration</i> using dredged material to enlarge the island and increase its elevation.	\$3.6*	
Nairn Wetland XBA-50	<i>Marsh Creation</i> by using mined sand from the Mississippi River.		

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Jesuit Bend Marsh Creation <i>XBA-73</i>	<i>Marsh Creation/Dedicated Dredging</i> on the west bank near Jesuit Bend by using dredged material from the Mississippi River.	\$5.7*	
Mississippi Levee Borrow Canal	Fill in borrow canal from Yellow Cotton Bay to two miles north of Empire		
North Sunrise Freshwater Diversion	<i>Small Freshwater Diversion</i> North Sunrise		
Amoretta Sediment Diversion	<i>Small Sediment Diversion</i> at Amoretta		
Diversion at Home Place	<i>Small Diversion</i> at Home Place.		
Sediment Enrichment and Outfall Management	<i>Sediment Enrichment and Outfall Management</i> at Naomi and West Point a la Hache with managed outfall.		
Large Diversion into Old Buras Bayou	<i>Sediment Diversion</i> between Main Pass and Baptiste Collette into Old Buras Bayou.		
Dedicated Dredging Fund	<i>Dedicated Dredging.</i> Small scale dedicated dredging		
Freshwater Introduction	<i>Freshwater introduction</i> into Jonathon Davis Hydrologic restoration area		
Lake Salvadore Shoreline Protection	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> SE Lake Salvadore		
Shoreline Protection at the Pen, Northeast	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> along NE corner of the Pen.		

REGION III

LARGE SCALE STRATEGIES

Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Page
Houma Canal Lock XTE-42	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> to control saltwater intrusion by installing a lock in the HNC and a bypass channel.		
Conveyance Channel from Mississippi River East of Bayou Lafourche	<i>Sediment Diversion</i> by building a conveyance channel to the east of Bayou Lafourche to bring water and sediment into Timbalier Bay to create a new subdelta lobe.		
Re-establish Point Chevreuil Reef	Maximize delta growth by re-establishing historic configuration of Point Chevreuil Reef.		
Atchafalaya Outfall Management Implementation	<i>Outfall Management.</i> Implement the outfall management Plan fit the Atchafalaya influence into the Penchant watershed area.		
Barrier Island Restoration	<i>Barrier Island Restoration</i> from Belle Pass to Raccoon Point using sand, structures, and vegetation planting.		

SMALL SCALE STRATEGIES

Sediment Distribution/ Marsh Creation	<i>Marsh Creation</i> at several locations using alternative techniques of distributing sediment.		
Locust Bayou West Hydrologic Restoration XTE-65	<i>Marsh Creation</i> at Locust Bayou on Point au Fer Island by mining sediment from Atchafalaya Bay and existing spoil banks.	\$1.6*	
Atchafalaya Booster Pump XAT-6	<i>Marsh Creation</i> by using sediments from maintenance dredging.	\$1.2*	

Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Page
Vermilion Shore Protection	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> from Freshwater Bayou to Wax Lake Outlet.		
Sediment Mining	<i>Marsh Creation</i> in Timbalier Bay by sediment mining from the Atchafalaya or Mississippi rivers or the Gulf of Mexico		
GIWW Bank Stabilization	<i>Shoreline Protection.</i> Bank stabilization along the GIWW from Amelia to Houma.		
Lower Bayou Terrebonne Ridge	<i>Ridge Restoration</i> protection and repair the ridge of lower Bayou Terrebonne south of Bush Canal		
Southwest Pass Reefs	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> re-establish reefs on east and west side of Southwest Pass channel		
Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization	<i>Shoreline/Bank Protection</i> along Freshwater Bayou.		
Hydrologic Restoration of Bully Camp Marsh	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> in North and South Bully Camp marsh by installing three weirs and plugging oil canals.		
Weeks Bay Restoration	<i>Hydrologic/Marsh Restoration</i> of the barrier between Weeks Bay and the GIWW.		

REGION IV

LARGE SCALE STRATEGIES

Project Name	Project Description	Cost	Page
Black Bayou Culverts CS-16	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> near Black Bayou just south of the Calcasieu Lock by reducing water levels and relieving waterlogging stress in one area and bringing freshwater into another.	\$9.1*	
Calcasieu Ship Channel Lock and Sabine Lake Locks/ Barriers	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> by installing a lock on the Calcasieu Ship Channel at Cameron and a lock/constriction at the Causeway in South Sabine Lake at the Sabine Ship Channel.		

SMALL SCALE STRATEGIES

Chenier Plain Vegetative Planting XTV-30	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> planting vegetation in five areas in the Chenier Plain.	\$10.1*	
Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline Stabilization PME-2	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> by constructing breakwaters or other shoreline stabilization techniques along the entire Gulf shoreline at Rockefeller Refuge	\$6.4*	
Sawmill Canal PME-14	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> by replacing three structures.		
Humble Canal PME-15	<i>Hydrologic Restoration.</i> Install five 48-inch culverts and a variable create weir on Humble Canal at the Mermentau River to control water levels.		
West Cove Canal Plug XCS-44/55	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge by installing a plug in West Cove Canal.	\$1.1*	

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Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation XCS-48	<i>Marsh Creation and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material</i> in Sabine Refuge.		
South Grand Chenier (Hog Bayou) Freshwater Introduction XME-42	<i>Hydrologic Restoration and Freshwater Introduction</i> by reducing water levels and redirecting water south into the Chenier subbasin just west of Rockefeller Refuge.		
Grand Lake Freshwater Diversion	<i>Freshwater Diversion</i> from Grand lake to the Little Pecan Bayou unit.		
Multiple Terracing	<i>Dedicated Dredging.</i> Terracing at Grand/white Lake land bridge area, Rockefeller Refuge, South Pecan Island, Cameron-Creole Watershed, Oyster Lake, Sabine Pool 3, and the western portion of the southeast Sabine Planning Unit.		
Constance/Holly Beach Breakwaters	<i>Shoreline Protection</i> by implementing the DNR/DOTD/COE Constance-Holly Beach Segmented Breakwater Plan to include a sacrificial berm west of the Constance Beach breakwaters.		
Grand/White Land Bridge	<i>Shoreline Protection.</i> Stabilize the shoreline at the Grand/White Lake Land Bridge (Southeast Grand Lake and Northwest White Lake). PPL-7 dedicated dredging?		
Umbrella Bay and North and South Grand Lake Shoreline Stabilization	<i>Shoreline Protection.</i> Shoreline stabilization in Grand Lake along Umbrella Bay and North and South Grand Lake.		
GIWW Shoreline Stabilization	<i>Shoreline Protection.</i> Shoreline stabilization at the GIWW North of Grand Lake and at Mermentau River Intersection with the GIWW.		

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Sabine Lake East Shoreline Stabilization Willow Bayou	<i>Shoreline Protection.</i> Shoreline stabilization in Sabine Lake East at the Willow Bayou Planning Unit.		
Shoreline Stabilization at White Lake	<i>Shoreline Protection.</i> Shoreline stabilization in White Lake along the North and Southeast shorelines.		
Central Cal/Sab Hydrologic Restoration	<i>Hydrologic Restoration.</i> Hydrologic restoration in the Burton-Sutton Canal, North and Central Canals, and the Northline Canal and the Bancroft Canals between Calcasieu and Sabine Lakes.		
Mermentau Ship Channel Constriction	<i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> by constricting the Mermentau River Ship Channel at the Gulf in Lower Mud Lake and restoring the lower Mermentau River "meander" by opening the river mouth to the Gulf.		

* cost from a nominated project from previous lists and increased by 10%

7/22/98

CWPPRA Bid Overruns

Key concern is that the deductive alternatives may disproportionately reduce the benefits. For example, you may delete a project feature or modify project design to reduce the cost by 20%, but that change may actually reduce wetland benefits by 40%. We need language in the procedures that requires lead agencies to get task Force approval to make those kind of changes.

My suggestion is that we insert the following language after the first sentence in recommendation 4 (second # 3).

In no case should the lead agency implement, without Task force approval, ¹ a deductive alternative that would substantially reduce the original project's cost-effectiveness; this will require prior consultation with the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee and the appropriate work groups.

see DWR comment



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This document is a compilation of projects identified to date as beneficial to the restoration of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Projects identified within this document are intended to be considered for funding under CWPPRA, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), the Louisiana Wetlands Restoration Trust Fund, or any other possible funding mechanism. This document has two sections: 1) a table listing a brief description of each project or restoration strategy and providing an approximate cost (or probable cost range) and, 2) an appendix providing a more detailed description and a map of each project identifying approximate component sites.

Projects included in this document were derived from previously reviewed CWPPRA Priority Project Lists, as well as recommendations from the Coast 2050 regional teams. Some projects included within this document were derived from both efforts. Projects and strategies included in the summary table are divided into regions, based on the four Coast 2050 regional teams, and then further identified as either "large scale" or "small scale." To be considered as "large scale," projects must benefit a relatively large wetland area, (generally greater than 30,000 acres), and address the principal, perceived cause of wetland loss in that area. Small scale projects include those that benefit a relatively small area, or minimally address the cause of marsh loss in a large wetland area. In some situations, shoreline protection or barrier island projects that individually benefit a relatively small area were combined as subcomponents into one project that would address the major cause of wetland loss over a large region. In these cases, that principle project is identified as a "large scale" project.

It should be recognized that there is wide disparity among projects and strategies in the amount of data available for the development of cost estimates. Those projects that were incorporated into this document from previous priority projects lists were closely scrutinized to assure they could be constructed at the estimated costs. Those projects are identified in the table with an asterisk (*). However, those projects derived solely through the Coast 2050 process have not undergone detailed review by either the Engineering or the Economics Work Groups. As such, cost estimates for those projects are identified as an approximate range, if possible. In those situations where information is insufficient at the time of document finalization to estimate a probable cost, no costs are provided.

Because the projects recommended under the Coast 2050 effort have not undergone in-depth environmental analysis, estimates of acres created and/or protected have not been provided in this document. It should be recognized that, in general, the larger river diversion and dedicated dredging



efforts will create greater acreages of marsh than smaller diversions. In addition, projects that are classified as hydrologic restoration and shoreline protection typically do not create marsh, rather they slow or prevent future marsh loss.

This document has been referred to recently in the CWPPRA effort as the "needs list." It identifies projects that are needed to offset Louisiana's wetland loss problem on a state-wide basis. Although implementation of the projects included in those document will be expensive, it should be recognized that Louisiana's coastal wetland loss problem is approximately 80% of the Nation's. Therefore, the national issue of wetland loss can not be addressed without first ensuring that future wetland loss in Louisiana is halted.

This document was developed by staff of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, with assistance from personnel of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Natural Resources Conservation District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Questions about content should be addressed to the following personnel of each agency:

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Preliminary Project Statement to
Backfill Dead-end Canals to Restore
Marsh at the Barataria Preserve
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Project Statement

Last Update: 07/21/98
Initial Proposal: 1998

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Priority: 999
Page Num: 0001

Title : BACKFILL DEAD-END CANALS TO RESTORE MARSH
Sub-title: WETLAND RESTORATION

Funding Status: Funded: 0.00 Unfunded: 350.00

Servicewide Issues : N06 (LAND USE PRAC)
N12 (WATER FLOW)

Cultural Resource Type:

N-RMAP Program codes : D00 (Disturbed Area Rehabilitation)

10-238 Package Number :

Problem Statement

The 20,000 acre wetland complex that comprises the Barataria Preserve Unit is riddled with man-made canals. The canals were dredged for many purposes including agricultural drainage, navigation, logging, and oil and gas exploration/development. The dead-end canals related to oil and gas exploration and development are recent additions to the landscape, are not considered historic resources, and are the target of this restoration effort.

The presence of these canals exaggerates the effects of many chronic stresses currently having detrimental effects upon coastal Louisiana. Wave energy that passes through the canals erodes the soft substrate of the banks and threatens the flotant marsh behind the spoil banks. Additionally, canals act as conduits for salt water intrusion into freshwater marsh systems, resulting in declining plant viability and potential long-term changes in species composition. Additionally, the spoilbanks of these canals are dominated by the invasive Chinese tallow tree and the existence of the keyholes facilitates seed distribution into the marsh and associated scrub/shrub habitats that are colonized by the tallow tree.

To alleviate the impact of the dead-end canals, the park proposes to backfill the canals and restore native marsh.

Description of Recommended Project or Activity

Methodology:

Backfilling canals has been explored as a wetland restoration technique and has been used with some success in nearby areas (Turner, et al 1994). Design expertise is available by contract and should be considered in implementing this project. The basic approach would be as follows.

1) Build a retaining weir or similar structure at the

intersection of the dead-end with the navigational canal. The structure would serve to contain logs and dredge spoil, while still allowing a reduced amount of water exchange (ie. similar to a trenass channel) with the surrounding marshlands.

2) Cut existing woody vegetation (primarily Chinese tallow trees) on the spoil bank and anchor to the bottom of the channel.

3) Use a barge mounted backhoe or appropriate equipment to push the existing spoil bank into the channel. Level the spoil bank with the surrounding marsh.

4) Secure a source of fill to completely fill in the canal. If the Army Corps of Engineers is conducting any dredging projects nearby, the dredge spoil could be pumped into the channel. Otherwise, lake bottom sediment from nearby Lake Salvador could be pumped into the channel. The availability of dredge spoil will greatly influence the cost of completing this project.

5) Monitor revegetation success. Past experience with dredging barrier islands along the Lake Salvador shoreline has indicated that organic sediments contain an abundant and diverse native seed supply that will readily germinate and grow if exposed to air and sunlight. If necessary, marsh plugs could be transplanted from adjacent marsh areas.

Potential sites:

Only dead-end canals where oil and gas wells have been properly plugged and abandoned should be backfilled. Additionally, only dead-end canals that are currently owned in fee by the park should be explored. As of March 1998, the following canals meet this criteria: Deadend Pipeline Canal, North Segnette Cut, South Segnette Cut, Breakthrough Segnette Keyhole, Small Keyhole near the Wisner Tract, Tarpaper Keyhole, and Parallel Canal.

Literature Cited

Turner, R.E., J.M. Lee, and C. Neil. June 1994. Backfilling canals as a wetland restoration technique in coastal Louisiana. OCS Study, MMS 94-0026.

BUDGET AND FTEs:

-----FUNDED-----					
Source	Activity	Fund Type	Budget (\$1000s)	FTEs	
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Total:			0.00	0.00	
-----UNFUNDED-----					
	Activity	Fund Type	Budget (\$1000s)	FTEs	
Year 1:	MIT	One-time	350.00	0.30	

Last Update: 07/21/98
Initial Proposal: 1998

Project Statement

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(Optional) Alternative Actions/Solutions and Impacts

If this project is not undertaken, the existence of keyhole canals will continue to exasperate basin-wide problems with erosion, saltwater intrusion, and Chinese tallow invasion. Eventually, these problems will severely alter natural marsh processes and the viability of the park's floating marsh communities will be threatened.

Compliance codes : EA (ENV. ASSESSMENT)

Explanation:

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TASK FORCE PROCEDURES

I. Task Force Meetings and Attendance

A. Scheduling/Location

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

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

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

B. Delegation of Attendance

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

C. Staff Participation

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

D. Public Participation (see Public Involvement Program)

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

II. Administrative Procedures

A. Quorum

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

B. Voting

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

C. Agenda Development/Approval

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

D. Minutes

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

E. Distribution of Information/Products

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

III. Miscellaneous

A. Liability Disclaimer

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

B. Conflict of Interest

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

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TASK FORCE MEETING

April 14, 1998

Draft Minutes

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel William L. Conner, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the thirtieth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:35 a.m. on April 14, 1998, at the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources office in Baton Rouge. The agenda is 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

The attendance record for the Task Force meeting is enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. All members were in attendance.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. William Hathaway, Environmental Protection Agency
(Ms. Beverly Ethridge represented EPA for part of the meeting)
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 for the meeting held on January 16, 1998, were discussed. Mr. Hathaway observed that his statements on the need to revise the project development, selection, and funding process might not have been clearly depicted in the January 16 meeting minutes. In addition to developing guidance for the Needs List, he recommended that guidance on selecting future lists be more clearly defined than it has been for past lists. Colonel Conner agreed that it was beneficial to clear up the discussion on the selection process related to the Needs List, Coast 2050, and both funded and unfunded priority list projects. After Mr. Hathaway was satisfied that further discussion would be directed to this item, he made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Frugé seconded it. The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on January 16, 1998 (enclosure 3), were then approved unanimously.

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Discussion of Fully Funded Monitoring Plan Costs.

Mr. Schroeder delivered the recommendation of the Technical Committee concerning a review of cost increases for approved and unapproved monitoring plans. The recommendation provided that:

a. the monitoring cost caps be indexed to 1998 price levels for all unapproved monitoring plans;

b. the monitoring budget be increased by a total of \$3 million for approved monitoring plans, with funds to be allocated on a technical basis; and

c. no specific action by the Task Force be adopted on this item until the Economic Work Group has completed indexing the costs for inflation.

Once the information in item c. above is developed, lead agencies can identify from the fully funded costs whether the 12 percent cost limitation have been exceeded. Based on this, lead agencies can request Task Force approval of cost increases on a project by project basis. The Technical Committee can then make a final report to the Task Force on all monitoring plan cost increases and the impact of these increases on the program. Ms. Vaughan requested that all cost overruns and changes in cost sharing due to the conservation plan be finalized at the same time so that multiple changes in contracts would not be required.

Mr. Schroeder presented a description of the process to carry out an evaluation of monitoring plan cost increases (enclosure 4).

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approve the process described above for evaluating monitoring plan cost overruns.

Second: Mr. Frugé.

In Favor: Dr. Bahr, Mr. Frugé, Mr. Hathaway, and Mr. Gohmert

Absent: Mr. Bigford

B. Discussion of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Costs for Priority Project List Projects.

Mr. Schroeder delivered the recommendation of the Technical Committee concerning a review of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs for approved projects. The recommendation provided that:

a. the \$8.8 million cost increase in O&M plans be approved once the Economic Work Group verifies the methods used to index the costs for inflation;

b. the issue of establishing a contingency fund (for storms, vandalism, and permit requirements) be deferred until the next Technical Committee meeting;

c. any project currently showing a zero budget for O&M (due to uncertainties over the final design) be handled in accordance with normal project development procedures (a final O&M plan will be developed for these projects in due course when the design is sufficiently complete); and

d. no action be taken by the Task Force until the Economic Work Group has completed indexing the costs for inflation.

Ms. Vaughan stated that the permits for CWPPRA projects include a commitment to perform 20 years of monitoring and that these commitments must be considered in any changes contemplated by the Task Force. She suggested that a summary of operations and maintenance costs be presented whenever a project is presented for approval to the Task Force. Mr. Frugé recommended that lead agencies try to keep O&M plans as far below the 125 percent cost cap as possible; reaching the 125 percent cost cap, he said, should be an exception, rather than the rule.

Mr. Schroeder presented a description of the process to carry out an evaluation of operation and maintenance plan cost increases (enclosure 5). The consensus of the Task Force was to proceed with this process.

C. Consideration for Approval of the Grand Bayou Project Additions.

Mr. Schroeder presented the recommendation of the Technical Committee to the Task Force that they approve the additions to the Grand Bayou project, which increase both the scope and cost of the project.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve the increase in both the scope and cost of the Grand Bayou project. The fully funded cost of the project would increase by \$3,977,700 from \$5,135,468 to \$9,113,168. The increase in scope would involve the inclusion of an area in Lafourche Parish, east of Bayou Pointe au Chien and west of Grand Bayou Canal, Grand Bayou, and Cutoff Canal. The project will involve construction of the Bayou Pointe au Chien Structure, canal plug removals, spoil bank gapping, structure removal, and trenasse cleaning (see enclosure 6).

Second: Mr. Hathaway.
Passed unanimously.

D. Adoption of Procedures to Revise Project Selection and Funding Process

Mr. Hathaway repeated his recommendation that the Task Force agencies develop more defined procedures to take into consideration changes and growth in the program. He recommended that the Technical Committee start development of these new procedures and report on the progress at the next Task Force meeting.

Mr. Cullen Curole stated that the Coastal Zone Managers at the parish level would like to work on the Needs List, as well as any new priority project list process. Mr. Schroeder asked whether the Task Force desired a comprehensive selection process proposal from the Technical Committee or some intermediate level strawman proposal. Mr. Hathaway responded that he was open to new ideas, perhaps involving processes for large and small projects, that could be formed into a more thought-out, comprehensive procedure.

Colonel Conner asked whether the Task Force should consider the evaluation of other ongoing plans not related to the Breaux Act. He suggested that serious consideration be given to large-scale diversion projects. Mr. Frugé said that he would like to see more participation by the Task Force in offering support for non-CWPPRA projects, when such projects are in agreement with Task Force objectives. He cited the support lent to the Houma Navigation Canal Lock as a successful application of a Task Force endorsement. Dr. Bahr suggested that Coast 2050 addresses these concerns by covering the identification of large-scale projects, which are not necessarily developed by the Task Force and by exploring alternative spending authorities.

Mr. Gohmert asked that he be given a clearer definition of the Coast 2050 objectives. He sensed confusion over the extent this effort was intended to restore the coast to some historical condition. Dr. Good replied that the target of Coast 2050 was to achieve a sustainable ecosystem, recognizing that the ecosystem is dynamic and cannot be maintained as a static system in perpetuity. Mr. Schroeder cautioned about promising more than could be delivered; he maintained that there is a finite effect the Breaux Act can have on the ecosystem with the funds that are available. Dr. Bahr suggested that no net loss was a goal of the program. Mr. Hathaway added that EPA would like to make providing a net gain of wetlands a goal of the program.

Dr. Bahr suggested that we postpone details of the revised procedures until Coast 2050 is farther along, so as not to conflict with the priorities that will be developed through that effort. Mr. Mark Davis stated that Coast 2050 should feed into some process or funding stream for projects. He proposed getting off the track of a 1-year priority project list schedule for every project; a 2-year schedule would allow more time for planning certain large-scale projects. He advised the Task Force

to anticipate an annual funding stream that is greater than \$40 million.

Motion by Mr. Hathaway: That the Task Force direct the Technical Committee to develop formal procedures for implementing Coast 2050 and the Needs List, and for amending the existing priority project list selection process. The development of these procedures shall consider, but not be limited to the following items:

- a. integrating Coast 2050 concepts;
- b. retaining 2/3 funding for large-scale projects and 1/3 funding for small-scale projects;
- c. reviewing EPA's January 1998 letter to the Task Force;
- d. soliciting CZM coordinator input on proposed changes;
- e. using the procedures as a communication tool to the public, recognizing the Task Force's commitment to the process;
- f. implementing a longer (2-year) planning process for large projects;
- g. using planning funds to evaluate non-CWPPRA projects (to leverage non-CWPPRA funding of environmentally friendly projects under the consistency requirement of the act); and
- h. adding realistic land rights acquisition policy as part of planning.

Second: Dr. Bahr.
Passed unanimously.

E. Public Outreach Committee Role in Project Dedications

Mr. Gohmert complimented the Public Outreach Committee on the good job they did with the barrier island project dedications that week.

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force give charge to the Outreach Committee to develop a process for having high quality project dedications on future Breaux Act projects.

Second: Dr. Bahr.
Passed unanimously.

Dr. Mathies observed that the helicopter tours provided for the barrier island project dedications were not paid out of project funds. While the tours proved to be very popular, they were also very expensive. He suggested that if it was the desire of the Task Force to continue providing such tours for project

dedications then the cost should be adequately reflected in the outreach committee budget.

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Report on Status of Needs List.

Mr. Podany reported that Breaux Act agencies are implementing the January Task Force directive to compile a list of projects that describe the restoration needs in coastal Louisiana. The list is on schedule to be completed in July and will be made up of unfunded candidate projects from previous priority project lists plans from feasibility studies, and projects emanating from Coast 2050. Coast 2050 team members have been working to select projects that will form the list. Colonel Conner stated that Coast 2050 has priority over the Needs List, which is simply a stopgap measure to leverage reauthorization.

Mr. Schroeder stated that the Technical Committee would provide a status report on this initiative at the next Task Force meeting. Colonel Conner suggested that Breaux Act agencies identify those planning efforts that are needed to evaluate the consistency of non-CWPPRA projects and that might be funded with CWPPRA planning funds. These planning efforts should be brought forward during the budget process.

Louisiana State Representative Reggie Dupuis recommended that the Task Force consider funding the construction of the New Cut Closure project, as well as additional construction on West Timbalier Island. In his view, 20 percent of CWPPRA funds should be dedicated to Barrier Islands.

B. Report on the Status of the 8th Priority Project List.

Mr. Podany gave a report to the Task Force on the status of the 8th Priority Project List. He noted that approximately 45 projects including demos have been nominated in two public meetings held in April. The selection of candidates for evaluation is scheduled at a public meeting to be held on April 24, 1998. Colonel Conner noted that it was appropriate to consider funding New Cut Closure on the 8th Priority Project List even though it was identified as an unfunded project on the 7th Priority Project List.

C. Discussion of Procedures to Handle Bid Overruns.

Messrs. Schroeder and Paul delivered the Technical Committee's recommendation for handling bid overruns on projects. The NRCS is currently compiling comments and will distribute the revised procedures to the Breaux Act agencies for further review. Ms. Vaughan requested that the procedures include a step where the State is contacted for concurrence on any cost overruns, insofar as the State would be the cost-sharing partner for these increases. Mr. Schroeder stated that he anticipated that a final

version of this procedure would be ready for the next Task Force meeting.

D. Feasibility Study Steering Committee Report.

Mr. Podany provided information to the Task Force on the status of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Study and the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient and Freshwater Redistribution Study. He reported that a preliminary draft report, for the Barrier Shoreline feasibility study would be completed in September 1998 and a final draft would be available in December 1998. If this report were favorable, steps to begin the development of a contract for an EIS would begin. The EIS would take 18 month and could be completed by February 2001. On the Mississippi River study, a preliminary draft report will be prepared by July 1998 to feed into the Coast 2050 effort. The draft of the feasibility report would be completed in December 1998, with a final in June 1999.

E. Report on the Status of Coast 2050.

Dr. Bill Good provided a report on the status of Coast 2050. He explained that small-scale strategies and objectives have been presented to the Task Force agencies in prior discussions. His report covered large-scale strategies (enclosure 7). He postulated that at current land loss rates, fisheries production in the Barataria and Terrebonne basins would approach zero by the year 2050. He asked the Task Force to determine when it wanted to be involved in reviewing Coast 2050 products (July and October were identified as timeframes when Task Force feedback would be required). Colonel Conner stated that he wanted data provided to him for review as soon as it was available. Other members of the Task Force agreed. A special meeting of the Task Force would be held in late September, possibly including the State Wetlands Authority, to review the public comments on the plans and register a Task Force position. In addition, Dr. Good requested approval to move forward with a time capsule for Coast 2050. Colonel Conner directed, with the concurrence of other Task Force members, that Dr. Good proceed with liaisons on this matter among interested groups, such as the Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Donald Lirette, President of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

F. Report on Outreach Committee.

Ms. Beverly Ethridge provided a report on the status of the outreach committee (enclosure 8). The Task Force praised the efforts of the committee in connection with the barrier island project dedications held the previous day. Mr. Frugé asked about the status of the coastal brochure and whether it had been provided to the Congressional delegation. Ms. Ethridge replied that the committee would look into it.

Mr. Bigford noted that a wetlands conference would be held in Williamsburg, Virginia on July 14. The Breaux Act would be allotted 1.5 hours on the topic: The Louisiana Wetlands Experience, Teamwork and Results.

Dr. Bahr stated that he recently attended a conference on hypoxia and the relationship to the Breaux Act. In addition, he mentioned attending a Dallas meeting on regional dredging where he was successful in communicating state issues relating to beneficial use.

G: Identification of Known Cost Increases in the Program.

Mr. Podany provided an analysis of program cost increases (enclosure 9). This information was used to form a "snapshot" of the program's fiscal status to assist in sizing the funded portions of the 8th Priority Project List. The information shows that approximately \$5.5 million is available either for new projects on the 8th list or to cover additional project cost increases. Mr. Bigford asked why no estimate for Bayou Lafourche was provided, since it is likely to be the largest anticipated cost increase on the horizon. Mr. Hathaway stated that such an estimate is forthcoming in July. Ms. Vaughan reported that Representative Warren Triche, has requested a 2-week advance notification for any meeting held on Bayou Lafourche. Mr. Gohmert and Ms. Vaughan observed that land-rights would be a major implementation issue.

The Task Force discussed whether the New Cut Closure project could be handled as a contract modification under existing or ongoing work. Mr. Hathaway proposed using a contract modification of ongoing work to implement the project. Ms. Vaughan said she was not sure LDNR's contracts could be modified. She suggested that a more realistic cost estimate for the New Cut Closure project is \$4.0 million, based on providing a dune elevation comparable to the recently repaired portions of the island. No decision was reached on whether to proceed with the project, but there was a sense that the Planning & Evaluation Subcommittee and Technical Committee should review the project in some detail.

Colonel Conner directed that an analysis of the program status be made a permanent Task Force agenda item. He believes the information illustrates the success and maturity of the process. Mr. Hathaway noted that the Corps' database included estimates for approved and unapproved increases; he recommended that these be separated for clarification.

H. Discussion of West Bay Sediment Diversion Cost Increase.

Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the status of the West Bay Sediment Diversion project. The project has increased in cost from \$13 million to \$16.7 million to account for additional dredging requirements in a nearby anchorage and a pipeline relocation. Colonel Conner asked whether the project was still cost effective, in light of the increases. Mr. Hicks reported

that the project would compare favorably with other projects constructed under CWPPRA; a more detailed discussion of benefits for this project will be provided at the next Task Force meeting. Ms. Vaughan stated that there is some possibility that the pipeline will be relocated at the utility owner's expense, but that this may be partially offset by an increase in real estate costs. Mr. Caldwell stated that the land-rights issues for this project are very complicated, but that the State will not let legal problems related to land rights stand in the way of project execution.

I. Report on the Status of Project Deauthorizations.

Mr. Schroeder gave a brief report on the status of 4 projects, currently under review for deauthorization: Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse, Grand Bay Crevasse, Avoca Island Marsh Creation and Bayou Boeuf Pumping Station. The Task Force voted to initiate the deauthorization of these projects at the last Task Force meeting. As per the standard operating procedures, the Technical Committee Chairman has prepared letters to the Congressional delegation, members of the state legislature, and parish presidents for these projects. Due to the fact that the comment period was still open, the Technical Committee will make a recommendation to the Task Force concerning the deauthorization of these projects at the next Task Force meeting. No objections to the deauthorization of the projects had been received to date. No objections were expressed at the meeting.

J. Status of Construction Program.

Dr. Steve Mathies reported on the status of Breaux Act construction projects. He noted that out of 75 active projects, 19 have been completed, 8 are under construction, 17 will be started this fiscal year, and 15 will be started by next fiscal year. Mr. Frugé recommended that the Task Force not count the Conservation Plan as a completed project; this change will be reflected in future reports.

K. Status of the Conservation Plan.

Ms. Katherine Vaughan reported that the first quarterly meeting with Federal agencies to review the status of the Conservation Plan would be held on 21 April. Mr. Stehle Harris, LDNR, will be the point person for tracking the plan. Ms. Katherine Vaughan listed several early accomplishments of the plan, including the preparation of 5 grant applications to EPA, the continued funding of state-funded restoration projects, and the state-funded public service announcements involving 3 celebrity spokesmen and a spokesfrog. Ms. Becky Weber reported that EPA was processing a grant award to fund a database to track no net loss.

L. Report on the Lower Atchafalaya Basin re-evaluation study (LABRS) and on the activities of the Atchafalaya Liaison Group.

Mr. Podany reported that the LABRS model of no action conditions would be forthcoming in May. The liaison group will review this information to determine the impact on existing or new Breaux Act projects and strategies.

VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Colonel Conner welcomed the new Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Mr. Randy Hanchey, and stated that the Task Force looks forward to working with him on future coastal restoration efforts.

Secretary Caldwell displayed a videotape of 4 public service announcements to be aired on national television. The announcements, which highlight the loss of Louisiana coastal wetlands, were state-funded and feature Paul Prudhomme, Kermit the Frog, Harry Connick, Jr., and Aaron Neville. The announcements will begin airing in June.

Dr. Bahr stated that he attended a Trans-Texas Water Supply meeting in Beaumont, Texas recently. At the meeting, environmental interests opposed taking water out of the Sabine for use in Texas. Senate Bill No. 1 seems to have put this issue on hold. Mr. Gammill stated that in the short term, there were no new project recommendations on the horizon, and that the current effort consists mostly of compiling existing reports on the issue. Mr. Davis declared that decisions on Trans Texas should not be made until Louisiana is ready and that a demand exists for use of this water in Texas. Mr. Bigford noted that a lesson could be learned from Lake Gaston, where the states of Virginia and North Carolina were in dispute for a bordering water supply. Virginia apparently won the dispute and will be diverting water bound for North Carolina to Virginia Beach. Mr. Gohmert stated that Louisiana needs to be sure its interests are represented; Ms. Vaughan replied that they are involved. Dr. Bahr suggested that the "consistency test" of the Breaux Act (Section 303d) might apply.

Mr. Bill Hicks requested that the Task Force approve an increase for West Belle Pass of \$367,000 (\$176,000 to cover possible increases in dredging costs and \$191,000 to cover increases in Operations and Maintenance).

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approves the cost increase of \$367,000 for the West Belle Pass project.

Second: Gohmert.
Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Hicks then approached the Task Force about approving a reduced scope for the MR-GO Back Dike project. The scope would

involve eliminating the formal monitoring required for the project, in light of the low cost of the project in relation to the costs of formal monitoring. This change would result in a cost decrease of \$200,783 for the project, which reflects a revised cost from \$512,000 to \$311,417. Colonel Conner stated that Corps could conduct informal monitoring of the project at no cost to the Breaux Act, due to the Corps' frequent presence in the area.

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force approves the change in scope for MR-GO Back Dike project.

Second: Mr. Frugé.
Passed Unanimously.

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, 1998 in Lafayette, Louisiana. Task Force members will be contacted to confirm the date and location.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Richard, Executive Vice President of Stream Property Management, Inc., provided a comment on an earlier discussion of the Trans-Texas Water Supply study. He stated that in accordance with the 1951 Sabine River Compact, the State of Texas controls one-half of the water in the river. In spite of conservation and Senate Bill No. 1, by the year 2040 and perhaps before, Texas will need more water. He stated that the focus of the planning effort should be on how to sustain the areas in Louisiana affected by this seemingly inevitable change.

Mr. Mark Davis reported that the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana will hold its coastal stewardship award May 1, 1998, in Thibodaux.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

Mineral Board Room
Department of Natural Resources
625 N. Fourth St, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

April 14, 1998
9:30 a.m.

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Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING

January 16, 1998

Minutes

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel William L. Conner, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the 29th meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:35 a.m., on January 16, 1998, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District. 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

The attendance record for the Task Force meeting is enclosed as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. All members were in attendance, except for Dr. Bahr, who was represented by Mr. Cullen Curole.

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 L. Conner, U.S. Department of the Army,
Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on September 17, 1997 (Enclosure 3), were approved unanimously. Mr. Frugé made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Gohmert seconded it.

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

a. Approval of Project Deauthorizations.

Mr. Schroeder presented a recommendation of the Technical Committee to approve the deauthorization of 3 projects: Eden Isles East Marsh Restoration Project (PPO-4); Bayou Perot/Bayou Rigolettes Restoration Project (BA-21, XBA-65a); and White's Ditch Outfall Management (BS-4a). The standard operating procedures in effect for deauthorization were followed; there was no opposition expressed, either formally or informally, to these deauthorizations.

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Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force approve the deauthorization of Eden Isles East Marsh Restoration project, Bayou Perot/Rigolettes Restoration project, and the White's Ditch Outfall Management project.

Second to Motion: Mr. Bigford
Passed unanimously.

b. Selection of the 7th Priority Project List.

Mr. Schroeder presented a recommendation of the Technical Committee to choose the following projects for the 7th Priority Project List: Vegetative plantings of dredge material disposal site on Grand Terre Island (\$928,000); Pecan Island Terracing (\$2,185,900); Cut Off Bayou Marsh Restoration (\$6,510,200); Effects of Sediment and Nutrients on Thin-Mat Flotant Marsh (\$460,222); Selected Shoreline Stabilization along Bayous Perot and Rigolettes, Barataria Basin Land Bridge, Phase 1 (\$10,342,700). Mr. Frugé questioned whether the Cut Off Bayou Marsh Restoration project could be pursued under one of the Corps' ecosystem restoration authorities. Ms. Hawes replied that she believed that the Corps' Section 204 authority could be utilized to construct a similar dedicated dredging project, and that the Section 206 authority could be used to construct canal plugs along the MR-GO and GIWW navigation channels. Mr. Hathaway questioned whether the list represented a "ranking according to importance to the ecosystem." Messrs. Podany and Schroeder replied that this was attempted, but that there was no consensus over the meaning of the Task Force directions. Mr. Schroeder stated that the list of projects provided by the Technical Committee represents the committee's views concerning importance to ecosystem (defined to be marsh), cost effectiveness, and projects of merit. Mr. Hartman pointed out that a project like the Barataria Land Bridge project had systemic benefits and addressed ecosystem needs for the basin. Mr. Frugé stated that he envisioned a two-part list, one made up of funded projects and the other made up of some of the remaining candidates which would be unfunded. Mr. Caldwell related that the state's position was that a two-part list, made up of projects ranked contingent upon funding, was not advisable. After much discussion, Colonel Conner suggested that the Task Force pick a single large list from the list of ranked candidates provided by the Technical Committee, and then designate which projects on the list would be funded.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force adopt a 7th Priority List that would include the projects shown on Enclosure 4. Recognizing its commitment to fiscal responsibility, the Task Force identifies only enough money to fund the following projects: Vegetative plantings of dredge material disposal Site on Grand Terre Island (\$928,000); Pecan Island Terracing (\$2,185,900); Effects of Sediment and Nutrients on Thin-Mat Flotant Marsh (\$460,222); and, Selected Shoreline Stabilization

along Bayous Perot and Rigolettes, Barataria Basin Land Bridge, Phase 1 (\$10,342,700).

Second: Mr. Osborn.
Passed unanımously.

Mr. Cullen asked for clarification of Mr. Frugés' motion, specifically in regard to the status of the unfunded projects on the 7th Priority Project List. The consensus of the Task Force was that there is no stipulation that these projects be funded as funds become available. In addition, the Task Force would need to take special action before these projects could be placed in a funded category. Dr. Denise Reed stated that the public's perception over the amount of planning funds used to select the 7th Priority Project List versus the size of the list should be addressed.

c. Funding Deferrals in Multi-Year Projects.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation that calls for deferring FY 98 funding of certain multi-year projects until FY 99. After discussion about how this fit in with the selection of a 7th Priority Project List, the Task Force voted.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force agree to defer FY 98 funding of the following projects to FY 99, in the amounts shown: Bayou Lafourche Siphon (\$7,500,000); Delta-Wide Crevasses (\$2,736,950); Penchant Basin Plan (\$7,051,550); Lake Boudreaux Basin Freshwater Introduction and Hydrologic Management, Alternative B (\$4,915,650); Myrtle Grove Siphon (\$5,000,000), and; Nutria Harvest for Coastwide Restoration (\$1,100,000).

Second: Mr. Gohmert.
Passed unanımously.

d. Development of a "Needs" List.

Colonel Conner discussed the Task Force's development of a legacy or "needs" list by July 15, 1998. This list would be a large list made up of previously considered candidate projects that were not selected because of funding constraints, as well as new projects recommended through the Coast 2050 process. The purpose of compiling the list would be to identify the many projects that could be funded should the Breaux Act be reauthorized or that could be funded through other authorities. Mr. Gohmert suggested that a "needs" list did not depart substantially from previous efforts and was consistent with the selection of a 7th Priority Project List made up of funded and unfunded projects.

Mr. Curole and Mr. Hathaway requested that the Task Force provide some direction on the development of the "needs" list. Mr. Hathaway suggested that interim guidance or a strawman proposal be developed. He cited a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommendation that includes revisiting the way projects are selected.

Ms. Vaughan questioned the July 15, 1998, deadline. Colonel Conner replied that it was done in order to leverage reauthorization.

Dr. Good suggested that the program managers for Coast 2050 could provide a list of projects for consideration under this list by April 1998. Mr. Hartman suggested that the 8th Priority Project List public meetings could be used to solicit 8th Priority Project List nominations and comments on the previously evaluated candidate projects. Ms. Ethridge recommended that the process include academia, in that they could help in the identification of ecosystem benefits.

Mr. Schroeder stated that the Technical Committee would take the lead in developing the guidelines for preparation of the needs list by mid February (week of February 16th) and would consult with the Coast 2050 planning team, academia, and feasibility study teams in its preparation.

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 approvals:

(1) construction of Sweet Lake-Willow Lake Hydrologic Restoration (\$4,762,700);

(2) construction cost increase for the West Point-a-la-Hache Outfall Management Project (from \$881,00 to \$4,081,000); and,

(3) construction cost increase for West Belle Pass (from \$6,067,625 to \$6,367,625). Mr. Frugé asked about whether the Technical Committee had finalized its approval of the scope increase for the Grand Bayou project. Mr. Schroeder replied that it had not, but that there was no problem with the lead agency (USFWS) proceeding with engineering to explore the possible project expansion.

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

Second: Mr. Gohmert.
Passed unanimously.

f. Standard Operating Procedure for Handling Changes in Cost Sharing Under the Conservation Plan.

Mr. Schroeder presented a recommendation of the Technical Committee for a standard operating procedure for handling changes in cost sharing under the State Conservation Plan.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve the Standard Operating Procedure as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Gohmert.
Passed unanimously.

After the vote, Mr. Jack Caldwell requested that the Task Force reconsider the Technical Committee recommendation. He stated that the intent of the Section 532 of WRDA 1996, was to provide reduced non-Federal cost sharing of 10 percent for all projects on the 5th and 6th Priority Project Lists, regardless of when the funds were expended. He recommended that the paragraph 7a. be modified to read: "For Priority Lists 5 and 6 projects, cost sharing is reduced (regardless of when expended) from 75 percent Federal and 25 percent non-Federal to 90 percent Federal and 10 percent non-Federal." This change would result in an additional estimated \$200-300k increase in the Federal share for projects initiated on the 5th and 6th List as of December 1, 1998.

Motion by Mr. Bigford: That the Task Force approve the change to the Standard Operating Procedure, as stated (see Enclosure 5).

Second: Mr. Frugé.
Passed unanimously.

g. Report and Confirmation of Project Approvals.

Mr. Schroeder presented a list of projects for confirmation of Task Force approvals:

(1) construction cost increase for Big Island Mining and Atchafalaya Sediment Delivery (The projects have been bid under one solicitation. Together, the cost of the projects has gone from \$5.9 million to \$7.5 million.);

(2) construction approval with construction cost increase for Isle Dernieres Barrier Island Restoration Projects, East and Trinity Islands (The projects have been bid under one solicitation. Together, the cost of the projects has gone from \$12.6 million to \$16.7 million); and

(3) construction approval with construction cost increase for Whiskey Island (The cost of the project has gone from \$4.4 million to \$6.4 million.) Task Force voting approval of the projects was completed on November 3, 1997, via telephone poll. Motion by Mr. Hathaway: That the Task Force confirm approval of these projects, as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Second: Mr. Bigford.
Passed unanimously.

h. Report on Outreach Committee and Recommendations for Changes in Committee Operations and Structure.

Mr. Jay Gamble presented a report on the activities of the public outreach committee (Enclosure 6). The Task Force discussed Recommendation "A" in the Enclosure, which requested that the Task Force or Technical Committee not make final changes to the Outreach Committee's budget prior to review by the Outreach Committee.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force reject recommendation "A".

Second: Mr. Hathaway.
Passed unanimously.

On Recommendation "B", Colonel Conner said that extending membership on the committee to other efforts was within the purview of the committee itself, as long as laws concerning the voting on the use of Federal funds were obeyed. On the matter of a full-time CWPPRA Outreach Coordinator, Recommendation "C", Mr. Hathaway stated that the EPA will not be able to extend the temporary position currently held by Mr. Gamble beyond the current term. The Task Force informally discussed the possibility of other agencies stepping forward to provide a permanent, full-time position that could be used for CWPPRA Outreach Coordinator. Colonel Conner directed that this be brought up for debate over the remaining 9 months of the current term. The Task Force requested more time to review Recommendation "D", a proposal to rotate the chair of the committee among the agencies. The preliminary consensus was that the chair of the committee might rest with the agency that provides a permanent, full-time employee.

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

a. Letter from Mr. Norm Thomas.

Mr. Hathaway announced Mr. Thomas' retirement from EPA and read a letter in which Mr. Thomas thanked all participants in CWPPRA for providing him the opportunity to participate in the program.

b. Report on the Status of Coast 2050.

Dr. Bill Good provided a report on the status of Coast 2050. Dr. Good explained that members of the public had requested a letter from the Governor and Task Force to reaffirm commitment to the process. Dr. Good explained that by the end of May, Coast 2050 participants expected to have the first iteration of unifying coastal restoration needs and strategies with public acceptability.

c. Identifications of Known Cost Increases in the Program.

Mr. Podany provided information on an analysis of program cost increases (Enclosure 7). This information was used to form a "snapshot" of the program's fiscal status to assist in sizing the funded portions of the 7th and 8th Priority Project Lists. The information shows that approximately \$23.1 million is available for new projects on the 7th and 8th Priority Project Lists. Colonel Conner directed that Federal agencies take the lead in identifying cost changes and not rely solely on the state to request them.

d. Status of Feasibility Studies.

Mr. Tim Axtman and Mr. Steve Gammill provided full presentations on the status of the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient and Freshwater Redistribution study and the Barrier Shoreline feasibility study, respectively. Mr. Gammill stated that at the next Task Force meeting, DNR will request approval of the scope for Phase 2 of the Barrier Shoreline Study, which covers the Chenier Plain (Calcasieu, Sabine, and Mermentau Basins). The first step of Phase 2 would involve hydrologic investigations. Messrs. John Benoit and Floyd Vincent of the Concerned Citizens of the Mermentau Basin, expressed support for DNR's Phase 2 proposal. Enclosures 8 and 9 are fact sheets on the studies.

e. Status of Construction Program.

Mr. Steve Mathies of the New Orleans District, reported on the status of the Breau Act construction projects. He noted that last year, 6 new projects were initiated and that 30 new project starts were scheduled this calendar year, 10 within the next quarter. He presented a new short format for describing project status (Enclosure 10). He stated that he would be working on 2 or 3 items for each Task Force meeting. For the next meeting, he will:

(1) report on the status of lead agencies review of monitoring, O&M, and oyster lease impact cost increases;

(2) work with lead agencies to rectify project cost information on a monthly basis; and

(3) work with lead agencies and the State to clarify the status of West Bay Sediment Diversion, Red Mud, Brady Canal, and Caernarvon Outfall Management projects.

f. Status of the Conservation Plan.

Ms. Katherine Vaughan and Ms. Beverly Ethridge reported that the State Conservation Plan was approved in November and is now in effect. Ms. Vaughan thanked the participating agencies for their cooperation, with special thanks to Dr. Paul Coreil, LSU Cooperative Extension.

g. Report on the Lower Atchafalaya Basin re-evaluation study (LABRS), and on the activities of the Atchafalaya Liaison Group.

Mr. Podany reported that model studies for the LABRS are continuing. Results from the TABS II model for no action are expected to be complete in March. Coordination efforts with other agencies are continuing and habitat modeling for Vermilion Bay is underway. Preliminary designs will be completed by the end of FY 98, so that the LABRS team should have the capability to assist in the many project efforts of CWPPRA during this same period.

VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Greg Steyer reported on a national ecosystem restoration conference he attended in South Carolina. He stated that CWPPRA efforts compare favorably with other national programs in the area of adaptive management. Colonel Conner observed that the Breaux Act is in competition for funds with other ecosystem rehabilitation and management programs, such as the multi-million dollar salmon restoration projects in the northwest and the harbor cleanups in Boston and Los Angeles. In comparison to these programs, he said, CWPPRA is relatively poorly funded. Mr. Mark Davis remarked that the Habitat Restoration Partnership Act would be additive dollars that do not compete with CWPPRA.

Ms. Katherine Vaughan and Mr. Cullen Curole, presented a resolution from the State Wetlands Authority in support of the Holly Beach Breakwater Project (Enclosure 11). Mr. Curole suggested that this project could be considered for funding on the 8th or subsequent lists. Colonel Conner directed that this project be discussed at the next meeting, particularly in regard to the proposed multiple sources of funding.

Mr. Bob Jones thanked everyone, especially EPA and Ms. Jeanene Peckham, for the work on the CWPPRA Barrier Island projects under construction in Terrebonne Parish. Ms. Vaughan announced that groundbreaking for these projects will be held in early April.

Mr. Gohmert suggested that the Technical Committee be directed to provide recommendations on procedures to handle bid overruns by the next meeting. The Technical Committee should address the needs of both the State and Federal partners in their review. Mr. Gohmert also requested that monitoring plans and costs be reviewed by the next Task Force meeting.

Task Force members directed that briefing books and final agendas be prepared 2 weeks in advance of the Task Force meetings.

Mr. Podany stated that the Technical Committee had received requests from the respective lead agencies to begin the formal deauthorization process on 4 projects. These projects are Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse, Grand Bay Crevasse, Avoca Island, and Bayou Boeuf Pumping Station.

Motion by Mr. Bigford: That the Task Force begin the formal deauthorization process on these 4 projects.

Second: Mr. Frugé.
Passed unanimously.

VII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting was tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on April 8, 1998 (later changed to April 14th). Task Force members will be contacted to confirm the date and location.

VIII. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved by TFP

**Process Developed by Technical Committee to Resolve Monitoring Plan Cost Increases
14/98**

The Technical Committee established a process to address cost changes on monitoring plans. For monitoring plans still under development by the Monitoring Work Group (MWG) and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), the Technical Committee has directed that:

- 1) The MWG in coordination with the TAG ensure estimates remain within the fully funded cap for all projects.
- 2) The Economics Work Group (EcWG) should index the base average annual cost for each project type to current year price levels and fully fund this number according to current inflation rates as per federal guidelines. The MWG should provide base costs and schedules to the Economic Work Group (EcWG) for proper indexing and for preparation of fully funded cost estimates for each project.
- 3) If these fully funded costs are not within 125 percent of the monitoring budget for each project, the MWG must take steps to reduce the scope of the plan.
- 4) The MWG will provide all TAG recommended plans and budgets to the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee for approval.

For approved monitoring plans the following process is proposed.

- 1) The Technical Committee has reviewed the Environmental work Group's (EnWG) suggestions for reducing the cost of monitoring plans and made no specific recommendations. However, approximately \$300,000 in savings were agreed to by both the TAG and the EnWG. These savings should be incorporated into the individual plans.
- 2) The Technical Committee established a \$3.0 million window for possible increases in monitoring plans. This \$3.0 million window includes monitoring for the five projects that must be reclassified or need additional monitoring as per the TAG and EnWG.
- 3) The base average annual cost for each project type should be updated to 1998 dollars by the EcWG. This amount should then be fully funded on the basis of current Federal guidelines for inflation rates.
- 4) Base costs and schedules for approved monitoring plans (adjusted for the revisions in 1 above) shall be indexed by the spread sheet approved by the EcWG to determine the fully funded costs of each monitoring plan. This spread sheet shall reflect current inflation rates as per federal guidelines.
- 5) After the plans are evaluated and fully funded:
 - a) If the total increase is less than \$3.0 million, the MWG and TAG will apply the increases.
 - b) If the total increase is more than \$3.0 million, the MWG and TAG must cut back the scope of the monitoring plans to fit within the \$3.0 million window. This will be done in a technical basis, incorporating suggestions from the TAG and EnWG.
- 6) A full report will be made to the Task Force (via the Planning and Evaluation Work Group and the Technical Committee). Task Force approval is only necessary in those cases where the 125% monitoring cost limitation is exceeded for individual projects.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

April 14, 1998

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) COSTS FOR PRIORITY PROJECT LIST PROJECTS

For Information.

Mr. Robert Schroeder will deliver a report of the Technical Committee concerning a review of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs for approved projects. A background summary is enclosed.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

- 1.) That the \$8.8 million cost increase in O&M plans be approved subject to verification by the Corps (Economic Work Group) of the methods used to index the costs for inflation;
- 2.) That a recommendation to the Task Force on the issue of establishing a contingency fund (for storms, vandalism, and permit requirements) be deferred until the next Technical Committee meeting; and
- 3.) That any project currently showing a zero budget for O&M (due to uncertainties over the final design) be handled in accordance with normal project development procedures. A final O&M plan will be developed for these projects in due course when the design is sufficiently complete.

Suggested Action:

No action by the Task Force is required until the Economic Work Group has completed indexing the costs for inflation. At that point, lead agencies can identify from the fully funded costs whether the 125% cost limitation has been exceeded. Based on this, lead agencies can then request Task Force approval of cost increases on a project by project basis. The Technical Committee can then make a final report to the Task Force of all O&M cost increases and the impact of these increases on the program.

Review of Operations and Maintenance Plans

Background: In accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures for CWPPRA projects, when the "project cost will exceed 125% of the cost established in the Priority List (the baseline cost), the lead agency shall request approval from the Task Force to proceed with the project." In addition, CWPPRA cost sharing agreements generally provide for cost limitations on four project phases: Engineering and Design, Construction, Monitoring, and Operations and Maintenance. If at any time during the performance of a phase the estimate for that phase exceeds 125 percent of the established cost, then no new contracts for the project shall be awarded until the lead agency and the state agree on the increases. Current practice allows lead agencies to increase the current estimate of the total project cost up to 125% of the baseline cost without seeking approval from the Task Force.

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) commissioned the firm of Pyburn and Odum, Inc. to review O&M plans for all approved CWPPRA Priority List projects. The Pyburn and Odum report estimates total O&M budget requirements will exceed current estimates by a total of \$21 million. DNR staff met with members of each respective CWPPRA agency and conducted a project by project review of O&M requirements and costs. Conflicts were resolved by the Engineering Work Group. The results are tabulated in the following "CWPPRA Operations and Maintenance Funding Analysis." The tabulation indicates a total \$8.8 million cost increase in the agreed upon O&M requirements. This figure is not completely accurate as yet. Some projects, as noted in the tabulation, are in the process of being redesigned. Also, the fully funded costs were generated using an inflation index supplied by Pyburn and Odum. The Economic Work Group has determined that all Federal budgets must be prepared using the inflation index supplied by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with OMB Circular A-11 (1997). The Economic Work Group will undertake the effort to prepare current fully-funded cost estimates for all approved CWPPRA projects with known cost increases or changes of scope or individual work items.

Preparation of Fully-Funded Cost Estimates

The following methodology will be used to recalculate project monitoring and operation and maintenance (O&M) budgets. The methodology will require several sets of inputs and review by the Economics Work Group (EW) before the data can be accepted for analysis. It is important that all input data be peer reviewed by appropriate personnel from each lead agency.

A final budget estimate must be completed before the Eighth Priority Project List is selected. This recalculation may take several months. A list of general information requirements is below:

- 1) The year of project construction or estimated construction completion date.
- 2) Actual project expenditures by category. Federal costs are housed with the Corps of Engineer Project Management Branch. State costs are housed with Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Accounting Division. All costs to date will be totaled and reported in the following categories:
 - a) Engineering and Design: Pre-construction monitoring costs should not be placed in the monitoring category. A review of project expenditures has shown pre-construction monitoring charges in the E&D category on some projects.
 - b) Land rights: Land rights can be placed with the E&D numbers.
 - c) Construction
 - d) O&M
 - e) Monitoring
- 3) A spreadsheet will be completed on each project for monitoring equipment and usage in a given year (explained below).
- 4) A spreadsheet will be completed on each project for O&M costs within a given year (explained below).
- 5) The EW will inflate the estimated costs of monitoring and O&M in the specified years using Office of Management and Budget (OMB) inflation estimates. According to OMB circular A-11, all federal agencies must use OMB economic assumptions when preparing budget estimates. One of these requirements is the use of OMB inflation estimates when projecting costs for a multi-year budget.

Monitoring Recalculation

Traditionally, the EW has taken estimates from the LDNR monitoring staff as created in 1993, adjusted them for inflation, and calculated fully funded costs. There is a need for more detailed projections than an average annual budget outlay. Monitoring has been initiated for projects in many categories, and the state has information which would allow for preparing these more detailed estimates. The monitoring information should be calculated as discussed below.

The monitoring work group will prepare a cost estimate for monitoring each project. The estimate will be made on worksheets (see attached) which show a list of items that may

be used in monitoring a project, as well as a current price for each item. The quantity of each item to be used will be specified for each year.

Input sheets will be reviewed and approved by members of each agency's monitoring specialists. Conflicts will be resolved by the Environmental Work Group. Approved input sheets will be forwarded to the EW, which will complete the fully funded cost estimates for monitoring each project. The EW will report cost overruns to the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee.

Operation and Maintenance

Engineers from each agency will prepare cost projections for O&M of their respective projects. The projections will be made on worksheets (see attached) which show a list of items that may be used on a project, as well as current prices for each item. The quantity of each item needed will be specified for each year.

Input sheets will be reviewed by engineers from each agency. Conflicts will be resolved by the Engineering Work Group. Approved input sheets will be forwarded to the Economics Work group (EW), which will complete the fully funded cost estimates. The EW will report cost overruns to the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee.

Proposed Additions to the Grand Bayou Diversion/Cutoff Canal Project (TE-10/XTE-49)

Introduction

During consultations with affected landowners and local shrimpers, the FWS, together with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, realized that the authorized Grand Bayou Project could be expanded to the west to encompass a 16,164-acre area of sensitive and deteriorating wetlands, dominated by floating fresh marshes. The additional area is located in Lafourche Parish, east of Bayou Pointe au Chien and west of Grand Bayou Canal, Grand Bayou, and Cutoff Canal (Figure 1). This lies adjacent to the western boundary of the previously authorized Grand Bayou Diversion Project.

Project Features/Operation

The proposed Bayou Pointe au Chien Structure would include as many deep sluice gates as engineeringly practical. This structure would remain closed, except when discharging excess water. It would also effectively block inflow of high tides, helping to protect existing cypress swamps and flood-prone developed areas along upper Bayou Pointe au Chien. Drainage/water exchange for the additional area would be redirected primarily to the Relief Structure, which would include a boat bay, large sluice gates, and flapgates. The structure would allow unrestricted flow through the sluice gates. Flapgates would facilitate outflow and restrict inflow of highly saline water. Additional exchange would be allowed through the two LDWF structures and the proposed Fisheries Structure, when salinities remain below specified thresholds. All structures would be temporarily closed during extreme high tides to preclude flooding of low-lying developments along Bayou Pointe au Chien and to reduce/avoid excessive ponding of brackish water within the project area.

Spoil banks along the northern portion of subarea B would be gapped to promote flushing and freshwater flow-through. Internal drainage would also be improved by removing several existing canal plugs and weirs, and through the dredging of existing trenasses (Figure 2).

Anticipated Benefits to the Additional Area

1. Reduce saltwater intrusion into swamp and fragile floating fresh marshes
2. Curtail major inundation events
3. Improve drainage by providing additional outlets
4. Restore hydrology of upper Grand Bayou Basin
5. Relocate primary water exchange sites to a less saline site
6. Protect remaining cypress swamps along St. Louis Canal

Other Anticipated Benefits

1. Increase freshwater input to the original project area
2. Reduce tidal flooding of developed properties along upper Bayou Pointe au Chien

Estimated Costs

Additional Project Area/Features

Additional Project Area = 16,164 acres
 AAHU's = 335
 Fully Funded Cost = \$3,977,700
 Ave. Annual Cost = \$270,100
 Cost Effectiveness = \$833/AAHU

Authorized Project

Project Area = 26,530 acres
 AAHU's = 771
 Fully Funded Cost = \$5,135,468
 Ave. Annual Cost = \$397,100
 Cost Effectiveness = \$515/AAHU

Additional Project Features plus the Authorized Project

Project Area = 42,694 acres
 AAHU's = 1106
 Fully Funded Cost = \$9,113,168
 Ave. Annual Cost = \$667,200
 Cost Effectiveness = \$603/AAHU

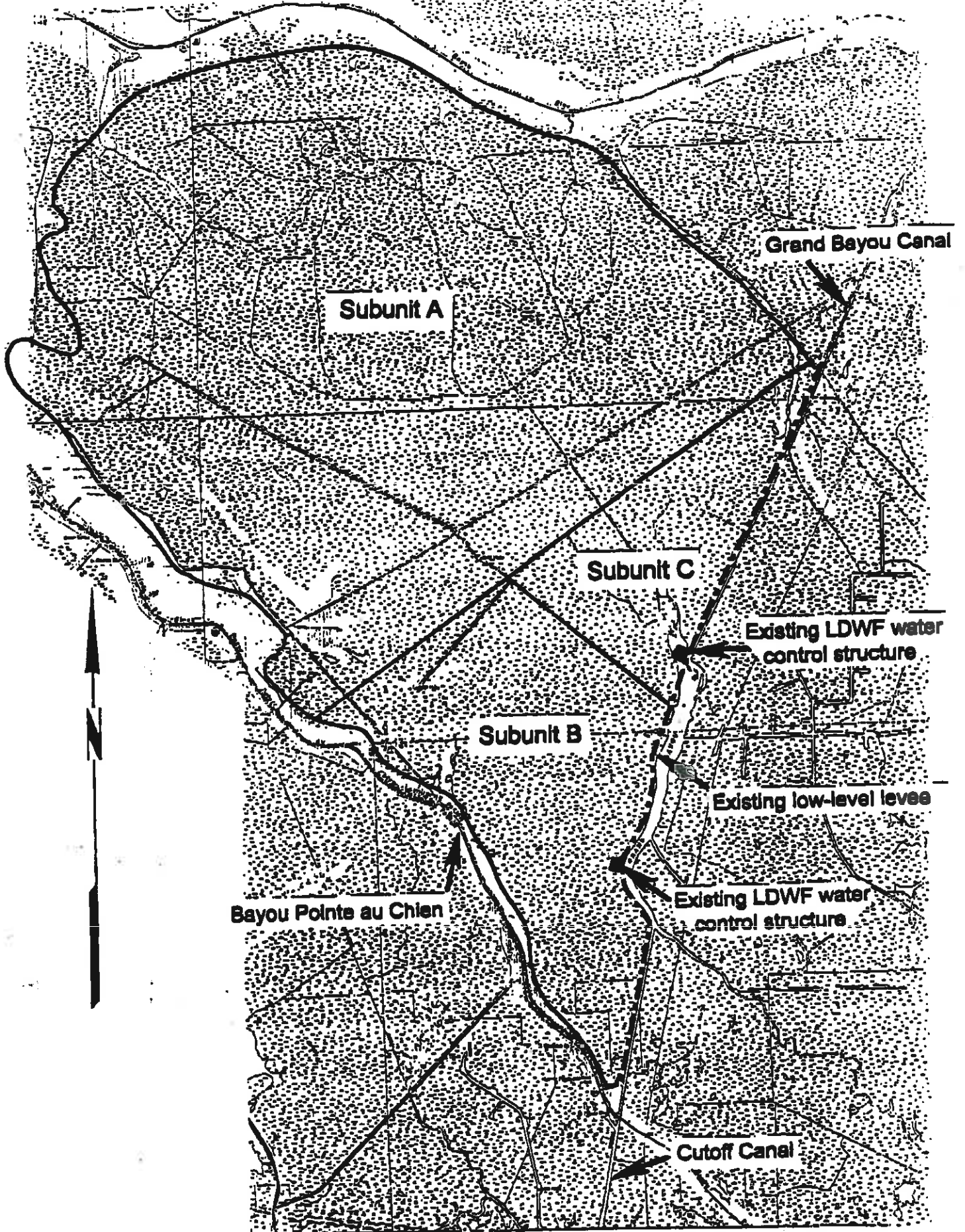


Figure 1. Map delineating the three subunits of the proposed additional project area.

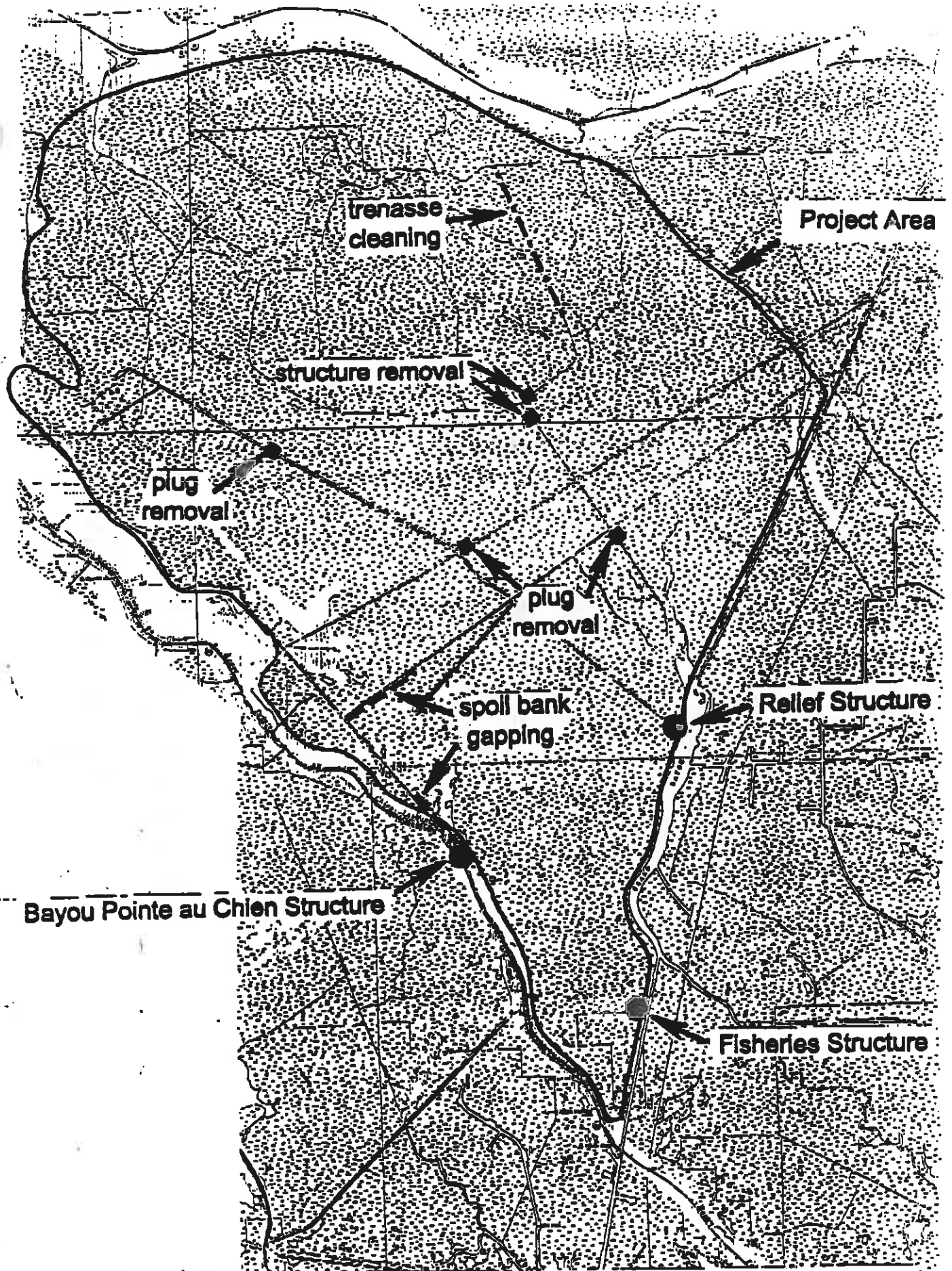


Figure 2. Map delineating the locations of proposed additional project features.

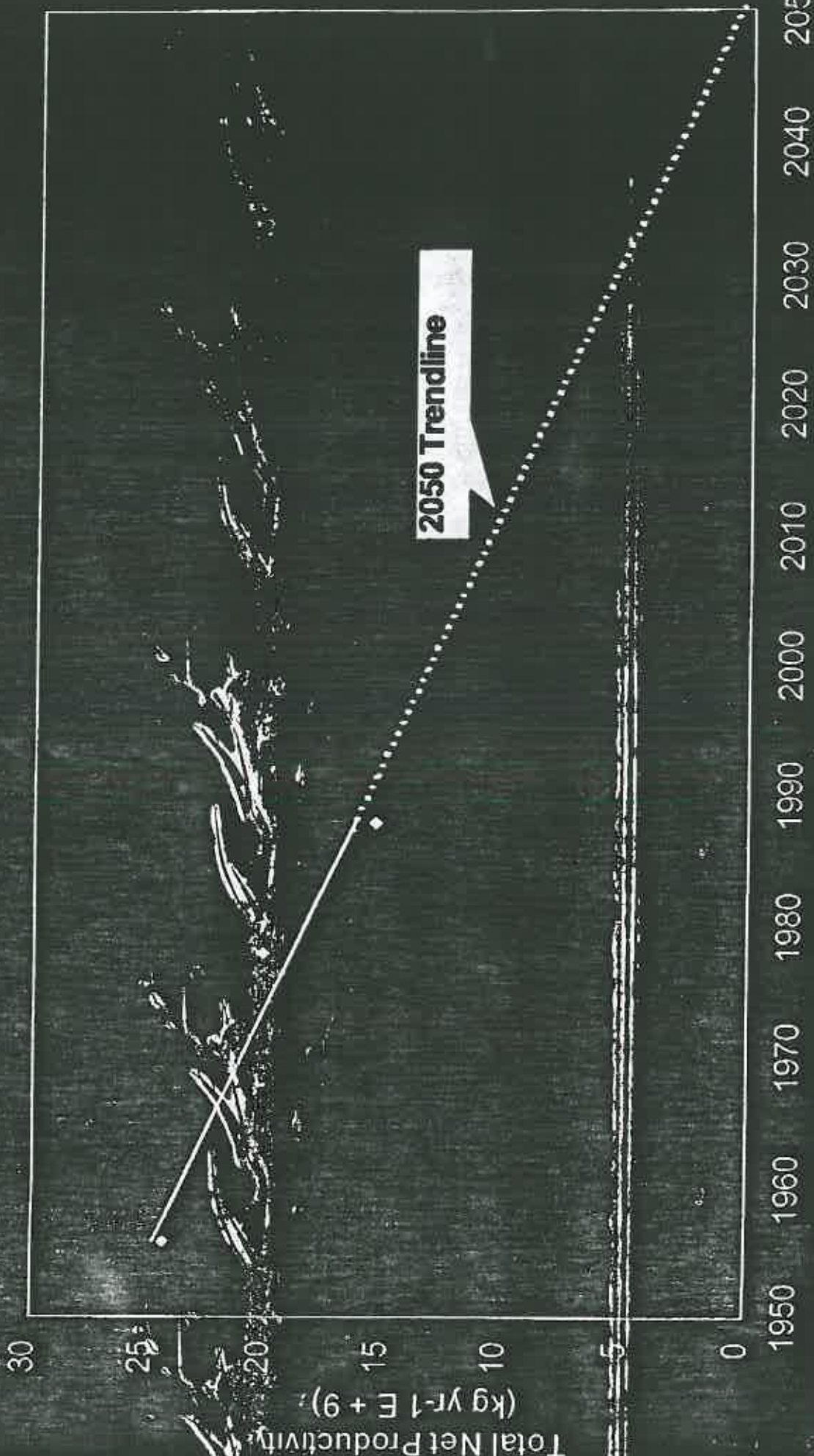


COAST 2050

Breaux Act Task Force Update

April 14, 1998

Coastal Wetland Productivity in the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins Projected to 2050 (based on 1956-1988 trends)

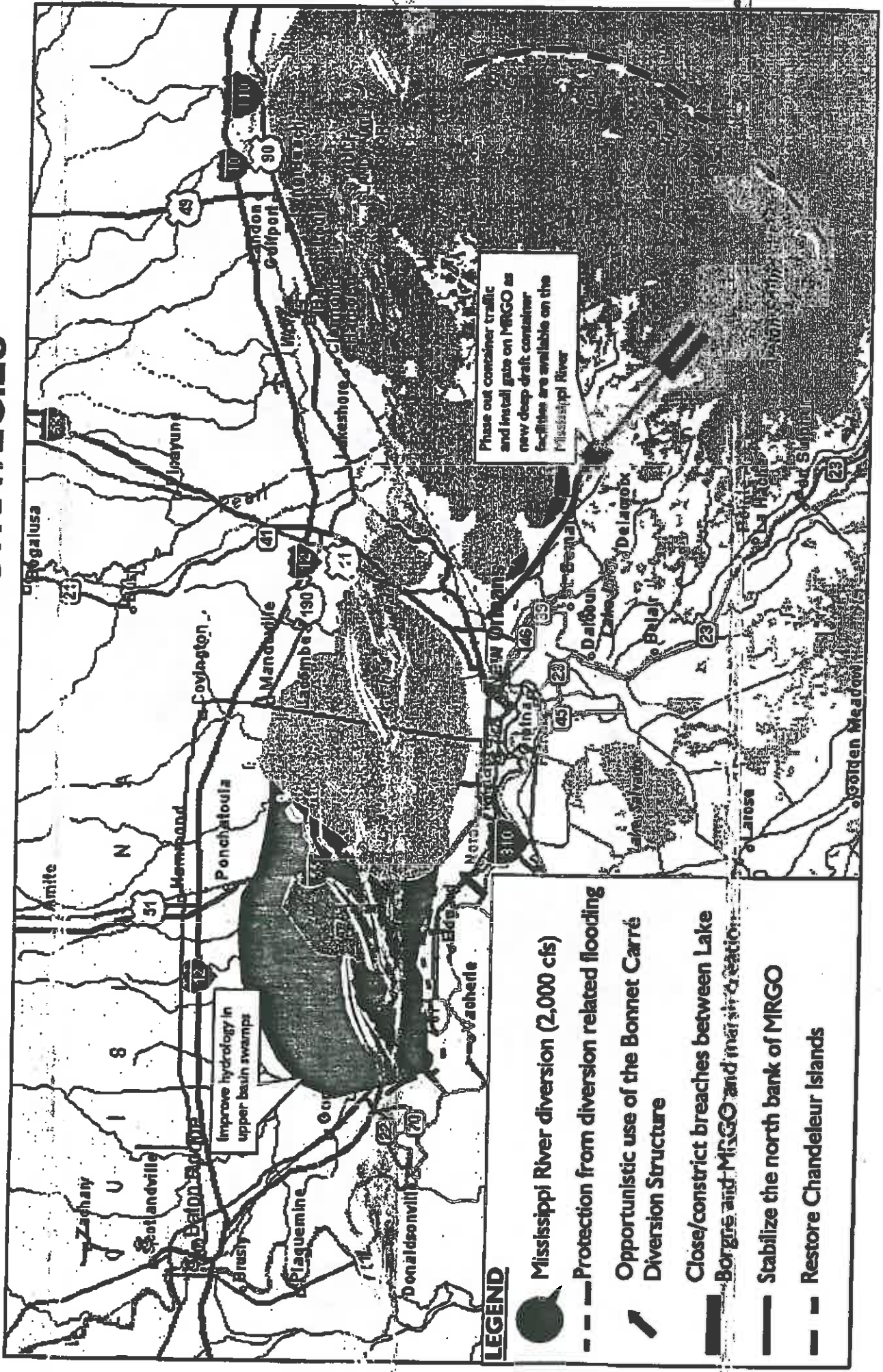


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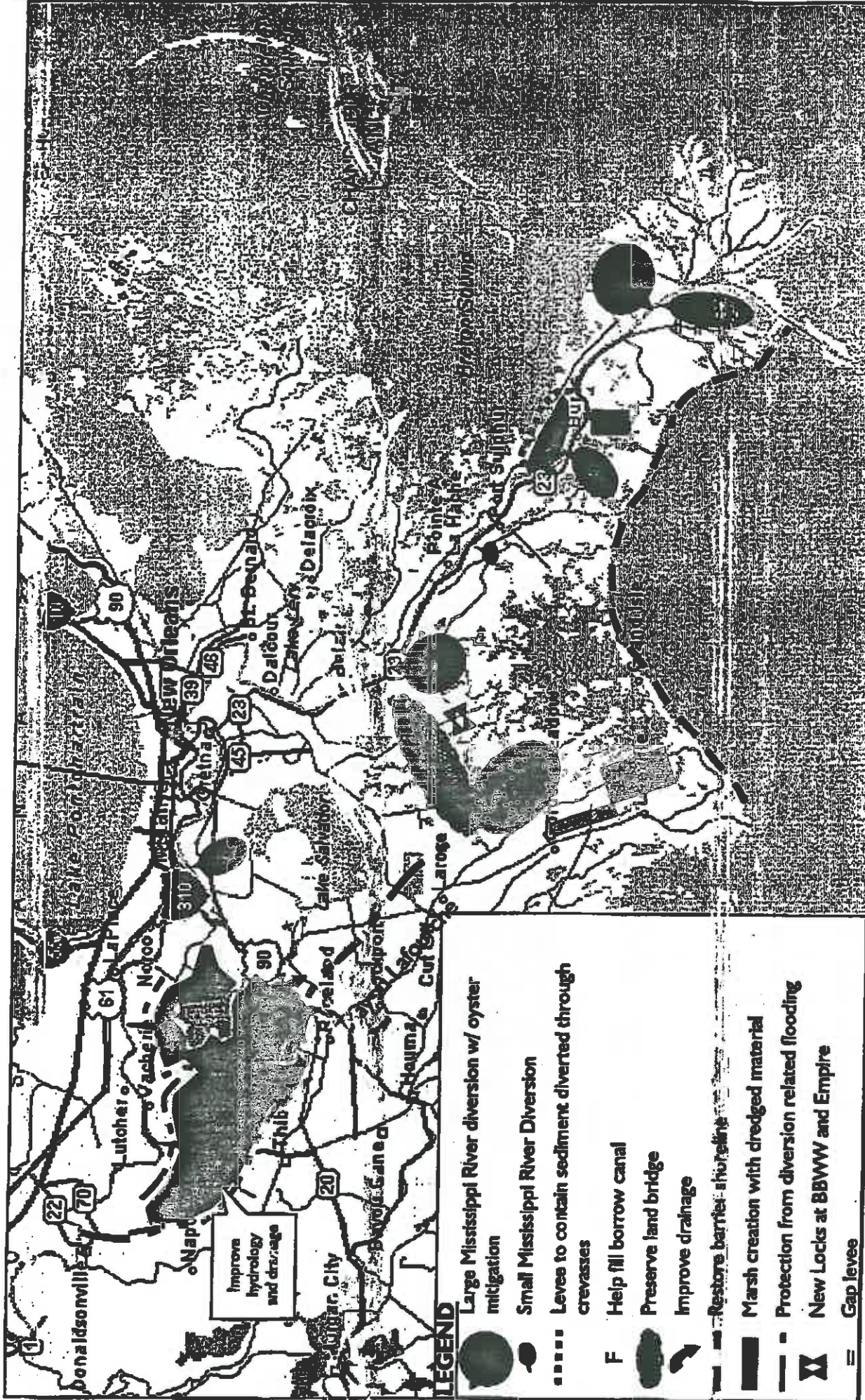


Perspective View of Hurricane Andrew on 25 August 1992 at 20:20 UT





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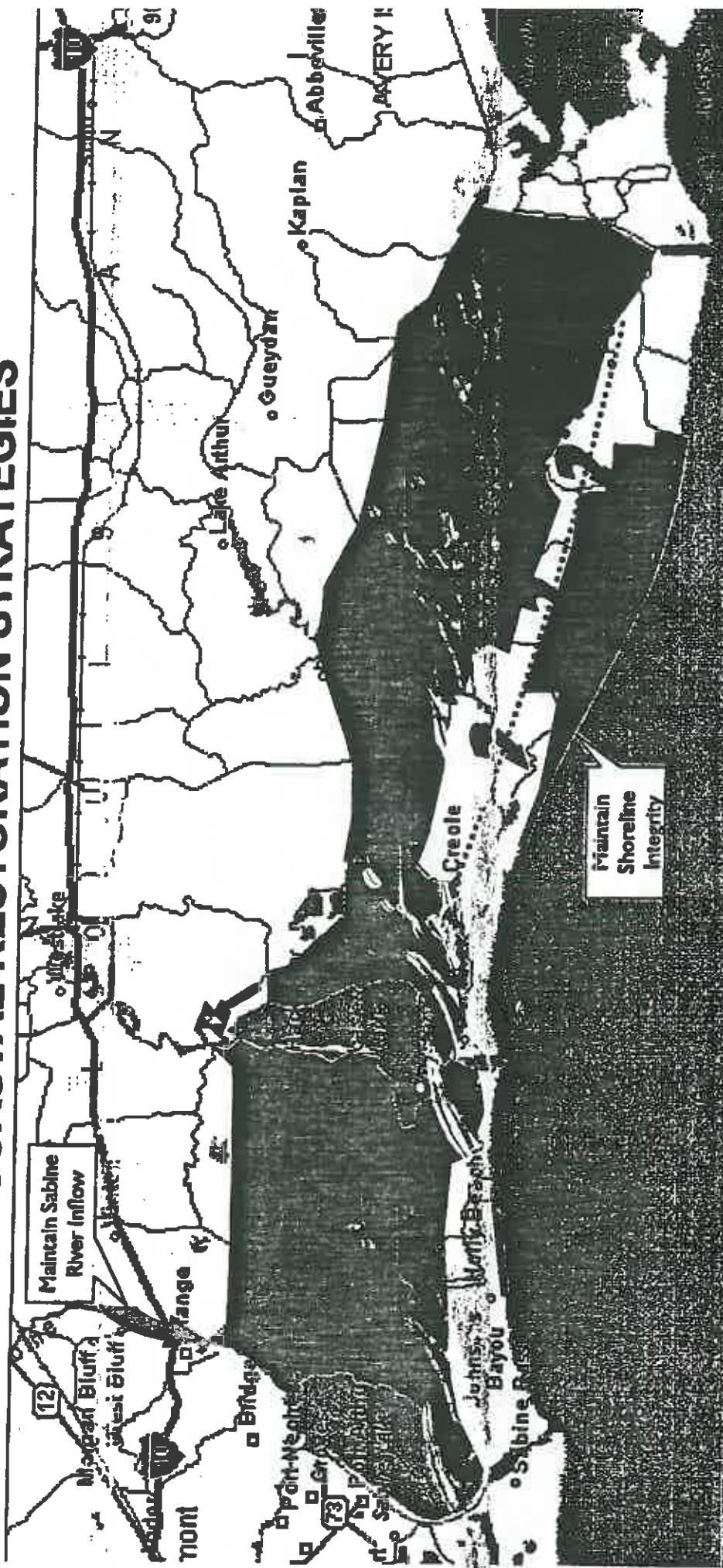
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LEGEND

-  Large Mississippi River diversion w/ oyster mitigation
-  Small Mississippi River Diversion
-  Levee to contain sediment diverted through crevasses
-  F Help fill borrow canal
-  Preserve land bridge
-  Improve drainage
-  Restore barrier shoreline
-  Marsh creation with dredged material
-  Protection from diversion related flooding
-  New Locks at BBWW and Empire
-  Gap levee

DRAFT COAST 2050 REGION 4 LARGE-SCALE COASTAL RESTORATION STRATEGIES



Legend

Shoreline Stabilization or Maintenance

Rebuild Lake Rims

Sabine Perimeter Hydrologic Control (short-term)

Increase Freshwater Inflow into the Chenier Sub-basin

Saltwater barrier in the form of a lock, gate or constriction (long-term)

Manage as a hydrologic unit

Manage lock operation to evacuate excessive water

New Lock to aid in evacuating excessive water

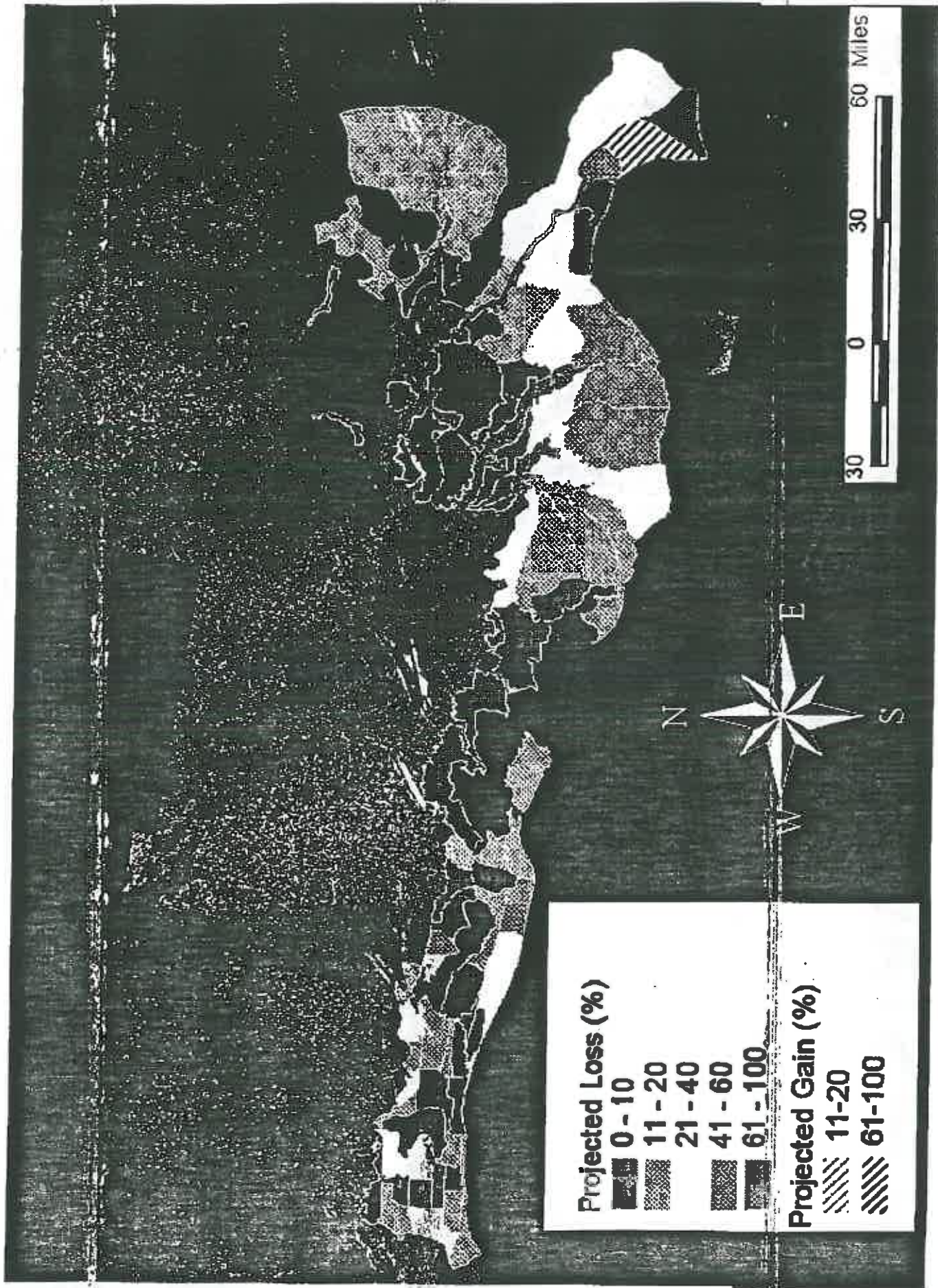
Additional Large-scale Strategies

Enhance ongoing management of the Cameron-Creole Watershed, Sabine NWR, State and CWPRA Projects and privately managed areas.

Marsh creation with dredged material or by terracing wherever feasible

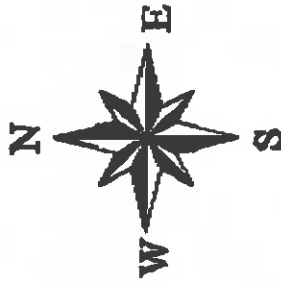
Integrated Hydrologic Management Consistent with HICP results

Projected Coastal Land Loss Based on 1974-1990 Land Loss Rates

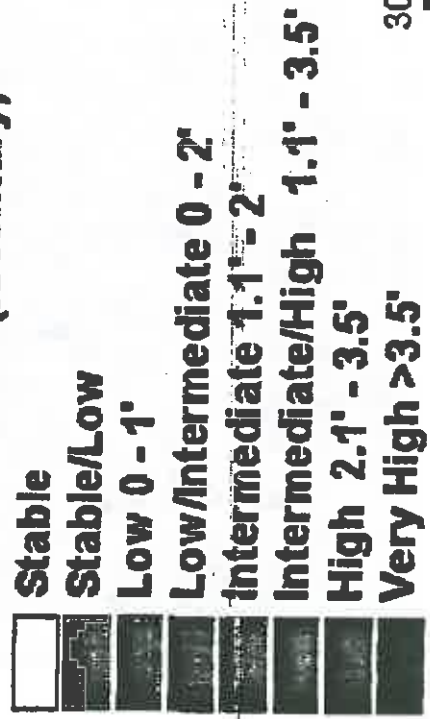


COASTAL SUBSIDENCE RATES

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Subsidence Rates (ft/century)



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120

150 Mile

CWPPRA OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

April 14, 1998

1. **Activities**
2. **Dedication**
3. **CD-ROM**
4. **BTNEP Support**
5. **May 1 Press Conference**
6. **Coast 2050**
7. **National Wetlands Month Celebration**
8. **WaterMarks Contract Review**

1. **Activities:**

A. **Environmental Education Symposium:** Provided the Breaux Act display and was a presenter to the Annual Environmental Education Symposium held in Alexandria, La. March 13-14. There have been several follow-ups from teachers on the Homepage regarding the presentation.

B. **UNO Career Day**

C. **Southern University Career Day**

D. **High School Presentations:** Presentations to over 500 high school and middle school students regarding the coastal erosion problem in coastal Louisiana.

E. **Individual Mailouts/Presentations**

2. **Dedication:**

Coordinated with EPA and LDNR on the Isles Derniers groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for April 13th. Outreach coordinator provided media support, logistics, and surveillance for activity. The event was held at Houma and Trinity Island. Approximately 100 people attended the event.

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3. CD-ROM:

Coordination continues with National Wetlands Research Center, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and Audubon Aquarium (Zoo and Education Center). Portions of the CD-ROM have been asked to be included in permanent wetland exhibits at the Zoo and Education Center. Combined with attendance at the Aquarium, the CD-ROM will be available to over 2 million visitors a year from the nation and overseas. The mobile kiosk has been completed and will be available once the CD-ROM is ready. The kiosk and CD-ROM were previewed at the Environmental Education Symposium with very favorable response. A schedule is being developed by the Outreach Committee.

4. BTNEP Support:

The Breaux Act display was set up at public workshops in support of the BTNEP Leadership Training activities. Towns in the basin where the display and materials were made available to citizens were in Marero, Houma, Pierre Part, LaRose, Hahnville, Port Allen, and Port Sulphur. The meetings were well attended with citizens and politicians from the local area participating. Over 300 people attended the workshops.

5. May 1 Press Conference:

Members of the Outreach Committee have been supporting Governor's Office staff to formulate a May 1 Press Conference that will proclaim May as Wetlands Month in Louisiana and highlight the wetland loss (both inland and coastal) in the state. Potential attendees include Mike Davis (USACE), Terry Garcia (NOAA), Wally Smitten (NMFS) and others who have yet to confirm. COL Connor will MC the event. Local television stations have given tentative support through their early morning programs for this event.

6. Coast 2050:

Members of the Outreach Committee continue to support the work of Coast 2050 by working on the Objectives Development Team, Regional Planning Teams and Strategic Planning Group. The first draft of the plan is due in June after much public input and technical evaluation.

7. National Wetlands Month Celebration:

The Breaux Act was chosen as a topic for presentation at the Terrene Institute "National Wetlands Month Celebration" to be held in Arlington, Va April 15-17th. The Outreach Coordinator will have the display on exhibit along with a preview of the CD-ROM. On April 15th, the Outreach Coordinator will be on a panel along with Tim Osborn (NMFS) and tell the Louisiana coastal wetland loss story to a national audience.

8. WaterMarks Contract Review:

The Outreach Committee, headed by Herb Borque of NRCS, received and reviewed 25

different proposals for the *WaterMarks* publication. A decision was made based on evaluative criteria and the award will be announced. *WaterMarks* is going to be a quarterly publication so there will be a requirement from all the CWPPRA agencies to support this initiative with project articles, feature stories, and technical data.

**PROGRAM STATUS
ADDITIONAL KNOWN INCREASES**

	<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>Non-Federal Costs</u>	<u>Federal Costs</u>	<u>Cumulative Federal Funding Status</u>
Starting Point (16 Mar 98 Spreadsheet)				\$1,610,100
1. Adjustments (Uses 85-15 Cost Sharing)⁴				
a. Fully-Funded Cost of Cheniere Au Tigre increase	\$348,073	\$52,211	\$295,862	\$1,314,238
b. Fully-Funded Cost of Grand Bayou Expansion (Adjustment)	\$1,164,532	\$174,680	\$989,852	\$324,386
c. Fully-Funded Cost of Approved Monitoring Plans ¹	\$3,000,000	\$450,000	\$2,550,000	(\$2,225,614)
d. Fully-Funded Cost of Unapproved Monitoring Plans	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,225,614)
e. Anticipated Oyster Lease Impacts	\$625,000	\$93,750	\$531,250	(\$2,756,864)
f. Anticipated O&M Increases ¹	\$8,821,559	\$1,323,234	\$7,498,325	(\$10,255,189)
g. Anticipated Bayou Lafourche Siphon Increases ²	-	-	-	UNKNOWN
h. Fully-Funded Cost of West Belle Pass Increase	\$176,000	\$26,400	\$149,600	(\$10,404,789)
i. Estimated Cost of Isles Dernieres Project Expansion (New Cut Closure)	\$2,600,000	\$390,000	\$2,210,000	(\$12,614,789)
Subtotal	\$16,735,164	\$2,510,275	\$14,224,889	
2. Additional Potential Deauthorizations				
None	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3. Deferrals	<u>Total Deferred</u>	<u>Non-Fed. Share of Deferred Amt.</u>	<u>Fed. Share of Deferred Amt</u>	<u>Cumulative Federal Funding Status</u>
a. Delta-Wide Crevasses	\$2,736,950	\$410,543	\$2,326,408	(\$14,941,197)
b. Penchant Basin Plan	\$7,051,550	\$1,057,733	\$5,993,818	(\$20,935,014)
c. Lake Boudreaux Basin	\$4,915,650	\$737,348	\$4,178,303	(\$25,113,317)
d. Nutria Harvest Demo	\$1,100,000	\$165,000	\$935,000	(\$26,048,317)
e. Bayou Lafourche Siphon	\$7,500,000	\$1,125,000	\$6,375,000	(\$32,423,317)
f. Myrtle Grove Siphon	\$5,000,000	\$750,000	\$4,250,000	(\$37,423,317)
Subtotal	\$ 28,304,150	\$4,245,623	\$24,058,528	
4. Other Adjustments			<u>Amount</u>	
Estimated FY 99 Federal Allotment			\$42,100,000	\$4,676,683
5. Estimated Available Funds			<u>Amount</u>	
Federal Funds Available for New Projects on 8th List			\$4,676,683	
Non-Federal Matching Share			\$825,290	
Total Funds Available for New Projects On 8th List ³			\$5,501,973	

¹ Fully funded costs subject to verification and inflation factors applied by Economic Work Group

² Estimate provided by the Environmental Protection Agency

³ Excludes Funds for DNR's proposed 20% O&M Contingency for Storms and Vandalism (\$9 million)

⁴ For simplification, 85-15 cost sharing was used. Some costs will be cost shared at 90-10. Task Force agencies have not yet reached consensus on what cost sharing to use on project increases for 5th and 8th list projects, or that portion of a project partially funded on the 7th and 8th lists when a project is initially approved on the 5th and 6th lists.

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RECOMMENDATION OF PROJECT DEAUTHORIZATIONS

For Decision.

Mr. Robert Schroeder will report the status on the following projects and request the Task Force to grant approval for project deauthorization:

- a. Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse, MR-7, MR-8/9a (USACE)
- b. Grand Bay Crevasse, BS-7, PBS-6 (USACE)
- c. Avoca Island Marsh Creation, TE-35, CW-5i (USACE)
- d. Bayou Boeuf Pumping Station, TE-33, XTE-32i; (EPA)

As per the procedure for project deauthorization that is described in the CWPPRA Project Standard Operating Procedures Manual (enclosed), the Technical Committee Chairman has prepared and mailed letters to the Congressional delegation and the members of the state legislature and parish presidents for these projects. The Technical Committee Chairman has received no responses to date on these proposed deauthorizations.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the Task Force grant approval to deauthorize these projects.

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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CONSIDERATION FOR INITIATION OF PROJECT DEAUTHORIZATION

For Decision.

Mr. Britt Paul will brief the Task Force on Southwest Shore White Lake Protection (Demonstration Project), ME-12, from the 3rd Priority Project List, for consideration of initiation of the project deauthorization process. Letters concerning this deauthorization are enclosed.

State of Louisiana



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

JACK C. CALDWELL
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

December 17, 1997

Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist
Natural Resource Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302

RE: De-authorization of CWPPRA Project ME-12 SW Shore White Lake Protection,
(Demonstration Project) Federal Sponsor, NRCS
Cost Share Agreement No. 68-7217-4-58
DNR Agreement No. 35-95-20

Dear Mr. Gohmert:

The above mentioned CWPPRA project has demonstrated that planting California bulrush as a wave dampening technique along a one-mile section of the southwest shoreline of White Lake is not effective in preventing the encroachment of White Lake into the interior fresh water vegetation and the shallow water areas of Deep Lake. Results recorded, through project monitoring, show that of the initial 3,200 California bullrush plants established in the project area, only 35 plants are still present. The plants that are present have 3 to 5 stems and exhibit no lateral spread. LDNR/CRD feels that this demonstration project indicates that it is not feasible to plant and maintain vegetative planting in the designated project area because of the high water levels and wave energy. Therefore LDNR/CRD, as sponsoring state agency, recommends that this project be deauthorized. This action will save any additional monitoring and/or maintenance expenditures.

Should you concur with our recommendation, as sponsoring federal agency, we are requesting your assistance in securing deauthorization of this project through proper channels.

If additional information is needed or you have any questions, please contact my office at (504) 342-2710, or Katherine Vaughan, Assistant Secretary, Office of Coastal Restoration and Management at (504) 342-1375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack C. Caldwell".

Jack C. Caldwell
Secretary

cc: Katherine Vaughan, Assistant Secretary
Gerry Duszynski, Assistant Administrator



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation Service

3757 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana
71302

January 23, 1998

Mr. Jack Caldwell
Secretary, LDNR
P. O. Box 94396
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9396

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

RE: Deauthorization of CWPPRA Project ME-12 SW Shore
White Lake Protection (Demonstration Project)

I have received your letter of December 17 regarding the deauthorization of the above referenced project. I concur with your recommendation. By copy of this letter I am requesting the CWPPRA Task Force initiate the formal deauthorization procedures for this project.

Sincerely,

Kim Brown, Acting

Donald W. Gohmert
State Conservationist

cc: CWPPRA Task Force

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July 23, 1998

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE NEEDS LIST

For Information.

Mr. Gary Rauber will report to the Task Force on the status of the Needs List. An overview of the Needs List is enclosed. Mr. Rick Hartman will provide draft copies of the Needs List to the Task Force during the meeting.

Need to ~~reduce~~ ^{minimize} costs.

Interim Project Needs List

July 13, 1998

Overview of the Needs List

The purpose of this document is to identify the restoration projects that are necessary to approach the "no net loss" goal for Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Implementation of these projects will reduce or compensate for most of the erosion of Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

The document is a compilation of projects identified as beneficial to the restoration of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Projects identified within this document are intended to be considered for funding under CWPPRA, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), the Louisiana Wetlands Restoration Trust Fund, or any other possible funding mechanism. The document has two sections: 1) a table listing a brief description of each project and providing an approximate cost; and, 2) an appendix providing a more detailed description and a map of each project identifying approximate component sites.

Projects included in this document were derived from previously reviewed CWPPRA Priority Project Lists, as well as recommendations from the Coast 2050 regional teams. They are divided into regions, based on the four Coast 2050 regional teams, and then further identified as either "large scale" or "small scale".

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Gary Rankin's group will complete interim list in 1 week, add to it as costs are estimated.

(CBS)

Mark Davis - need it right away.

K. Vaughan →

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July 23, 1998

**REPORT ON STATUS OF UPDATING FULLY FUNDED
MONITORING PLAN COSTS FOR PRIORITY PROJECT LIST PROJECTS**

For Information.

Mr. Robert Schroeder will deliver a summary of the Technical Committee concerning a review of cost increases for approved and unapproved monitoring plans. Mr. George Townsley will brief the Task Force on the current details of the Economic Workgroup's evaluation. A summary of monitoring plan cost increases available to date is enclosed.

The Economic Workgroup has been tasked to complete the economic evaluation to fully fund monitoring plans, based on guidance provided by the Technical Committee. An analysis of monitoring plan costs is presented in the enclosure, which are the results provided to the Technical Committee by the Economic Workgroup. The current schedule calls for this evaluation to be completed by the next Task Force meeting.

Suggested Action:

No action by the Task Force is required until the Economic Work Group has completed indexing the costs for inflation. At that point, lead agencies can identify from the fully funded costs whether the 125% cost limitation has been exceeded. Based on this, lead agencies can request Task Force approval of cost increases on a project by project basis. The Technical Committee can then make a final report to the Task Force of all monitoring plan cost increases and the impact of these increases on the program.

CWPPRA MONITORING PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION COSTS
for previously approved but revised monitoring plans

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	BASILENE MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION	MONITORING PLAN DEVELOPMENT	BASILENE MONITORING DEV. & IMP. BUDGET	TASK FORCE REVISED MONITORING DEV. & IMP. BUDGET	TASK FORCE REVISED MINUS BASILENE BUDGET
Priority List 1						
BA-02	QVW to Clevedy	\$1,438,874	\$12,178	\$1,448,148	\$1,236,034	(\$211,118)
CB-17	Carranen Grate Waterbed	\$220,000	\$12,630	\$232,630	\$274,348	\$41,718
PO-16	Bayou Storage Phase 1	\$563,000	\$9,330	\$562,630	\$560,230	(\$2,400)
CS-16	Sabine Ridge Protection	\$67,000	\$9,534	\$76,534	\$76,870	\$336
TE-16	Timber Island Plantings	\$24,780	\$9,980	\$34,760	\$48,885	\$14,125
TE-17	Fulford Canal Plantings	\$24,780	\$8,770	\$33,550	\$42,887	\$9,337
CS-18	West Hackberry Plantings	\$24,780	\$8,687	\$33,467	\$48,623	\$15,156
ME-08	David-Rollins Plantings**	discontinued				
BA-18	Bartons Bay Waterway Well Rest.	\$134,000	\$8,375	\$142,375	\$62,328	(\$80,047)
TE-19	Lower Bayou La Cache Wellers**	discontinued				
PO-17	Bayou La Grande Wetland	\$134,000	\$8,078	\$142,078	\$271,799	\$129,721
ME-09	Cameron Prairie Ridge	\$67,000	\$9,846	\$76,846	\$161,143	\$84,297
TV-03	Vermont River Cutoff	\$80,000	\$7,845	\$87,845	\$78,471	(\$9,374)
TE-20	Eastern Lake Cormiers	\$481,200	\$8,189	\$489,389	\$207,819	(\$281,570)
	Subtotal Priority List 1	\$3,283,634	\$114,869	\$3,377,854	\$3,368,099	(\$9,755)
Priority List 2						
AT-02	Alphabetsville Sediment Delivery	\$131,828	\$8,672	\$141,288	\$201,377	\$60,089
ME-04	Franklin Bayou	\$882,411	\$12,138	\$894,549	\$881,548	(\$3,001)
PO-18	Bayou Storage Phase II	\$484,812	\$9,330	\$494,142	\$251,257	(\$242,885)
CS-22	Clear Marsh	\$67,888	\$8,094	\$75,982	\$108,278	\$32,296
CS-23	East Mud Lake	\$638,876	\$12,829	\$651,705	\$1,262,480	\$610,775
BA-25	Jonathan Davis Wetland	\$878,860	\$12,272	\$891,132	\$818,310	(\$72,822)
TE-22	Point au Fer	\$66,432	\$8,886	\$75,318	\$112,784	\$37,466
AT-03	Big Island Mining	\$131,828	\$8,872	\$141,288	\$208,980	\$67,692
CS-21	Highway 384	\$233,872	\$11,788	\$245,660	\$384,800	\$139,140
PO-06	Frisbie Marsh	\$88,813	\$12,330	\$101,143	\$814,877	\$713,734
TV-08	Boston Canal Bank	\$68,887	\$8,571	\$77,458	\$137,713	\$60,255
CS-09	Brown Lake Marsh Management	\$838,876	\$11,688	\$850,564	\$861,488	\$10,924
TE-23	West Lake Pass	\$131,828	\$8,430	\$140,258	\$180,882	\$40,624
TE-31	Eastern Lake Cormiers Phase 1	\$131,828	\$8,189	\$140,017	\$178,716	\$38,699
	Subtotal Priority List 2	\$3,382,949	\$148,838	\$3,480,988	\$4,467,392	\$986,404
Priority List 3						
MR-08	Chemical Answer Gap Closures	\$288,888	\$8,814	\$297,702	\$382,384	\$84,682
TV-04	Cole Barnds Hydrologic Restoration	\$834,818	\$12,480	\$847,298	\$788,817	(\$58,481)
MR-07	Paro-Louis Closures	pending authorization				
TE-26	Lake Chapuis Marsh Creation	\$887,212	\$11,811	\$899,023	\$748,428	(\$150,595)
TE-28	Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration	\$883,206	\$9,981	\$893,187	\$1,080,148	\$186,961
BA-16	Lake Salvador Shore Protection (Dams)	\$131,867	\$9,081	\$140,948	\$88,781	(\$52,167)
ME-12	SW Shore, White Lake Protection (Dams)	\$83,818	\$8,737	\$92,555	\$41,278	(\$51,277)
PO-20	Red Mud Canal Restoration (Dams)	\$128,810	\$11,137	\$139,947	\$387,374	\$247,427
	Subtotal Priority List 3	\$3,141,731	\$73,791	\$3,215,522	\$3,889,888	\$674,366
Priority List 4						
CS-24	Purdy Ridge Shore Protection (Wall)	\$67,780	\$8,477	\$76,257	\$188,818	\$112,561
BA-23	Bartons WW Shale Protection (Wall)	\$67,780	\$8,889	\$76,669	\$131,844	\$55,175
MR-06	San, Use of Messer Dredged Material (Dams)	\$32,882	\$8,241	\$41,123	\$38,833	(\$2,290)
	Subtotal Priority List 4	\$168,342	\$25,607	\$193,949	\$268,555	\$74,606
Priority List 5						
ME-13	Franklin Bayou Bank Stabilization	\$88,888	\$8,810	\$97,698	\$88,728	(\$9,970)
TE-29	Rosson Island Breakwaters (Dams)	\$283,400	\$9,233	\$292,633	\$182,316	(\$110,317)
	Subtotal Priority List 5	\$372,288	\$18,043	\$390,331	\$271,044	(\$119,287)
Priority List 6						
	Subtotal Priority List 6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Priority List 7						
	Subtotal Priority List 7	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Grand Total	\$12,168,528	\$378,417	\$12,873,946	\$14,821,841	\$1,947,895

Note: Baseline monitoring implementation budget taken from Task Force Project Status Report dated January 8, 1998 except where project charges affect monitoring budgets.
The Task Force approved monitoring plan development costs to be added to implementation budgets on August 23, 1998, except for those projects to be paid for out of planning.
Task Force Revised Monitoring Development and Implementation Budget is based on a Task Force decision on April 14, 1998 to add up to 3 million dollars to approved plans to adjust for inflation.
48 projects had previously received final Task Force approval prior to the budget review decision on April 14, 1998.

a agreed in '96 to come out of const.
b 10 of 38 plans are under budget compared to avg.

Contingency Fund OK ed

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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REPORT ON STATUS OF UPDATING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (O&M)
COSTS FOR PRIORITY PROJECT LIST PROJECTS

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For Information.

Mr. Robert Schroeder will deliver a report of the Technical Committee concerning a review of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs for approved projects. A background summary is enclosed. Mr. George Townsley will brief the Task Force on the current details of the Economic Workgroup's evaluation. An example of one O&M economic evaluation is enclosed.

The Economic Workgroup has been tasked to complete the economic evaluation to fully fund O&M plans, based on guidance provided by the Technical Committee. An analysis of O&M plan costs is presented in the enclosure, which are the results provided to the Technical Committee by the Economic Workgroup. The current schedule calls for this evaluation to be completed by the next Task Force meeting.

Suggested Action:

No action by the Task Force is required until the Economic Work Group has completed indexing the costs for inflation. At that point, lead agencies can identify from the fully funded costs whether the 125% cost limitation has been exceeded. Based on this, lead agencies can then request Task Force approval of cost increases on a project by project basis. The Technical Committee can then make a final report to the Task Force of all O&M cost increases and the impact of these increases on the program.

CWPPRA PRIORITY LIST NO. VI**MR-09 DELTA-WIDE CREVASSES****LEAD AGENCY:** NMFS**DESIGN BASIS**

Budget: \$2,736,950

Amended Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Budget: \$3,470,239

PROJECT FEATURES:

1. Create a new earthen crevasse (100 feet wide to -8 feet NGVD, 3,000 feet long with 300 feet of armor stone 2 feet thick).
2. Construct a plug in an existing crevasse (earthen plug with 2 feet of armor stone 100 feet long and 6 feet above grade).
3. Dredging of 13 existing crevasses to -8 feet NGVD by 100 ft. wide, 3,000 lf long, channel lined with armor stone 2 feet thick.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE/REHABILITATION ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Dredging 18 crevasses: as sediment fills the channel from -8 ft. NGVD to -4 ft. NGVD, dredging will be required as follows:

Year 5	dredge 4 ft. of 1,000 lf channel 200 ft wide
Year 10	dredge 4 ft. of 1,000 lf channel 200 ft wide
Year 15	dredge 4 ft. of 1,000 lf channel 200 ft wide

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COST CONSIDERATIONS:

(Based on a 20 year project life; costs include inflation)

A. BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS: (3 field day with 3 team members, boat and report from Schedule A-1)	\$ 70,429
B. ANNUAL COST FOR OPERATIONS: (Not required for this project)	\$ 0
C. PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE (Not required for this project)	\$ 0

D. COST FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT AT YEAR 5

Includes a construction contingency (cc) of ten percent.

1. Contractor Mobilization/Demobilization \$ 38,500
(35,000 x 1.1 cc)
2. Dredge Channel Crevasses \$733,333
(1,000 fl x 200 ft. wide x 4 ft. deep
x \$1.25/cy x 18 each crevasse X 1.1 cc)

Contractor Subtotal: \$771,833

Contractor Cost with Inflation	\$900,342
(\$771,833 x 1.166 inflation factor at year 5)	

4. Design Cost/Administration: **\$ 17,008**
(3 week project, \$14,580 x 1.166
inflation factor from Schedule D-2)

3. Engineering Consultant Design, Survey and Inspection: **\$ 159,863**

Basic Services:	\$ 81,301
(9% x \$900,342 contractor cost)	

Survey Supplemental Services:	\$ 14,581
(10 days at \$1,250/day x 1.166 inflated for year 5 from Schedule E-2)	

Resident Inspection:	\$ 64,251
(20 workdays x \$765/day x 1.166 inflated for year 5 from Schedule E-3)	

TOTAL FOR MAINTENANCE YEAR 5:	\$1,077,213
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E. COST FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT AT YEAR 10

Includes a construction contingency (cc) of ten percent.

1. Contractor Mobilization/Demobilization \$ 38,500
(35,000 x 1.1 cc)
2. Dredge Channel Cravasses \$733,333
(1,000 fl x 200 ft. wide x 4 ft. deep
x \$1.25/cy x 18 each crevasse X 1.1 cc)

Contractor Subtotal: \$771,833

Contractor Cost with Inflation **\$1,023,633**
 (\$771,833 x 1.326 inflation factor at year 10)

4. Design Cost/Administration: **\$ 19,337**
 (3 week project, \$14,580 x 1.326
 inflation factor from Schedule D-2)

3. Engineering Consultant Design, Survey and Inspection: **\$ 167,423**

Basic Services: \$ 77,796
 (7.6% x \$1,023,633 contractor cost)

Survey Supplemental Services: \$ 16,578
 (10 days at \$1,250/day x 1.326 inflated
 for year 5 from Schedule E-2)

Resident Inspection: \$ 73,049
 (20 workdays x \$765/day x 1.326 inflated
 for year 10 from Schedule E-3)

TOTAL FOR MAINTENANCE YEAR 10: \$1,210,393

F. COST FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT AT YEAR 15
 Includes a construction contingency (cc) of ten percent.

1. Contractor Mobilization/Demobilization \$ 38,500
 (35,000 x 1.1 cc)

2. Dredge Channel Cravasses \$733,333
 (1,000 fl x 200 ft. wide x 4 ft. deep
 x \$1.25/cy x 18 each crevasse X 1.1 cc)

Contractor Subtotal: \$771,833

Contractor Cost with Inflation **\$1,163,808**
 (\$771,833 x 1.508 inflation factor at year 15)

4. Design Cost/Administration: **\$ 21,984**
 (3 week project, \$14,580 x 1.508
 inflation factor from Schedule D-2)

3. Engineering Consultant Design, Survey and Inspection: \$ 190,349

Basic Services: \$ 88,449
(7.6% x \$1,163,808 contractor cost)

Survey Supplemental Services: \$ 18,848
(10 days at \$1,250/day x 1.508 inflated
for year 5 from Schedule E-2)

Resident Inspection: \$ 83,052
(20 workdays x \$765/day x 1.508 inflated
for year 5 from Schedule E-3)

TOTAL FOR MAINTENANCE YEAR 15: \$1,376,141

Previous Expended Funds (Through February 28, 1998) \$ 0

**TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COST:
\$3,734,177**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) BUDGET SUMMARY:
MR-09 DELTA-WIDE CREVASSES**

Amended O&M Budget: \$3,470,239

Revised O&M Budget: \$3,734,177

Revised O&M Budget (Rounded to the nearest 100's): \$3,734,200

Variance: \$ 263,938

MR-08

Delta Wildc C/		(MR-08) - NMFS Priority List 6																					
infr. Rate	2.60%	Price Level	1898	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Construction Contingency	10%	Expended Dollars																					
Administration (State)	5,950							2.04					2.04					2.04					
Administration (Federal)	1,180						2.04						2.04					2.04					
Design Services (6%)	69,465																						
Design Services (7.6%)	59,659																						
Construction Inspection	785												1					1					
Survey Services	1,260							72					72					10					
Annual Operation	2,630																						
Annual Inspection-One Day	3,670																						
Annual Inspection-Two Day	5,120																						
Annual Inspection-Three Day	38,500						1						1					1					1
Mob and Demob																							
Structure Repair																							
Hardware Replacement																							
Rock Replenishment																							
Earth Replenishment																							
Dredging	733,333																						
Delta Wildc Greaveses (MR-09) - NMFS Priority List 6																							
Year	Rates	Expended Dollars	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Daily Rate Items																							
Administration (State)	5,950						14,173					18,114					18,320						
Administration (Federal)	1,180					2,835						3,223					3,664						
Design Services (6%)	69,465					81,031																	
Design Services (7.6%)	59,659																						
Construction Inspection	785																						
Survey Services	1,260																						
Annual Operation																							
Annual Inspection-One Day	2,630																						
Annual Inspection-Two Day	3,670																						
Annual Inspection-Three Day	5,120																						
Mob and Demob	38,500																						
Structure Repair																							
Hardware Replacement																							
Rock Replenishment																							
Earth Replenishment																							
Dredging	733,333																						
Federal Expenditures	10-Jun-98																						
State Expenditures	28-Feb-98																						
Total																							
Grand Total	3,734,177																						
Round to Next \$100	3,734,200																						

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

July 23, 1998

**CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
OF PROCEDURES TO HANDLE BID OVERRUNS**

For Decision.

Mr. Tom Podany will present the recommendation of the Technical Committee for the Task Force's consideration in approving a new procedure to handle bid overruns on projects. The NRCS has finalized revisions to these procedures, which are contained in the enclosure.

CWPPRA Project Bid Overruns (Pre-award)

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Occasionally bids on CWPPRA projects may exceed the authorized amount plus the 25% contingency amount. When bids exceed the authorized amount plus the 25% contingency amount, the options are:

Option 1) allow the acceptance period to expire and abandon the project

Option 2) reject all bids, reduce the scope of the project and re-advertise

Option 3) request additional funding from the Task Force and award the contract

DISCUSSION:

Option 1) is not an acceptable option if the project is needed.

Option 2) may be required if the bids are obviously so far over the available funding that the Task Force would not consider additional funding requests.

Option 3) the most desirable option if the overrun is not excessive enough to be considered under Option 2) as a candidate for rejection, scope reduction and re-advertisement.

If option 2 or 3 is selected, the resulting cost effectiveness should be evaluated for substantial increases in cost/habitat unit (i.e. 25% above original). This will require a review of the change in benefits by the Environmental Work Group and approval by the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee

Provisions in bidding procedures by the State of Louisiana allow for acceptance of a bid within a 30 calendar day window after the offer is made.

Provisions in bidding procedures by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, under the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), allow for acceptance of a bid within a 60 calendar day window after the offer is made.

Provisions in bidding procedures by the Corps of Engineers, under the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), mandate acceptance of a construction bid within a 30 calendar day window after the offer is made, unless the bidder grants an extension in 30 day increments.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) The final engineers cost estimate must have been reviewed and updated within 90 days prior to advertisement.
- 2) If the final estimate, prior to advertising, equals or slightly exceeds the authorized amount less the 25% contingency amount, the bid package should contain a base bid, and additive or deductive alternatives that would allow the project to be awarded within the allocated funds plus the 25% contingency amount. The base bid with additive or deductive alternatives provides additional flexibility if the base bid is lower than anticipated.

Need to have Env. W.G. remove projects (benefits, reduce additions, etc) of ~~habitat~~ Try to do those before bids are accepted, if possible, to facilitate steady tradeback analysis

by whom?
Eng. Work Group?
Fed Agency + DWR?
why (e.g. build more man of dredged spoil bk unit cost dropped?)

This need amendment of budget with deductive in cost of P&E Submit

Included data on cost effectiveness developed in consultation w/ the Env. Wk. Group.

3) If the final estimate is within the available funds (authorized amount) prior to bidding and the base bid without alternates approach was used but the bid exceeded the authorized amount plus the 25% contingency amount, the sponsor agency (federal or state) will notify each of the agencies on the Task Force of their intention to request additional funds within 15 days of receipt of bids. The sponsor should also provide the other members of the Task Force bid data and any information that supports the request for additional funds at the same time. ~~(including any P&E data)~~

4) If the final estimate is within the available funds (authorized amount) prior to bidding and the base bid with alternates approach was used but the bid exceeded the authorized amount plus 25% contingency amount, the sponsor agency (federal or state) would apply deductive alternates to get the project within available funds. If after taking deductive alternatives the base bid still exceeds authorized funds plus 25% contingency, the sponsor will notify each of the agencies on the Task Force of their intention to request additional funds within 15 days of receipt of bids. The sponsor should also provide the other members of the Task Force bid data and any information that supports the request for additional funds at the same time. ~~As per attached~~

NOTES:

- 1) The State of Louisiana must agree to cost share in the additional funds requested.
- 2) If a project has already received approval for a cost increase above the 25% contingency then it must stay within the budgeted amount for construction.

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**REPORT ON STATUS OF TASK FORCE DIRECTIVE TO CONSIDER
REVISED PROCEDURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, SELECTION,
AND FUNDING OF PRIORITY PROJECT LISTS (PPLs)**

*Will be
lots of public
involvement
in this process*

For Discussion.

Mr. Tom Podany will provide an overview to the Task Force of Technical Committee's work in addressing the PPL process. In May, 1998, a summary package of the current PPL process for Lists 1 through 8 (cover page enclosed) was developed and distributed for agency review. The Technical Committee also considered the possibility of conducting a two-year long PPL instead of the current one-year-long PPL, where the following two alternatives were outlined:

- a. The selection of an \$80 million List every two years, based on a two-year-long PPL process initiated at the close of the last; or
- b. The selection of a \$40 million List every year, based on two-year-long PPL cycles initiated and staggered by one year each.

Suggested Action:

No action by the Task Force is required at this time. The Technical Committee has initiated a review of the project selection process. Consideration is being given to form an ad-hoc committee to examine these procedures in detail, for the purpose of formulating recommendations for process refinement.

Breaux Act

Review of Project Development, Selection, and Funding Process



May 1998

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July 23, 1998

REPORT ON OTHER ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST INCREASES

For Information.

Mr. Tom Podany will present to the Task Force an analysis of the known program cost increases, which is enclosed. This information was used to form a "snapshot" of the program's fiscal status to assist in sizing future expenditures.

NRCS will withdraw request 14-Jul-98

**PROGRAM STATUS
ADDITIONAL KNOWN INCREASES**

	Total Costs	Non-Federal Costs	Federal Costs	Cumulative Federal Funding Status
Starting Point (9 Jun 98 Spreadsheet)				\$594,775
1. Adjustments (Uses 85-15 Cost Sharing) ⁴				
a. Fully-Funded Cost of Cheniere Au Tigre Increase	\$348,073	\$34,807.30	\$313,266	\$281,509
b. Fully-Funded Cost of Approved Monitoring Plans ¹	\$3,000,000 1,450,000	\$450,000	\$2,550,000	(\$2,550,000)
c. Monitoring Plan Contingency Fund	1,552,105	\$232,816	\$1,319,289	(\$3,869,289)
d. Fully-Funded Cost of Unapproved Monitoring Plans	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$3,869,289)
e. Anticipated Oyster Lease Impacts	\$800,000	\$120,000	\$680,000	(\$4,549,289)
f. Anticipated O&M Increases ¹	\$7,200,000 \$7,200,000	\$1,050,000	\$5,950,000	(\$10,499,289)
g. Anticipated Bayou Lafourche Siphon Increases ²	-	-	-	UNKNOWN
h. Estimated Cost of Isles Dernieres Project Expansion (New Cut Closure)	\$4,000,000	\$600,000	\$3,400,000	(\$13,899,289)
Subtotal	\$16,700,178	\$2,487,623	\$14,212,555	
2. Additional Potential Deauthorizations				
None	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3. Deferrals	Total Deferred	Non-Fed. Share of Deferred Amt.	Fed. Share of Deferred Amt	Cumulative Federal Funding Status
a. Delta-Wide Crevasses	\$2,736,950	\$273,695	\$2,463,255	(\$16,362,544)
b. Penchant Basin Plan	\$7,051,550	\$705,155	\$6,346,395	(\$22,708,939)
c. Lake Boudreaux Basin	\$4,915,850	\$491,565	\$4,424,085	(\$27,133,024)
d. Nutria Harvest Demo	\$1,100,000	\$110,000	\$990,000	(\$28,123,024)
e. Bayou Lafourche Siphon	\$7,500,000	\$750,000	\$6,750,000	(\$34,873,024)
f. Myrtle Grove Siphon	\$5,000,000	\$500,000	\$4,500,000	(\$39,373,024)
Subtotal	\$ 28,304,150	\$4,245,623	\$24,058,528	
4. Other Adjustments			Amount	
Estimated FY 99 Federal Construction Allotment			\$37,100,000	-\$2,773,024
5. Estimated Available Funds			Amount	
Federal Funds Available for New Projects on 8th List			(\$2,773,024)	
Non-Federal Matching Share			-\$489,353	
Total Funds Available for New Projects On 8th List ³			-\$3,262,377	
			+ 1,897,000	

Not approved yet ?

Not approved yet questionable

Assume all project de-authorizations

1 Fully funded costs subject to verification and inflation factors applied by Economic Work Group
 2 Estimate provided by the Environmental Protection Agency
 3 Excludes Funds for DNR's proposed 20% O&M Contingency for Storms and Vandalism (\$9 million)
 4 For PPL all projects, save PPL 5 & 6, 85-15 cost sharing was used. PPL 5 & 6 is assumed for cost sharing at 90-10, Pending Task Force decision for approval of this ratio during the July 23, 1998 meeting.

COST SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES

P/L	Total No. of Projects	Current Estimate (a)	Expenditures To Date (b)	Unexpended Funds (c)	75% x Current Est (d)	75% x Expd + 85% x Unexp (PI 0-4, 7) 90% Cur Est PL 5 & 6 (e)	Increase Over Orig 75% Cost (e-d)
0	1	238,871	123,202	115,669	179,153	190,720	11,567
1	17	47,990,043	12,588,076	35,401,967	35,992,532	39,532,729	3,540,197
2	15	54,664,051	13,983,957	40,680,094	40,998,038	45,066,048	4,068,009
3	17	45,960,701	7,271,769	38,688,932	34,470,526	38,339,419	3,868,893
4	10	15,611,023	239,888	15,371,135	11,708,267	13,245,381	1,537,114
5	9	52,692,139	2,404,603	50,287,536	39,519,104	47,422,925	7,903,821
6	13	38,865,479	120,738	38,744,741	29,149,109	34,978,931	5,829,822
7	4	13,917,712	0	13,917,712	10,438,284	11,830,055	1,391,771
Total	86	269,940,019	36,732,233	233,207,786	202,455,014	230,606,208	28,151,194
	Fed Share	230,606,208			202,455,014	230,606,208	
	N/F Share	39,333,811			67,485,005	39,333,811	
	Available Fed	231,200,983				231,200,983	
	Available N/F	50,835,216				50,835,216	
	Total Available	282,036,199					
	Federal Balance	594,775				594,775	Fed
	N/F Balance	11,501,405				11,501,405	Non-Fed
	Balance	12,096,180				12,096,180	Total
		(Fed & N/F)					

COST SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES

P/L	Total No. of Projects	Current Estimate (a)	Expenditures To Date (b)	Unexpended Funds (c)	75% x Current Est (d)	85% x Unexp (PL 0-4, 7) + 90% Cur Est PL 5 & 6 (e)	Increase Over Orig 75% Cost (e-d)
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Notes:

- (1) Includes FY 98 \$42,540,715 work allowance.
- (2) Includes the 4 approved funded projects on PL 7 (\$13,917,722).
- (3) Includes 6 deauthorizations:

Fourchon	Dewitt-Rollover	Eden Isles
Bayou LaCachte	Bayou Perot/Rigolettes	White's Ditch
- (4) Includes 4 proposed deauthorizations (to be deauthorized at the 23 July 1998 Task Force meeting).

Avoca Island	Grand Bay
Bayou Boeuf (Phase	Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse
- (5) Includes proposed deauthorization of SW Shore/White Lake Demo (to be requested at the 23 July 1998 Task Force meeting).
- (6) Includes \$7.6M cost increases approved by Task Force 21 Nov 97.

(Isles Dermieres +\$4.1, Whiskey Island +\$1.8, Atchafalaya Sed +\$0.4, and Big Island +\$1.3).

- (7) Includes 16 Jan 98 Task Force approved cost increase for W. Pt-a-la-hache (PL 3, +\$3.2M).
- (8) Includes 14 Apr 98 Task Force approved cost increases for Grand Bayou (PL 5, +\$4.0M and West Bay (PL 1, +\$3.0M).
- (9) Expenditures are through 30 Nov 97 and do not reflect all non-Federal WIK credits; costs are being reconciled.
- (10) Non-Federal available funds are unconfirmed.
- (11) Bayou Perot/Rigolettes (PL 3) grant remains open (project is deauthorized). Current estimate carried is \$1,844,750. Preliminary close-out expenditures total \$17,145.88. This decreases current estimate by \$1,827,604.12. Expenditures are decreased from \$1,293,118.29 to \$17,145.88, releasing \$1,275,972.41.

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**DISCUSSION OF COST SHARING PERCENTAGES
FOR PHASES OF 5TH AND 6TH LIST PROJECTS**

Issue.

What cost sharing percentage (90-10 or 85-15) should apply to cost increases on projects approved on the 5th and 6th Priority Project Lists and to the phased portions of these projects that are funded on the 7th, 8th, or later lists?

For Discussion.

Mr. Robert Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's interpretation of what cost sharing percentage (90-10 or 85-15) to apply for projects initially approved on the 5th and 6th Lists but funded, in part, on subsequent lists. The Technical Committee believes that a cost sharing ratio of 90% Federal - 10% non-Federal should be used. This cost sharing ratio would apply to the cost of the originally approved project, all of its phases, cost increases attributed to the original project, and to costs associated with approved changes in scope. These procedures are based on clarification contained in an excerpt of the Congressional Record, which is contained in the enclosure.

Proceedings and Debates of the 104th Congress, Second Session

Material in Extension of Remarks was not spoken by a Member on the floor.

In the House of Representatives
Thursday, October 3, 1996

*E1917 CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 640, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. BUD SHUSTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

Tuesday, September 3, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. Speaker, I want to address section 532 of the bill relating to coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana.

The purpose of section 532 is to amend the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3952(f); 104 Stat. 4782-4783) (the "Act") to provide that the Federal share of the cost of certain wetlands restoration projects ("projects") shall be 90 percent as compared to other projects or portions of projects which may have a Federal share of 75 percent or 85 percent as the case may be, as provided in section 303 of the act.

The intended projects are identified in paragraph (5) of section 303(f)- as amended by section 532-as "coastal wetlands projects under this section in the calendar years 1996 and 1997." This phrase is intended to mean those projects added to the priority project list by annual update in the calendar year 1996 pursuant to section 303(a) of the act-fifth priority list-and those projects hereafter added to the priority list in calendar year 1997 pursuant to the same authority-sixth priority list.

The amendment also requires a determination by the Secretary that a reduction in the non-Federal share is warranted. In making this determination, the Secretary should consider whether additional benefits are likely to accrue to the restoration, protection, or conservation of coastal wetlands in the State of Louisiana as a result of a reduction in such non-Federal share and the application of resulting available state funds to implement the conservation plan and other State funded coastal conservation measures.

142 Cong. Rec. E1917-02, 1996 WL 562382 (Cong.Rec.)

END OF DOCUMENT

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REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL FOR
MISSISSIPPI RIVER - GULF OUTLET (MRGO)
DISPOSAL AREA MARSH PROTECTION, PO-19, XPO-71,
AND STATUS REPORT ON
WEST BAY SEDIMENT DIVERSION PROJECT, MR-3, FMR-3

For Decision and Information.

Mr. Bill Hicks will address the Task Force with a request for construction approval for Mississippi River - Gulf Outlet (MRGO) Disposal Area Marsh Protection, PO-19, XPO-71, and to deliver a status report on West Bay Sediment Diversion, MR-3, FMR-3.

15Jul98

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

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Proceed to Construction on the CWPPRA MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection Project

1. The Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is ready to begin construction on the CWPPRA MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection 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, expected date of 16 Jul98, subject of "MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection Section 303(e) Approval", concludes that the project meets the requirements of Section 303(e) of CWPPRA.

b) By letter, dated June 11, 1998 the Natural Resource Conservation Service provided no present or foreseen concerns with over-grazing.

c) Total project cost is currently estimated at \$312,000, fully funded through Fiscal Year 2018. The original PPL 3 maximum total fully funded cost was \$640,250.

d) The Cost Sharing Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the local sponsor, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, was executed on January 17, 1997.


e) CELMN-PD-RS internal memorandum, expected date of 20Jul98, subject of "Completion of Environmental Compliance Activities for the CWPPRA MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection Project", 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 on April 28, 1998. All comments received have been addressed. Since review of the P&S, it has been determined that the contract will be let via a simplified acquisition process. Although, this process requires no P&S, only a scope of work, the current design is essentially unchanged.

g) The current schedule is enclosed.

2. If you should have any questions, please call me at (504) 862-1908 or Mr. Bill Hicks, Project Manager, at (504) 862-2626.

Sincerely,

for 
Steve Mathies
Senior Project Manager

Enclosure

CWPPRA CHANNEL ARMOR GAP CREVASSE

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Execute Cost Sharing Agreement	Jan 97
Execute Escrow Agreement Admendment	Aug 98
Complete Land Acquisition	Mar 98
Advertise Construction Contract	Aug 98
Award Construction Contract	Aug 98

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs

July 16, 1998

NOTE TO REVIEWERS:

As a statutorily-required Report to Congress, this must be reviewed by the Assistant Secretary, the Department and OMB before it can be signed and transmitted to Congress.

Under recent changes in procedure, the Executive Secretariat will handle DOI and OMB review. After receiving the Director's office surname, the report should go to the Assistant Secretary and then Exec Sec. It should not be signed by the Director until it is returned with their clearance.



Randy Bowman
Acting Chief

Notes:
FO draft to Ho 5/22/98
W.O. DHC Review Complete (annex)
6/24/98
See 7/16/98 Note from Reg's Wildlife Services Office

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DELIVERY OF STATUS REPORTS

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For information.

- Mr. Tom Podany will report to the Task Force on the status of the:
- a. 8th Priority Project List. The work is on schedule for selection of a List in the timeframe of December 1998 to January 1999;
 - b. Report to Congress. An ad-hoc committee is currently being formed for developing this report;
 - c. Feasibility Study Steering Committee. Current fact sheets enclosed for the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Study and the Mississippi River Sediment Nutrient and Fresh Water Redistribution Study (MRSNFR);
 - d. Atchafalaya Liaison Group. The group is scheduled to meet in August 1998, to discuss the results of the modeling on the future without project conditions in the Lower Atchafalaya Reevaluation Study; and
 - e. State Conservation Plan. A favorable report to Congress, prepared by the EPA, USFWS, and USACE, on the first six months of the plan, was completed in June 1998.

PROJECT FACT SHEET

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.

The three year study is broken into three geographic phases. Phase 1 (year 1) focuses on the region between Raccoon 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.

Report Status

Projected dates reflect the best optimistic estimate for report completion of the study manager.

	<u>Status</u>
A. Review of prior studies, reports, and existing projects	Final
B. Conceptual and quantitative system framework	Final
C. Assessment of resource status and trends	Final
D. Inventory and assessment of physical conditions and parameters	Final
E. Inventory and assessment of existing environmental resource conditions	Final
F. Inventory and assessment of existing economic resource conditions	Final 4/98
G. Forecast trends in physical and hydrological conditions with no action	Draft 7/98
H. Forecast trends in environmental resource conditions with no action	Draft 9/98
Ha. Forecast trends in economic resource conditions with no action	Final 9/98
I. Formulation of strategic options	Draft 9/98
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.	

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Total estimated cost (100% federal) \$1,433,213

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.

The scope of Phase 2 is being revised per Task Force recommendations from the September 1997 meeting. Schedules and budgets are being developed by DNR and will be available for Steering Team review in early April 1998. The Department of Natural Resources has submitted a proposal to the Task Force to alter the scope of Phase 2 to an intensive hydrologic data collection effort in the chenier plain that will identify more effective means of lowering water levels in the Mermentau Lakes Sub-basin and address large-scale hydrologic management in the Calcasieu/Sabine Basin. The Task Force has authorized \$50,000 to begin study design for this effort.

The contractor has exceeded the state imposed three year limitation to complete Phase 1 of the study resulting in automatic termination of the contract effective May 1, 1998. This has necessitated development of a new scope of services to complete the remaining deliverables called for in the Phase 1 scope of services. A new contract has been approved to complete Phase 1 only. A revised approach for Phase II is described above and will begin in early FY99. The future of the Phase III effort is unclear at this time and will require future Task Force action.

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



FACT SHEET
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

CELMN-PD-FE

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. Hydraulic modeling of riverine impacts for multi-diversion combinations is complete. Data and design information development for the intermediate concept plans are complete. Modeling of the hydraulic effects of the combined MRSNFR and Barrier Shoreline study alternatives in the Barataria basin have been run. The wetland evaluations for the intermediate study alternatives have been completed. Real estate cost estimates have been completed
- ii. **Tasks Underway:** Engineering and environmental write up for inclusion to the study preliminary report is on going. The Miss. River Ship Channel Improvement (MRSCI) recon study was recently terminated. This study was investigating alternatives dealing with navigation and navigation maintenance common to the MRSNFR study. As a result of the termination the MRSNFR study will be overseeing the completion of the analyses initiated by the MRSCI study. This will require additional time in the schedule, however no additional funding should be required. 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. A completion near mid summer 1998 is projected for a preliminary draft study report.

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June 1999 Final
- 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.

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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
Allocated for FY 1998	\$562,500
Balance to Complete After FY 1998	\$150,000

b. Issues.

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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. 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:
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TIM AXTMAN, (504) 862-1921

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STATUS OF THE COASTWIDE STRATEGY (COAST 2050)

For information.

Dr. Bill Good will brief the Task Force on the status of the effort to develop a coastwide strategy for addressing the problem of wetland loss.

Oct 1 - Draft to Task Force
~~*Oct 11 Briefing*~~

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REPORT OF PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

For information.

Dr. Steve Mathies will report on the implementation status of approved priority project list projects. The current status report on the projects is enclosed.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY REPORT

10 July 1998

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 *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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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-99		\$1,759,257	\$1,695,796		96.4	\$1,194,067 \$1,059,622
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Completed Queen Bess Island for \$945,678. Remaining funds may be used to purchase oyster leases for O&M beneficial disposal.

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	\$3,383,508 \$3,373,314
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Remarks: 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 April 7, 1994. Site visit by Task Force took place on April 13, 1994. The area was seeded by LA DNR on June 25, 1994.

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.

Status: Complete.



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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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	\$60,000	100.0	\$58,378 \$58,378

Remarks: This project was added to Priority List 1 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. The contract was completed in March 1997.

Status: Complete. This project was design only.

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	\$1,681,202	134.7!	\$1,681,202 \$1,681,202
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Complete.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
West Bay Sediment Diversion	DELTA	PLAQ	9,831					\$8,517,066	\$16,683,854		195.91	\$482,345 \$482,054

Remarks: 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. If no resolution on the land rights issue with LA DNR is reached, project will be proposed for de-authorization.

In a letter dated March 1, 1995, the Local Sponsor, LA DNR, requested deauthorization of the project citing cost overruns and its location on the "bird's foot" delta, which the CWPRA Restoration Plan calls for a phased-abandonment. A letter requesting deauthorization 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 deauthorization and work on the project proceeded. The CSA was sent to LA DNR for signature in March 1997. The current estimate exceeds the Priority List estimate by 125% and, therefore, necessitated Task Force approval, which was granted at the April 14, 1998 meeting.

Status: Unscheduled. At the April 14, 1998 Task Force meeting, approval was granted to proceed with the project at the current price of \$16.7 million.

Total Priority List 1	10,533	\$16,323,624	\$24,154,638	148.0	\$6,799,500	\$6,654,570
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- 5 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 4 Construction Started
- 3 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Clear Marais Bank Protection	CALC	CALCA	1,066	29-Apr-96 A	29-Aug-96 A	03-Mar-97 A	\$1,741,310	\$3,416,212	196.2!	\$2,877,003 \$2,769,480
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Complete.

West Belle Pass Headland Restoration	TERRE	LAFOU	469	27-Dec-96 A	10-Feb-98 A	15-Jun-98 A	\$4,854,102	\$6,734,915	138.7!	\$5,630,832 \$4,149,796
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Remarks: We have received verbal authority from HQ Counsel to acquire oyster leases, for this project only, directly impacted by the construction of the project. Construction cost increase approved at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: Construction complete.

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

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Channel Armor Gap Crevasse	DELTA	PLAQ	936	13-Jan-97 A	22-Sep-97 A	02-Nov-97 A	\$808,397	\$889,914	110.1	\$522,632	\$485,213	
MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection	PONT	STBER	755	17-Jan-97 A	03-Sep-98	01-Oct-98	\$512,198	\$482,164	94.1	\$229,427	\$211,003	

Priority List 3

Remarks: 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 Service 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.

Status: Complete.

Remarks: 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.

Status: Scope of work greatly reduced. Work will be performed via a simplified acquisition contract as estimated construction cost is under \$100,000.

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

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse	DELTA	PLAQ	0					\$2,857,790	\$108,926	\$108,926	3.8	\$109,890 \$108,926

Remarks: 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.

Status: A draft memorandum dated December 5, 1997 was sent to the CWPPRA Technical Committee Chairman requesting the Task Force to deauthorize the project. COE requested deauthorization at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Total Priority List 3 1,691

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

\$4,178,385 \$1,481,004 35.4 \$861,949 \$805,142

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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 4

Grand Bay Crevasse	BRET	PLAQ	0						\$2,468,908	\$52,919	2.1	\$55,866 \$52,919
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Remarks: 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.

Status: A draft memorandum dated December 5, 1997 was sent to the CWPPRA Technical Committee Chairman requesting the Task Force to deauthorize the project. COE requested deauthorization at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Hopper Dredge Demo	DELTA	PLAQ	0	30-Jun-97 A					\$300,000	\$375,000	125.0	\$22,308 \$22,308
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Current scheme was found to be non-implementable due to inability of the hopper dredge to get close enough to the disposal area to spray over the bank of the Mississippi River.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	***** Current	***** %	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List									
4			0			\$2,768,908	\$427,919	15.5	\$78,174
2									\$75,227
Project(s)									
1									
Cost Sharing Agreements Executed									
0									
Construction Started									
0									
Construction Completed									
1									
Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized									
0									
Unfunded Project(s)									

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

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

Priority List 5

Bayou Chevee Shoreline Protection	PONT	ORL	199	10-Sep-98	24-Nov-98	31-Mar-99	\$2,890,821	\$2,555,029	88.4	\$246,945 \$237,464
Remarks: Revised project consists of constructing a 2,870-foot rock dike across the mouth of the north cove and a 2,820-foot rock dike tying into and extending an existing USFWS rock dike, across the south cove. Approximately 75 acres of brackish marsh will be protected by the project.										

Status: Awaiting MVD and HQ review and approval of CSA forwarded on July 6, 1998.

Total Priority List 5	199						\$2,890,821	\$2,555,029	88.4	\$246,945 \$237,464
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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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	0			\$6,438,400	\$54,621 \$54,621
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Remarks: A draft memorandum dated December 5, 1997 was sent to the Technical Committee Chairman requesting the Task Force to deauthorize the project. COE requested deauthorization at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: COE requested deauthorization of project at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Dustpan/Cutterhead Dredge Demo	DELTA	PLAQ	0	20-Dec-98	15-Jun-99	30-Aug-99	\$1,600,000 \$1,600,000	\$67,299 \$67,299
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Remarks:

Status: Construction moved to next dredging cycle since CSA delay prevented implementation this year.

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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	
Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration	TECHE	IBERI	408	30-Sep-98	31-Dec-98	30-Apr-99	\$4,094,900	\$4,094,900	\$110,178 \$110,178

Remarks:

Status: *7* CSA execution will require new model CSA; not enough design to base cost on for drafting CSA. Over 4-month delay in right of entry from DNR; received week of January 5, 1998.

Total Priority List 6	408	\$12,133,300	\$5,749,521	47.4	\$232,098 \$232,098
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- 3 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	*****	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 7

Cut Off Bayou Marsh Restoration	PONT	ORL	226						\$6,510,200	\$6,510,200		100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.

Status: Unfunded.

Lake Borgne Shore Protection East & West of Shell Beach	PONT	STBER	131						\$15,133,400	\$15,133,400		100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.

Status: Unfunded.

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

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%
Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation	CALC	CAMER	238				\$9,391,600	\$9,391,600	100.0
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Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.

Status: Unfunded.

Wine Island Eastward Expansion

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\$1,276,100 \$1,276,100 100.0

Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.

Status: Unfunded.

Total Priority List 7 632

\$32,311,300 \$32,311,300 100.0

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

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures		
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%
Total	DEPT. OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS		14,998				\$77,201,750	\$76,830,538	99.5
20	Project(s)								
9	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed								
7	Construction Started								
6	Construction Completed								
3	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized								
4	Unfunded Project(s)								

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 *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Lead Agency: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 6

Priority List Conservation Plan

State of Louisiana Wetlands Conservation Plan	ALL	COAST	0	13-Jun-95 A	03-Jul-95 A	21-Nov-97 A		\$238,871	\$238,871	\$238,871	100.0	\$179,153 \$141,319
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Remarks: The date the MIPR was issued to obligate the Federal funds for the development of the plan is used as the construction start date for reporting purposes.

Status: Complete.

Total Priority List	Cons Plan	0						\$238,871	\$238,871	\$238,871	100.0	\$179,153 \$141,319
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Priority List 1

Isles Dernieres (Phase 0) (East Island)	TERRE	TERRE	9	17-Apr-93 A	16-Jan-98 A	31-Aug-98	\$6,345,468	\$8,751,838	137.9!	\$6,531,458	\$310,025
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Remarks: This phase of the Isles Dernieres restoration project is being combined with Isles Dernieres, Phase I (Trinity Island), a priority list 2 project. Additional funds to cover the increased construction cost on lowest bid received were approved at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting. A revised Cooperative Agreement is in preparation.

Status: Construction start was January 16, 1998. Potential completion of dredging activities on East Island is end of July 1998. Contractor is to provide revised schedule as soon as possible. Containment dikes have been constructed by bucket dredge. Hydraulic dredging began January 23, 1998.

Total Priority List 1	9	\$6,345,468	\$8,751,838	137.9	\$6,531,458	\$310,025
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 2

Isles Dernieres (Phase 1) (Trinity Island)	TERRE	TERRE	110	17-Apr-93 A	27-Jan-98 A	30-Nov-98	\$6,907,897	\$11,949,173	173.0!	\$9,063,410 \$335,861
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Remarks: Costs have increased due to construction bids significantly greater than projected in plans and specifications. Additional funds to cover the increased project cost were approved at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: The 30' hydraulic dredge, the Tom Jones, mobilized at East Island on about January 27, 1998. Construction of containment dikes by bucket dredge has commenced. Dredging is expected to be completed in September 1998.

Total Priority List 2	110						\$6,907,897	\$11,949,173	173.0	\$9,063,410 \$335,861
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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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		\$350,000	\$480,500	137.31	\$367,493 \$359,412
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Remarks: Bids for construction were opened on January 31, 1996. Project construction started July 8, 1996.

Status: Facility construction is essentially complete; project on hold pending resolution of cell contamination by saltwater before planting occurred, and possible change to freshwater marsh demonstration. Resolution of these concerns is expected by summer 1998.

Whiskey Island Restoration (Phase 2)	TERRE	TERRE	1,239	06-Apr-95 A	13-Feb-98 A	31-Aug-98	\$4,844,274	\$7,863,363	162.31	\$5,956,953 \$54,658
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Remarks: At the January 16, 1998 meeting, the Task Force approved additional funds to cover the increased construction cost on lowest bid received.

Status: Work was initiated on February 13, 1998. Dredging may be completed by the end of May 1998.

Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List 3												
			1,239					\$5,194,274	\$8,343,863	\$8,343,863	160.6	\$6,324,446
												\$414,070

2 Project(s)

2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

2 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Compost Demo	CALC	CAMER	0	22-Jul-96 A			\$370,594	\$380,594	102.7	\$286,199 \$15,236
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Remarks: Engineering/design proposals were received September 6, 1996. Project location has changed from the original. The project construction start and completion is unscheduled. The project schedule is delayed until Entergy can collect an adequate amount of compost, possibly 6 to 12 months.

Status: Unscheduled. The schedule is delayed, approximately 6 to 12 months, until Entergy can collect an adequate amount of compost.

Total Priority List 4	4	0					\$370,594	\$380,594	102.7	\$286,199 \$15,236
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

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

Bayou Lafourche Siphon	TERRE	ASCEN	428	19-Feb-97 A			\$16,987,000		\$16,987,000	100.0		\$1,007,500 \$601,908
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Remarks: Priority List 5 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. In FY 98, Priority List 7 authorized \$7,987,000, for a project estimate of \$16,987,000. Priority List 8 is scheduled to fund \$7,500,000. The total project will cost \$24,487,000 if fully implemented. 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. Several alternatives for diversion of freshwater are being evaluated.

1 M PDL 5
8 M PDL 6
7.987 PDL 7
7.5 PDL 8

Status: The Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) was executed February 19, 1997. Draft report is proposed for fall 1998.

Total Priority List 5	428	\$16,987,000	\$16,987,000	100.0	\$1,007,500 \$601,908
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

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	0				\$150,000	0.0	\$112,500
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Remarks: This was a 3-phased project. Priority List 6 authorized funding of \$150,000; Priority List 7 was scheduled to fund \$250,000; and Priority List 8 was scheduled to fund \$100,000. Total project cost was estimated to be \$500,000. By letter dated November 18, 1997, EPA notified the Technical Committee that they and LA DNR agree to deauthorize the project.

Status: EPA requested deauthorization at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Total Priority List 6	0						\$150,000	0.0	\$112,500
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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Priority List 7

Lake Pelto Dedicated Dredging at New Cut Closure	TERRE	TERRE	68					\$6,314,700	\$6,314,700	\$6,314,700	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.

Status: Unfunded.

Total Priority List 7	68							\$6,314,700	\$6,314,700	\$6,314,700	100.0	\$0 \$0
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 1 Unfunded Project(s)

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures				
					Const Start	Const End	Current	%			
Total ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 6			1,854				\$42,508,804	\$52,966,039	124.6	\$23,504,666	\$1,818,419
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7											
5											
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1											
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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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Actual
 Obligations/
 Expenditures

PROJECT BASIN PARISH ACRES CSA ***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start Const End Baseline ***** ESTIMATES ***** Current % 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 \$1,090,907
 \$1,001,619

Remarks: Project completed May 30, 1996. A dedication ceremony was held in mid-summer 1996.

Status: Complete.

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 \$433,848
 \$403,466

Remarks:

Status: Complete.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
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!	\$910,054 \$902,115

Remarks:

Status: Complete.

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	\$1,198,324 \$1,195,678
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Remarks:

Status: Complete.

Total Priority List 1	7,826	\$8,391,616	\$5,733,333	68.3	\$3,633,132 \$3,502,879
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- 4 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 4 Construction Started
- 4 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	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	\$1,058,495 \$1,005,416
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Complete.

Total Priority List 2			1,281				\$1,452,035	\$1,700,121		117.1	\$1,058,495 \$1,005,416
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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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-Feb-99	01-Nov-99	\$4,581,454	\$4,591,454	100.2	\$220,318	\$15,640
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Remarks: A meeting attended by agency representatives, landowners and a local drainage district member was held June 17, 1998, to discuss permitting requirements, the proposed structure operational plan, and water control structure design. As a result, needed refinements in the operational plan and structure design are being made.

Status: Design completion is now tentatively scheduled for October 1998. Construction is not expected to begin before February 1, 1999, and is projected to be completed by November 1, 1999.

Total Priority List 3	953	\$4,581,454	\$4,591,454	100.2	\$220,318	\$15,640
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- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Priority List 5

Grand Bayou / GIWW Freshwater Introduction	TERRE	LAFOU	1,609	01-Sep-98	01-Sep-99	28-Feb-00	\$5,032,468	\$9,113,199	181.1	\$94,500 \$71,730
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Remarks: The FWS, in consultation with residents, shrimpers, and agency personnel, has decided that the best site for installation of the Cutoff Canal Structure would be at the head of Cutoff Canal. To address concerns from local residents and shrimpers, additional project features were added to the project to avoid potential adverse effects. Those additional project features would benefit wetlands within an additional 16,000-acre area that was added to the project area. The proposed additional project features (\$3,977,700 fully funded) were authorized by the Task Force at its April 14, 1998 meeting.

Status: After the Task Force authorization of the additional project features, residents of lower Bayou Pointe au Chien objected to the location of the Cutoff Canal and recommended a more southerly location that provided them with some degree of flood protection. This southerly alternative is presently being evaluated. In the meantime, the public notice that a Terrebonne Parish flood protection project will be constructed in the area of concern may alter the need to incorporate flood protection goals into the Grand Bayou project. This may result in further changes in project features and their location.

The draft cost share agreement for the originally authorized project was modified slightly by the FWS Regional Office and awaits approval by DNR. This agreement will be modified to incorporate changes in project scope, features, and costs.

Total Priority List 5	1,609	\$5,032,468	\$9,113,199	181.1	\$94,500 \$71,730
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- 1 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	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	\$30,874 \$12,350
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Remarks: In FY 97, Priority List 6 authorized funding of \$4,915,650. An additional \$4,915,650 is scheduled to be authorized on Priority List 8; for a total project estimate of \$9,831,300.

Status: The draft cost sharing agreement submitted to LA DNR is expected to be approved soon. DNR has initiated landrights investigations for the conveyance channel and the flood protection system. The recent sale of property along the preferred conveyance channel route has reduced that alternative infeasible. Other alternative routes are now being investigated. The initial assumption that the Corps of Engineers would maintenance-dredge Bayou Pelton and a portion of Bayou Grand Caillou (thereby reducing the cost of the Lake Boudreaux Freshwater Introduction project) may be incorrect, based on an ongoing Corps analysis of dredging needs.

Nutria Harvest for Wetland Restoration Demo	TERRE	COAST		15-Aug-98				\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000		100.0	\$150,000 \$16,000
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Remarks: This is a phased project. Priority List 6 authorized \$400,000 for Phase 1; Priority List 7 authorized \$640,000. An additional \$1,100,000 is earmarked for Priority List 8. The total project will cost \$2,140,000.

Status: Preliminary work has begun on promotion of nutria meat overseas. Additional promotional activities have occurred in Louisiana. A draft cost sharing agreement is being revised by LA DNR, but the final agreement will probably not be signed until August 1998.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	***** Const End	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List 6										
			619				\$5,955,650	\$5,955,650	100.0	\$180,874 \$28,350
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Total DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE										
			12,288				\$25,413,223	\$27,093,757	106.6	\$5,187,319 \$4,624,015
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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	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures		
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%

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 \$6,999
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Deauthorized.

Lower Bayou LaCache Hydrologic Restoration	TERRE	TERRE	0	17-Apr-93 A			\$1,694,739	\$99,625	5.9	\$99,625 \$99,625
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Remarks: 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.

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

Status: Deauthorized.

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

2 Project(s)

1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

2 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Priority List 2

Atchafalaya Sediment Delivery	ATCH	STMRY	2,232	01-Aug-94 A	25-Jan-98 A	21-Mar-98 A	\$907,810	\$2,051,040	225.91	\$1,540,129 \$700,298
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Remarks: Project cost increase was approved by the Task Force at the January 16, 1998 meeting.

Status: Complete.

Big Island Mining (Increment 1)	ATCH	STMRY	2,160	01-Aug-94 A	25-Jan-98 A	15-Sep-98	\$4,136,057	\$7,092,356	171.51	\$5,327,988 \$3,083,033
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Remarks: Project cost increase was approved by the Task Force at the January 16, 1998 meeting.

Status: Construction contract awarded and notice to proceed issued January 28, 1998. Construction underway and expect completion by September 15, 1998.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Obligations/ Expenditures
Point Au Fer	TERRE	TERRE	375	01-Jan-94 A	01-Oct-95 A	08-May-97 A		\$1,069,589	\$1,631,707		152.6!	\$1,225,811 \$1,153,486

Remarks: Construction for the project will be accomplished in two phases. Phase I construction on the wooden plugs in the oil and gas canals in Area 1 was completed December 22, 1995. Phase II construction in 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 at December 18, 1996 meeting.

Status: Complete. Closing out cooperative agreement grant between NOAA and L.A DNR.

Total Priority List 2	4,767	\$6,113,456	\$10,775,103	176.3	\$8,093,928	\$4,936,837
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- 3 Project(s)
- 3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 3 Construction Started
- 2 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Priority List 3

Bayou Perot / Bayou Rigolettes Marsh Restoration	BARA	JEFF	0	01-Mar-95 A			\$1,835,047	100.5	\$1,389,483 \$1,293,118
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Remarks: 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. Project deauthorized at January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: Deauthorized.

East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration #1	TERRE	LAFOU	1,013	01-Feb-95 A	30-Aug-98	30-Apr-99	\$2,046,971	125.5	\$2,175,667 \$1,518,808
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Remarks:

Status: Design complete. Construction bid package advertised and bid opening scheduled for July 13, 1998.

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Actual
Obligations/
Expenditures

***** ESTIMATES *****
***** SCHEDULES *****

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
Lake Chapeau Sediment & Hydrologic Restoration	TERRE	TERRE	509	01-Mar-95 A	30-Sep-98	31-Mar-99	\$4,149,182	\$5,032,273	121.3	\$3,940,911 \$3,067,123

Remarks: Field surveying and geotechnical data collection completed in May 1996.

Status: Construction bid package completed and in processing. Bid opening scheduled for late July 1998.

Lake Salvador Shore Protection Demo	BARA	STCHA	176	01-Mar-95 A	02-Jul-97 A	30-Jun-98 A	\$1,444,628	\$2,565,894	177.6	\$1,928,969 \$1,137,569
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Remarks:

Status: Phase 1 was completed Sep 97. Phase 2 is shoreline protection between Bayou des Allemands and Lake Salvador. Construction began in April 1998 and was completed in June 1998.

Total Priority List 3										\$9,475,828	\$12,011,668	126.8	\$9,435,030 \$7,016,617
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- 4 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration #2	TERRE	LAFOU	215	08-Jun-95 A	31-Aug-98	30-Mar-99		\$5,752,404		\$7,188,005	125.0	\$6,099,820 \$224,968
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Remarks:

Status: Design complete March 1998. EA and permitting underway. Construction bid package has been advertised and bid opening is scheduled for July 1998.

Eden Isles East Marsh Restoration

PONT	STTAM	0						\$5,018,968		\$31,973	0.6	\$41,347 \$31,973
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Remarks: NMFS letter of September 8, 1997 requests the CWPBRA Task Force to move forward with deauthorization of this project. Bids were placed twice to acquire the land; both times they were rejected due to higher bids by private developers. Project deauthorized at January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: Deauthorized.

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Actual
 Obligations/
 Expenditures

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List 4												
			215					\$10,771,372		\$7,219,978	67.0	\$6,141,167
												\$256,941

2 Project(s)

1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

0 Unfunded Project(s)

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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

Little Vermilion Bay Sediment Trapping	TECHE	VERMI	441	22-May-97A	30-Jan-99	30-Apr-99		\$940,065	\$940,100		100.0	\$702,576 \$50,595
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Remarks:

Status: Construction slip from April 1998 to January 1999. Final design, EA preparation and permit application in preparation. Construction anticipated in winter 1998.

Myrtle Grove Siphon	BARA	PLAQ	1,119	20-Mar-97A	01-May-99	01-May-00		\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000		100.0	\$3,372,500 \$68,611
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Remarks: 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 for FY 97. Priority List 8 is scheduled to fund the remaining \$5,000,000. Total project cost is estimated to be \$15,525,950.

Status: Early site investigations have been initiated. Preliminary landowner negotiations initiated for easements for rights-of-way for project corridor.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List 5												
			1,560					\$11,440,065	\$11,440,100		100.0	\$4,075,076
												\$119,206

2 Project(s)

2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

0 Construction Started

0 Construction Completed

0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Priority List 6

Black Bayou Hydrologic Restoration	CALC	CAMER	3,594	01-May-98 A	30-Aug-99	31-Dec-99	\$6,316,800	\$6,316,806	100.0	\$5,681,403 \$1,189
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Remarks:

Status: Cooperative Agreement awarded May 1998. Preliminary site investigations conducted.

Delta-Wide Crevasses	DELTA	PLAQ	2,386	01-May-98 A	31-Jan-99	30-Apr-99	\$2,736,950	\$2,736,950	100.0	\$2,456,638 \$1,306
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Remarks: In FY 97, Priority List 6 authorized funding of \$2,736,950 for Phase 1 of this 2-phased project. Priority List 8 is scheduled to fund \$2,736,950. Total project is scheduled to cost \$5,473,900.

Status: Cooperative Agreement awarded May 1998. Field surveying and analysis underway.

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							Baseline	Current	%	
Jaws Sediment Trapping	TECHE	STMAR	1,999	01-May-98 A	01-Jun-99	30-Aug-99	\$3,167,400	\$3,167,402	100.0	\$2,847,036 \$1,316

Remarks:

Status: Cooperative Agreement awarded May 1998. Early site investigation initiated.

Total Priority List 6 7,979 \$12,221,150 \$12,221,158 100.0 \$10,985,077 \$3,811

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

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Priority List 7

Grand Terre Vegetative Plantings	BARA	JEFF	127	01-Oct-98	28-Feb-99	31-Mar-99	\$928,900	\$928,895	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks:

Status: Draft cooperative agreement being developed.

Pecan Island Terracing	MERM	VERMI	442	01-Oct-98	30-Sep-99	30-Jun-00	\$2,185,900	\$2,185,904	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks:

Status: Draft cooperative agreement being developed by LA DNR.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures	
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline			
Total Priority List			7	569			\$3,114,800	\$3,114,799	100.0	\$0
2	Project(s)									
0	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed									
0	Construction Started									
0	Construction Completed									
0	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized									
0	Unfunded Project(s)									
Total	DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE		16,788				\$55,083,446	\$56,889,430	103.3	\$38,836,903
18	Project(s)									
14	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed									
4	Construction Started									
3	Construction Completed									
4	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized									
0	Unfunded Project(s)									

Notes:

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

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	CONST START	CONST END	BASLINE	CURRENT	ESTIMATES *****	%	ACTUAL OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES
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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	31-May-99	\$8,141,512	\$8,347,106			102.5	\$1,243,940 \$1,666,976
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Remarks: The project has been divided into a number of smaller contracts in order to expedite implementation. The first contract was to install most of the weir structures and is complete. The second contract is to install bank protection, one weir and one plug.

Contract 1: Begin: 1 May 97 Complete: 30 Nov 97 \$ 646,691
 Contract 2: Begin: 1 Sep 98 Complete: 31 May 99 \$2,826,968
 Contingency: \$ 765,575

Status: The first construction contract is complete. The second construction contract is expected to be advertised in July 1998. Construction completion of the second construct slipped from February 1998 to May 1999 because of general project planning and some land rights issues.

Vegetative Plantings Demo - Dewitt-Rollover	MERM	VERMI	312	17-Apr-93 A	11-Jul-94 A	26-Aug-94 A	\$191,003	\$79,448			41.6	\$79,448 \$79,448
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Remarks: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Status: Complete and deauthorized.

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 Expenditures

PROJECT BASIN PARISH ACRES CSA ***** SCHEDULES ***** Const Start Const End Baseline ***** ESTIMATES ***** Current %

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 \$119,950 \$109,655

Remarks: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project. Wave-stilling devices are in place. Vegetative plantings are in place.

Status: Complete.

Vegetative Plantings
 Demo - Timbalier Island TERRE TERRE 169 17-Apr-93 A 15-Mar-95 A 30-Jul-96 A \$372,589 \$411,602 110.5 \$333,982 \$188,058

Remarks: 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.

Status: Complete.

Vegetative Plantings
 Demo - West Hackberry CALC CAMER 98 17-Apr-93 A 15-Apr-93 A 30-Mar-94 A \$213,947 \$225,157 105.2 \$168,730 \$153,999

Remarks: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Status: Complete.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures		
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%
Total Priority List 1									
			808				\$9,063,612	\$9,243,609	102.0
5									
5									
5									
4									
1									
0									

5 Project(s)

5 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed

5 Construction Started

4 Construction Completed

1 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized

0 Unfunded Project(s)

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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-Nov-98	01-Jul-99	\$3,222,800	\$3,222,666	100.0	\$260,176 \$184,112
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Remarks: Pipeline issues may be a problem holding up construction start.

Status: Contract award has been delayed due primarily to the length of time needed to complete the permitting process, beneficial use of COE dredged material, and the relocation of a pipeline. Contract award is expected in October 1998.

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: NRCS correspondence dated September 30, 1996 requested DNR to evaluate project for possible deauthorization. DNR correspondence of December 6, 1996 concurred with NRCS to begin formal deauthorization of the project. As of July 1, 1997, LA DNR had stated that problems might be able to be resolved, and requested that NRCS not proceed with formal deauthorization at July 1997 Task Force meeting. Further discussion with primary landowner put deauthorization on hold. A meeting was scheduled for July 22, 1997 between NRCS, LA DNR and primary landowner to see if problems could be resolved.

Status: This project was proposed for deauthorization but was referred for revisions at the request of the landowners and DNR. The construction schedule will slip and the cost may change.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****			***** ESTIMATES *****		Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	
Freshwater Bayou	MERM	VERMI	1,604	17-Aug-94 A	29-Aug-94 A	30-Aug-98	\$2,770,093	\$2,780,100	100.4	\$1,300,005 \$1,219,890

Remarks: 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.

Status: Construction completion slipped from December 1997 to August 1998. Construction is being done by landowner. Project almost complete.

Fritchie Marsh	PONT	STTAM	1,040	21-Feb-95 A	01-Nov-98	01-May-99	\$3,048,389	\$2,875,475	94.3	\$278,252 \$196,772
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Delays in project construction start occurred because a landowner had changed his position, prompting design changes, and local officials expressed concerns about drainage that required additional investigations. The construction contract is expected to be awarded in time to start construction in November 1998. Land rights could be a problem but we don't know yet.

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					Const Start	Const End				
Hwy 384	CALC	CAMER	150	13-Oct-94 A	30-Aug-98	28-Feb-99	\$700,717	\$756,562	108.0	\$95,106 \$160,802

Remarks: Difference of opinion between agencies concerning impacts and benefits resulted in delays, and multiple, complex land-owner title issues are not yet resolved.

Status: Construction start slipped from November 1997 to August 1998 because of land rights issues. Written agreements remain to be secured from one land owner. Difference of opinion between agencies concerning impacts and benefits resulted in delays, and multiple, complex land-owner title issues are not yet resolved. Contract is expected to be advertised in June 1998.

Jonathan Davis Wetland	BARA	JEFF	510	05-Jan-95 A	22-Jun-98 A	15-Nov-99	\$3,398,867	\$4,046,673	119.1	\$1,798,370 \$634,293
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Remarks: The project will be constructed in two contracts. The first contract will install the majority of the structures. The second contract will install the bank protection and the remaining structures.

Status: Construction start slipped from December 1997 to June 1998 because of planning and design delays. First contract to construct weir and plugs was advertised in February 1998. Second contract is bank stabilization and will probably be advertised in fall 98.

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	\$1,479,305 \$1,376,190
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Complete.

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							Baseline	Current	%		
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		\$696,888 \$673,808

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

Status: Complete.

Total Priority List 2	6,278	\$19,575,334	\$20,088,527	102.6	\$6,176,790	\$4,395,441
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- 8 Project(s)
- 8 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 4 Construction Started
- 2 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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Priority List 3

Brady Canal	TERRE	TERRE	297	13-Oct-94 A	15-Oct-98	15-Jun-99		\$4,717,928	\$5,897,400		125.0	\$202,031 \$120,385
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Remarks: Project delayed because of landowner concerns about permit conditions regarding monitoring, and objection from a pipeline company in the area. In addition, CSA revisions were needed to accommodate the landowner's interest in providing non-Federal funding.

Status: Permitting and design conditions have resulted in the CSA being modified to also include Fina Oil Co. and LL&E. Both will help cost share the project. The revised CSA is expected to be complete in July 1998. The construction schedule slipped from May 1998 to October 1998.

Cameron Creole Maintenance	CALC	CAMER	2,602	09-Jan-97 A	30-Sep-97 A			\$3,719,926	\$3,730,000		100.3	\$1,078,000 \$469,068
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Remarks: This project provides for maintenance on an as-needed basis, therefore, a definite design completion start date cannot be set. The first contract for maintenance is complete.

Status: The first contract for maintenance work is complete. The second contract is complete.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES Current	%	Actual Obligations/Expenditures
Cote Blanche	TECHE	STMRY	2,223	01-Jul-96 A	25-Mar-98 A	15-Sep-98	\$5,173,062	\$5,639,302	109.0	\$4,579,298 \$952,236

Remarks: 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.

Status: Construction start date slipped from November 1997 to March 1998 because of concern about the source of shell to construct the project. Site inspection for bidder was held January 12, 1998. Concern for a source of shell may require budget modifications. Contract awarded February 1998; notice to proceed March 1998.

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 \$42,526
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Remarks:

Status: Complete. Deauthorization requested.

Violet Freshwater
Distribution

PONT	STBER	247	13-Oct-94 A	15-Feb-00	15-Dec-00	\$1,821,438	\$1,844,040	101.2	\$143,011 \$58,099
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Remarks: 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.

Status: Access problems have been resolved and design is currently proceeding; the construction schedule slipped from September 1998 to February 2000 as design is finalized.

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Actual
Obligations/
Expenditure:

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%	Obligations/ Expenditure:
West Pointe-a-la-Hache Outfall Management	BARA	PLAQ	1,087	05-Jan-95 A	15-Nov-99	15-Dec-00	\$881,148	\$4,079,556	463.01	\$98,923 \$7,893

Remarks: Initial cost estimate is too low. Additional \$3.2 million requested and approved at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: Project put on hold while waiting for estimate increase. Construction start slipped from August 1998 to November 1999.

White's Ditch Outfall Management	BRET	PLAQ	0	13-Oct-94 A			\$756,134	\$23,075	3.1	\$102,335 \$23,075
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Remarks: LA DNR concurred with NRCS to deauthorize the project. Project deauthorized at the January 16, 1998 Task Force meeting.

Status: Deauthorized.

Total Priority List 3 6,472 \$17,195,698 \$21,360,317 124.2 \$6,261,884 \$1,673,282

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

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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	\$2,453,354	101.4	\$288,018 \$1,213
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Remarks:

Status: Project on schedule. Permit applications and environmental assessments are proceeding.

BBWW "Dupre Cut" - West	BARA	JEFF	232	23-Jun-97 A	01-Apr-99	15-Nov-99	\$2,192,418	\$2,212,360	100.9	\$196,561 \$1,595
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Remarks:

Status: The project is being coordinated with the COE dredging program.

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					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	

Flotant Marsh Fencing Demo	TERRE	TERRE	0	28-Feb-99	30-Jun-99	30-Oct-99	\$367,066	\$393,628	\$80,861 \$1,167
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Remarks: Difficulty in locating an appropriate site for demonstration and difficulty in addressing engineering constraints.

Status: CSA execution slipped from September 1997 to February 1999. Construction schedule will be affected. Difficulty in locating an appropriate site for demonstration and difficulty in addressing engineering constraints. Project location is expected to be settled by the end of January 1998.

Perry Ridge Bank Protection	CALC	CALCA	1,203	23-Jun-97A	15-Jul-98	15-Jan-99	\$2,223,518	\$2,223,500	\$2,048,528 \$80,273
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Remarks:

Status: Acquisition of land rights are complete; project on schedule.

Plowed Terraces Demo	CALC	CAMER	0	01-Jan-99	30-Apr-99	30-Jul-99	\$299,690	\$299,690	\$52,054 \$4,395
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Remarks: 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.

Status: CSA execution slipped from November 1997 to January 1999. Construction start slipped from April 1998 to April 1999. Project initially put on hold pending results of an earlier terraces demonstration project being paid for by the Gulf of Mexico program. Project currently proceeding.

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					Const Start	Const End	Baseline	Current	%
Total Priority List									
	4		2,172				\$7,501,368	\$7,582,532	101.1
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3									
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							\$2,666,021		
							\$88,642		

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Priority List 5

Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization	MERM	VERMI	511	01-Jul-97 A	15-Feb-98 A	15-Jun-98 A		\$3,998,919	\$3,998,900	100.0	\$3,511,939 \$1,642,038
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Remarks: The local cost share is being paid by Acadian Gas Company.

Status: Contract was awarded January 14, 1998. Construction is complete.

Naomi Outfall Management	BARA	PLAQ	633	15-Dec-98	01-Mar-99	30-Sep-99		\$1,686,865	\$1,771,813	105.0	\$185,808 \$3,103
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Remarks:

Status: CSA at DNR for several months; execution slipped from December 1997 to December 1998 based on LA DNR's O&M program and monitoring program reviews. This should not affect the project construction schedule. This project will be combined with BBWW "Dupre Cut" East project for planning, design, and construction.

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Priority List 6

BBWW "Dupre Cut" - East	BARA	JEFF	217	15-Dec-98	01-Mar-99	30-Sep-99		\$5,019,900	\$5,019,900			100.0	\$325,600 \$92
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Remarks: This project will be combined with the Naomi Outfall Management project for planning, design and construction.

Status: CSA at DNR for several months; execution slipped from December 1997 to December 1998 because of LA DNR's O&M program and monitoring program review. This should not affect the project construction schedule. This project will be combined with Naomi Outfall Management project for planning, design, and construction.

Cheniere au Tigre Sediment Trapping Device Demo	TECHE	VERMI	0	01-Nov-98	01-Apr-99	30-Oct-99		\$500,000	\$500,000			100.0	\$7,500 \$0
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Remarks:

Status:

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Oaks/Avery Canals Hydrologic Restoration- Incr 1 (B.S. only)	TECHE	VERMI	160	01-Dec-98	01-Jul-99	30-Dec-99	\$2,367,700	\$2,367,700	100.0	\$83,288 \$92

Remarks:

Status: No anticipated problems to expedite implementation. The planning, design, and construction will be handled by DNR and should result in the project being completed about 6 months early.

Penchant Basin Plan
w/o Shoreline
Stabilization

TERRE	TERRE	1,155	01-May-99	01-Oct-00	30-Oct-01	\$7,051,550	\$7,051,550	100.0	\$1,053,500 \$92
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Remarks: Priority List 6 authorized funding for \$7,051,550 in FY 97; Priority List 8 is scheduled to fund \$7,051,550, for a total project cost of \$14,103,100.

Status: CSA slipped from February 1998 to May 1999. Data gathering on-going. Project on schedule.

Total Priority List 6	1,532	\$14,939,150	\$14,939,150	100.0	\$1,469,888 \$275
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- 4 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized
- 0 Unfunded Project(s)

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

Priority List 7

Barataria Basin Landbridge, Ph 1	BARA	JEFF	862	15-Jul-98	15-Jan-00	15-Sep-00	\$10,342,700	\$10,342,691	100.0	\$682,500 \$0
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Remarks:

Status:

Barataria Basin Landbridge, Ph 2	BARA	JEFF	787				\$21,263,700	\$21,263,700	100.0	\$0 \$0
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Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.

Status: Unfunded.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Const Start	Const End	ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	Current	%	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
South Grand Cheniere Freshwater Introduction	MERM	CAMER	33				\$5,130,500	\$5,130,500	100.0	\$0 \$0
Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.										
Status: Unfunded.										
Thin Mat Floatant Marsh Enhancement Demo	PEN	TERRE	0	15-Sep-98	15-Apr-99	15-May-99	\$460,222	\$460,222	100.0	\$0 \$0
Remarks:										
Status:										
Upper Oak River Freshwater Introduction Siphon	BRET	PLAQ	337				\$12,471,800	\$12,471,800	100.0	\$0 \$0
Remarks: This project was approved as an unfunded project on Priority List 7.										
Status: Unfunded.										

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Const Start	Const End	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	%	Obligations/ Expenditures
Total Priority List 7 2,019												
5	Project(s)											
0	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed											
0	Construction Started											
0	Construction Completed											
0	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized											
3	Unfunded Project(s)											
Total DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE												
38	Project(s)											
26	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed											
14	Construction Started											
9	Construction Completed											
3	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized											
3	Unfunded Project(s)											
								\$49,668,922	\$49,668,913	100.0		\$682,500
												\$0
								\$129,927,406	\$135,479,859	104.3		\$25,009,597
												\$11,783,747

Notes:

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

Project Status Summary Report - Total All Priority Lists

PROJECT	ACRES	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual Obligations/ Expenditures
		Baseline Current %	
SUMMARY	Total All Projects	\$330,134,629 \$349,259,624 105.8	\$109,264,987 \$45,589,993
94	Project(s)		
62	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed		
35	Construction Started		
24	Construction Completed		
11	Project(s) Deferred/Deauthorized		
8	Unfunded Project(s)		

Total Available Funds

Federal Funds	\$231,200,983
Non/Federal Funds	\$50,835,216
Total Funds	\$282,036,199

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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: All Basins in State									
Priority List: Cons Plan	1	0	1	1	1	0	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$141,319
Basin Total	1	0	1	1	1	0	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$141,319
Basin: Atchafalaya									
Priority List:	2	4,392	2	2	1	0	\$5,043,867	\$9,143,396	\$3,783,351
Basin Total	2	4,392	2	2	1	0	\$5,043,867	\$9,143,396	\$3,783,351
Basin: Barataria									
Priority List:	1	620	3	3	1	0	\$9,960,769	\$10,102,902	\$2,784,976
Priority List:	2	510	1	1	0	0	\$3,398,867	\$4,046,673	\$634,293
Priority List:	3	1,263	3	1	1	1	\$4,160,823	\$8,490,200	\$2,438,580
Priority List:	4	969	2	0	0	0	\$4,611,094	\$4,665,714	\$2,808
Priority List:	5	1,752	1	0	0	0	\$12,186,865	\$12,271,813	\$71,714
Priority List:	6	217	0	0	0	0	\$5,019,900	\$5,019,900	\$92
Priority List:	7	1,776	0	0	0	0	\$32,535,300	\$32,535,286	\$0
Basin Total	15	7,107	10	5	2	1	\$71,873,618	\$77,132,488	\$5,932,463

Project Status Summary Report by Basin

Basin: Breton Sound		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	2	1	802	1	0	0	0	\$2,522,199	\$2,634,353	\$149,573
Priority List:	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	\$756,134	\$23,075	\$23,075
Priority List:	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	\$2,468,908	\$52,919	\$52,919
Priority List:	7	1	337	0	0	0	0	\$12,471,800	\$12,471,800	\$0
Basin Total	4	4	1,139	2	0	0	2	\$18,219,041	\$15,182,147	\$225,567

Basin: Calcasieu

Priority List:	1	3	6,127	3	3	3	0	\$5,770,187	\$2,869,804	\$1,753,143
Priority List:	2	4	3,010	4	2	2	0	\$8,568,462	\$10,202,665	\$4,490,584
Priority List:	3	2	3,555	2	1	0	0	\$8,301,380	\$8,321,454	\$484,709
Priority List:	4	3	1,203	2	0	0	0	\$2,893,802	\$2,903,784	\$99,904
Priority List:	5	1	247	1	0	0	0	\$4,800,000	\$4,762,700	\$23,763
Priority List:	6	1	3,594	1	0	0	0	\$6,316,800	\$6,316,806	\$1,189
Priority List:	7	1	238	0	0	0	0	\$9,391,600	\$9,391,600	\$0
Basin Total	15	15	17,974	13	6	5	0	\$46,042,231	\$44,768,813	\$6,853,292

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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: Miss. River Delta										
Priority List:	1	1	9,831	0	0	0	0	\$8,517,066	\$16,683,854	\$482,054
Priority List:	3	2	936	1	1	1	1	\$3,666,187	\$998,840	\$594,138
Priority List:	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	\$300,000	\$375,000	\$22,308
Priority List:	6	2	2,386	1	0	0	0	\$4,336,950	\$4,336,950	\$68,604
Basin Total	6	6	13,153	3	1	1	1	\$16,820,203	\$22,394,644	\$1,167,104

Basin: Mermentau

Priority List:	1	2	559	2	2	2	1	\$1,368,671	\$1,569,522	\$981,563
Priority List:	2	1	1,604	1	1	0	0	\$2,770,093	\$2,780,100	\$1,219,890
Priority List:	3	1	16	1	1	1	1	\$126,062	\$146,944	\$42,526
Priority List:	5	1	511	1	1	1	0	\$3,998,919	\$3,998,900	\$1,642,038
Priority List:	7	2	475	0	0	0	0	\$7,316,400	\$7,316,404	\$0
Basin Total	7	7	3,165	5	5	4	2	\$15,580,145	\$15,811,870	\$3,886,017

Basin: Bayou Penchant

Priority List:	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$460,222	\$460,222	\$0
Basin Total	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$460,222	\$460,222	\$0

Project Status Summary Report by Basin

Basin: Pontchartrain		No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List:	1	2	1,753	2	2	2	0	\$6,119,009	\$5,257,352	\$4,374,933
Priority List:	2	2	2,321	2	1	1	0	\$4,500,424	\$4,575,596	\$1,202,188
Priority List:	3	3	1,002	3	1	0	0	\$2,683,636	\$2,806,704	\$628,514
Priority List:	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	\$5,018,968	\$31,973	\$31,973
Priority List:	5	1	199	0	0	0	0	\$2,890,821	\$2,555,029	\$237,464
Priority List:	7	2	357	0	0	0	0	\$21,643,600	\$21,643,600	\$0
Basin Total	11	11	5,632	7	4	3	1	\$42,856,458	\$36,870,253	\$6,475,072

Basin: Teche / Vermilion

Priority List:	1	1	54	1	1	1	0	\$1,526,000	\$2,056,249	\$1,681,202
Priority List:	2	1	378	1	1	1	0	\$1,008,634	\$965,473	\$673,808
Priority List:	3	1	2,223	1	1	0	0	\$5,173,062	\$5,639,302	\$952,236
Priority List:	5	1	441	1	0	0	0	\$940,065	\$940,100	\$50,595
Priority List:	6	4	2,567	1	0	0	0	\$10,130,000	\$10,130,002	\$111,586
Basin Total	8	8	5,663	5	3	2	0	\$18,777,761	\$19,731,126	\$3,469,428

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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: Terrebonne									
Priority List:	1	5	232	4	3	2	\$8,809,393	\$9,450,361	\$714,363
Priority List:	2	3	954	3	2	0	\$12,831,588	\$20,315,795	\$5,639,142
Priority List:	3	4	3,058	4	1	0	\$15,758,355	\$21,361,787	\$4,760,974
Priority List:	4	2	215	1	0	0	\$6,119,470	\$7,581,633	\$226,135
Priority List:	5	3	2,037	2	1	0	\$23,517,006	\$28,163,597	\$2,232,703
Priority List:	6	5	1,774	0	0	2	\$19,595,600	\$13,061,821	\$83,063
Priority List:	7	2	105	0	0	0	\$7,590,800	\$7,590,800	\$0
Basin Total	24	8,375	14	8	5	4	\$94,222,212	\$107,525,794	\$13,656,380

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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
94	66,600	62	35	24	11	\$330,134,629	\$349,259,624	\$45,589,993
Total All Basins								

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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: ASCENSION									
Priority List:	5	428	1	0	0	0	\$16,987,000	\$16,987,000	\$601,908
Parish Total	1	428	1	0	0	0	\$16,987,000	\$16,987,000	\$601,908
Parish: CALCASIEU									
Priority List:	2	1,066	1	1	1	0	\$1,741,310	\$3,416,212	\$2,769,480
Priority List:	4	1,203	1	0	0	0	\$2,223,518	\$2,223,500	\$80,273
Parish Total	2	2,269	2	1	1	0	\$3,964,828	\$5,639,712	\$2,849,753
Parish: CAMERON									
Priority List:	1	6,374	4	4	4	0	\$6,947,855	\$4,359,878	\$2,655,258
Priority List:	2	1,944	3	1	1	0	\$6,827,152	\$6,786,453	\$1,721,104
Priority List:	3	3,555	2	1	0	0	\$8,301,380	\$8,321,454	\$484,709
Priority List:	4	0	1	0	0	0	\$670,284	\$680,284	\$19,631
Priority List:	5	247	1	0	0	0	\$4,800,000	\$4,762,700	\$23,763
Priority List:	6	3,594	1	0	0	0	\$6,316,800	\$6,316,806	\$1,189
Priority List:	7	271	0	0	0	0	\$14,522,100	\$14,522,100	\$0
Parish Total	15	15,985	12	6	5	0	\$48,385,571	\$45,749,675	\$4,905,654

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Project Status Summary Report by Parish

Parish: Coastal Parishes		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	1	0	\$238,871	\$238,871	\$141,319
Priority List:		6		0	0	0	0	\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000	\$16,000
Parish Total		2	0	1	1	1	0	\$1,278,871	\$1,278,871	\$157,319

Parish: IBERIA

Priority List:		6	408	0	0	0	0	\$4,094,900	\$4,094,900	\$110,178
Parish Total		1	408	0	0	0	0	\$4,094,900	\$4,094,900	\$110,178

Parish: JEFFERSON

Priority List:		2	445	2	2	1	0	\$1,819,257	\$1,755,796	\$1,118,000
Priority List:		2	510	1	1	0	0	\$3,398,867	\$4,046,673	\$634,293
Priority List:		3	0	1	0	0	1	\$1,835,047	\$1,844,750	\$1,293,118
Priority List:		4	232	1	0	0	0	\$2,192,418	\$2,212,360	\$1,595
Priority List:		6	217	0	0	0	0	\$5,019,900	\$5,019,900	\$92
Priority List:		7	1,776	0	0	0	0	\$32,535,300	\$32,535,286	\$0
Parish Total		9	3,180	5	3	1	1	\$46,800,789	\$47,414,765	\$3,047,098

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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: LAFOURCHE									
Priority List:	2	175	1	1	0	1	\$8,393,548	\$8,354,105	\$1,673,976
Priority List:	2	469	1	1	1	0	\$4,854,102	\$6,734,915	\$4,149,796
Priority List:	3	1,013	1	0	0	0	\$2,046,971	\$2,568,751	\$1,518,808
Priority List:	4	952	2	0	0	0	\$8,171,080	\$9,641,359	\$226,181
Priority List:	5	1,609	0	0	0	0	\$5,032,468	\$9,113,199	\$71,730
Parish Total	7	4,218	5	2	1	1	\$28,498,169	\$36,412,329	\$7,640,490

Parish: ORLEANS

Priority List:	1	1,550	1	1	1	0	\$1,657,708	\$1,598,612	\$1,001,619
Priority List:	2	1,281	1	1	1	0	\$1,452,035	\$1,700,121	\$1,005,416
Priority List:	5	199	0	0	0	0	\$2,890,821	\$2,555,029	\$237,464
Priority List:	7	226	0	0	0	0	\$6,510,200	\$6,510,200	\$0
Parish Total	4	3,256	2	2	2	0	\$12,510,764	\$12,363,962	\$2,244,500

Project Status Summary Report by Parish

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA		Under		Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
			Executed	Const.	Const.	Deauth.					
Parish: PLAQUEMINES											
Priority List:	1	9,831	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$8,517,066	\$16,683,854	\$482,054
Priority List:	2	802	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$2,522,199	\$2,634,353	\$149,573
Priority List:	3	2,023	3	1	1	1	2	2	\$5,303,469	\$5,101,470	\$625,106
Priority List:	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	\$2,768,908	\$427,919	\$75,227
Priority List:	5	1,752	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$12,186,865	\$12,271,813	\$71,714
Priority List:	6	2,386	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,336,950	\$4,336,950	\$68,604
Priority List:	7	337	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$12,471,800	\$12,471,800	\$0
Parish Total	13	17,131	7	1	1	1	3	3	\$48,107,257	\$53,928,160	\$1,472,278

Parish: ST. BERNARD

Priority List:	3	1,002	2	0	0	0	0	0	\$2,333,636	\$2,326,204	\$269,102
Priority List:	7	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$15,133,400	\$15,133,400	\$0
Parish Total	3	1,133	2	0	0	0	0	0	\$17,467,036	\$17,459,604	\$269,102

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	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Parish: ST. CHARLES									
Priority List:	1	203	1	1	1	0	\$4,461,301	\$3,658,740	\$3,373,314
Priority List:	3	176	1	1	1	0	\$1,444,628	\$2,565,894	\$1,137,569
Parish Total	2	379	2	2	2	0	\$5,905,929	\$6,224,634	\$4,510,882
Parish: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST									
Priority List:	3	0	1	1	0	0	\$350,000	\$480,500	\$359,412
Parish Total	1	0	1	1	0	0	\$350,000	\$480,500	\$359,412
Parish: ST. MARTIN									
Priority List:	6	1,999	1	0	0	1	\$3,317,400	\$3,167,402	\$1,316
Parish Total	2	1,999	1	0	0	1	\$3,317,400	\$3,167,402	\$1,316
Parish: ST. MARY									
Priority List:	2	4,392	2	2	1	0	\$5,043,867	\$9,143,396	\$3,783,351
Priority List:	3	2,223	1	1	0	0	\$5,173,062	\$5,639,302	\$952,236
Priority List:	6	0	0	0	0	1	\$6,438,400	\$54,621	\$54,621
Parish Total	4	6,615	3	3	1	1	\$16,655,329	\$14,837,319	\$4,790,208

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Project Status Summary Report by Parish

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects		Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
						Deauth.	Deauth.			
Parish: ST. TAMMANY										
Priority List:	2	1,040	1	0	0	0	0	\$3,048,389	\$2,875,475	\$196,772
Priority List:	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	\$5,018,968	\$31,973	\$31,973
Parish Total	2	1,040	1	0	0	1	1	\$8,067,357	\$2,907,448	\$228,745

Parish: TERREBONNE

Priority List:	1	232	4	3	2	1	1	\$8,557,357	\$9,443,361	\$707,364
Priority List:	2	485	2	2	1	0	0	\$7,977,486	\$13,580,880	\$1,489,346
Priority List:	3	2,045	3	1	0	0	0	\$13,711,384	\$18,793,036	\$3,242,166
Priority List:	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$367,066	\$393,628	\$1,167
Priority List:	5		1	1	1	0	0	\$1,497,538	\$2,063,398	\$1,559,065
Priority List:	6	1,774	0	0	0	0	0	\$11,967,200	\$11,967,200	\$12,442
Priority List:	7	105	0	0	0	0	0	\$8,051,022	\$8,051,022	\$0
Parish Total	16	4,641	10	7	4	1	1	\$52,129,053	\$64,292,525	\$7,011,550

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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: VERMILION									
Priority List:	2	366	2	2	2	1	\$1,717,003	\$2,135,697	\$1,760,650
Priority List:	2	1,982	2	2	1	0	\$3,778,727	\$3,745,573	\$1,893,699
Priority List:	3	16	1	1	1	1	\$126,062	\$146,944	\$42,526
Priority List:	5	952	2	1	1	0	\$4,938,984	\$4,939,000	\$1,692,633
Priority List:	2	160	0	0	0	0	\$2,867,700	\$2,867,700	\$92
Priority List:	7	442	0	0	0	0	\$2,185,900	\$2,185,904	\$0
Parish Total	10	3,918	7	6	5	2	\$15,614,376	\$16,020,818	\$5,389,600

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Project Status Summary Report by Parish

No. of Projects	Acres	CSA		Under		Completed	Projects Deauth.	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
		Executed	62	Const.	35					
94	66,600	62		35	24	11	\$330,134,629	\$349,259,624	\$45,589,993	
Total All Parishes										

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	3	10	\$28,084,900	\$10,517,773	\$39,933,317	\$47,803,970	\$18,830,693	\$12,586,162
2	15	13,971	15	4	7	\$28,173,110	\$10,161,033	\$40,644,134	\$54,664,051	\$32,900,459	\$17,792,830
3	13	12,037	13	4	2	\$29,939,100	\$10,156,410	\$35,050,606	\$45,664,611	\$21,443,633	\$8,457,106
4	8	2,387	6	0	0	\$29,957,533	\$5,000,000	\$13,924,366	\$15,526,131	\$9,074,349	\$351,155
5	9	5,187	6	0	2	\$33,371,625	\$5,000,000	\$48,333,676	\$52,692,139	\$11,230,485	\$4,258,278
6	11	10,538	3	0	0	\$39,134,000	\$10,000,000	\$38,810,850	\$38,810,858	\$12,813,316	\$209,913
7	4	1,431	0	0	0	\$42,540,715	\$0	\$13,917,722	\$13,917,712	\$682,500	\$0
Active Projects	74	64,415	56	11	21	\$231,200,983	\$50,835,216	\$230,614,671	\$269,079,473	\$106,975,434	\$43,655,444
Unfunded Projects	8	1,857	0	0	0			\$77,492,000	\$77,492,000	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	82	66,272	56	11	21	\$231,200,983	\$50,835,216	\$308,106,671	\$346,571,473	\$106,975,434	\$43,655,444
Deauthorized Projects	11	328	5	0	2			\$21,789,087	\$2,449,280	\$2,110,401	\$1,793,230
Total Projects	93	66,600	61	11	23	\$231,200,983	\$50,835,216	\$329,895,758	\$349,020,753	\$109,085,834	\$45,448,674
Conservation Plan	1	0	1	0	1			\$238,871	\$238,871	\$179,153	\$141,319
Total Construction Program	94	66,600	62	11	24	\$231,200,983	\$50,835,216	\$330,134,629	\$349,259,624	\$109,264,987	\$45,589,993
							\$282,036,199				

Project Summary Report by Priority List

- NOTES: 1. Total of 94 projects includes 74 active construction projects, 10 deauthorized projects, 1 proposed deauthorization, the State of Louisiana's Wetlands Conservation Plan, and 8 unfunded projects approved on Priority List 7.
2. Total construction program funds available is \$282,036,199 .
3. The current estimate for deauthorized projects is equal to expenditures to date.
4. Current Estimate for the 5th priority list includes authorized funds for FY 96, FY 97 and FY 98 for phased projects with multi-year funding. These projects, if implemented, will require an additional \$12.5 million from Priority List 8 funds.
5. Current Estimate for the 6th priority list includes authorized funds for FY 97, and FY 98 for phased projects with multi-year funding. These projects, if implemented, will require an additional \$15.8 million from Priority List 8 funds.
6. The Task Force approved 8 unfunded projects, totalling \$77,492,000 on Priority List 7.
7. Obligations include expenditures and remaining obligations to date.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

July 23, 1998

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

For information.

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

CWPPRA OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

July 23, 1998

1. **Activities**
2. **Dedications**
3. **CD-ROM**
4. **May 1 Press Conference**
5. **Coast 2050**
6. **FY '98 Draft Budget**
7. **Terrene Institute-National Wetlands Month**
8. **CZ 99**
9. **Outreach Coordinator-Fulltime/Permanent**

1. **Activities:**

- A. Outreach staff represented the Breaux Act at the National Science Teachers Association National Convention. Approximately 17,000 science teachers attended this function.
- B. The Breaux Act outreach coordinator gave a presentation at the American Wetlands Month Conference hosted by the Terrene Institute in Arlington, VA. Additionally, the CWPPRA display was set up and material handed out to the 250 registered attendees.
- C. Coastal restoration activities were presented to college bound students at Cabrini High School in New Orleans.
- D. Outreach coordinator spent a day with students at DuLarge Middle School in Houma. The program included functions and values of wetlands.
- E. The Breaux Act display was at the La. American Society of Mechanical Engineers in Metairie.
- F. CWPPRA outreach assisted in the planning and implementation of the Governor's Wetlands Month press conference in Baton Rouge.
- G. Presented a program to the Rotary Club of Metairie at their monthly noon meeting.
- H. Coordinator presented a coastal wetlands program to a group of Boy Scouts at the Ponchatoula Community Center.
- I. Assisted Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge with a wetlands presentation to their Camp attendees.
- J. Outreach coordinator and Scott Wilson presented Breaux Act information to group of environmental educators on Grand Terre Island-Wetshop '98.
- K. Cooperating with BTNEP in the planning of their Festival 98.

2. **Dedications:**

The Breaux Act Outreach Committee assisted in two project dedication ceremonies.

On April 13, EPA, DNR and the Outreach Committee hosted the Isles Dernieres barrier island restoration project dedication. The ceremonies took place on the shaded lawn at Burlington Resources at its Houma location. Representative Hunt Downer presided over a panel including several State Department

secretaries, State Representatives, parish presidents, and State and CWPPRA Task Force members. EPA Task Force representative Bill Hathaway and DNR Assistant Secretary Katherine Vaughan hosted a group of dignitaries and media representatives on a helicopter/ground tour of the work in progress on the islands. Over 130 people participated in the event. There were four television stations in attendance and several of the major print media. The media coverage of this event was outstanding.

On July 1, NMFS, DNR and the Outreach Committee hosted the Big Island/Atchafalaya Sediment Delivery project dedications in Morgan City. Senator John Breaux was the Master of Ceremonies. A site inspection preceded the event. Television stations from Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and New Orleans were represented as well as the major print media. The event was well attended and reported in the media.

3. CD-ROM:

Coordination continues with the Audubon Group to place the CD-ROM in the Education Center, Aquarium and Zoo. The project is nearing completion with fall placement of the CD-ROM in the facilities. The CD-ROM was featured at the Environmental Education Symposium and the teachers at WETSHOP 98. The outreach committee is soliciting feedback from teachers so that the project can be most effective. Scott Wilson of the outreach committee is leading an effort to present at five teacher workshops during July and August (teacher in-service) and get major input prior to proceeding to final draft. The feedback to date has been very positive. A technical review by the CWPPRA technical committee is also planned.

4. May 1 Press Conference:

Colonel William Conner hosted the 2nd Annual Governor's May Day Press Conference held at the Pennington Biomedical Research Facility in Baton Rouge on May 1. In attendance were Governor Foster, Colonel William Conner, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Terry Garcia, Assistant Undersecretary of the Army for Civil Works Mike Davis, and numerous federal/state/local dignitaries. There were four groups of young people representing Boy Scouts, Covington High School, Project SOS (Save Our Soil), and the Tensas Wildlife Refuge. The large conference room was lined with wetland displays from the CWPPRA outreach committee, Tensas Basin, Project SOS, BTNEP, NMFS Year of the Ocean, NWRC, DNR Coastal Restoration and others. A reception followed at the Governor's mansion. Press coverage of the event was very good.

5. Coast 2050:

Outreach Committee staff members continue to support the work of Coast 2050 planning. The Objectives Development Team (ODT) planned and implemented a series of public meetings throughout the coastal zone to present the regional and local strategies to the public and solicit their input. Meetings have been held in Baton Rouge, Metairie, Cameron, Abbeville, Bayou Vista, Houma, Port Sulfur, Hammond, Chalmette and Lafitte. The information gathered will be used to shape the initial draft plan.

6. FY'99 Draft Outreach Budget:

Attached is the draft proposed FY '99 budget. It was discussed at length at the June 10 committee meeting. It is expected there will be some additional changes prior to presentation to the Technical Committee/Task Force for approval. Minutes of our meeting are also attached.

7. Terrene Institute-National Wetlands Month:

The Terrene Institute of Arlington, Virginia has expressed a desire to sponsor National Wetlands Conference in New Orleans February 17-19, 1999. The outreach coordinator was asked to participate on a regional planning team to make this event happen. The Breaux Act has participated in this conference for the last two years when it was held in Arlington. Attendance at this conference is national with international representatives from RAMSAR (Sweden). The in-state lead is Cullen Curole with the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities. This conference will give Louisiana/Breaux Act an opportunity to

showcase our vital and at-risk coastal wetlands while attracting a national audience of academics, educators, students, professional and technical, and government leaders. EPA Headquarters has been a core sponsor of this event.

8. Coastal Zone 99:

The outreach committee is coordinating with the Coastal Zone 99 program planning element to host a special session during their conference in San Diego July of 1999. A series of five papers will be featured during the special session that will give a good overall view of the who, what, when and where of the Breaux Act. Abstracts are due by August 1, 1998. It is anticipated that a cross section of the federal and state Breaux Act partners will be involved in the drafting and presenting at the special session.

9. Outreach Coordinator-Fulltime/Permanent:

The Public Affairs Office of the Army Corps of Engineers is doing the administrative paperwork required to hire a fulltime and permanent person to staff the outreach coordinator position. It is expected that the position will be filled by the end of the current EPA detail (September 30, 1998).
staff

Will have an "A" team for execution & planned SOP for dedications

Sept 25 - Coto Blumene / FWA Dedication

**FY'99 OUTREACH BUDGET
PROPOSED**

SALARY

1. **Full-time Outreach Coordinator** \$75,000.
Salary, Fringe, & Overhead

SALARY SUBTOTAL \$75,000.

OPERATIONS

2. **Watermarks** \$74,200.
Quarterly Publication, Contract Admin, Printing,
Travel

*#800/issue
increase*

3. **Internet Homepage Maintenance** \$44,000.

4. **Photography/Videography** \$20,000.

5. **Dedications/Groundbreakings** \$50,000.
Photography, Air Transportation, Graphics

6. **Travel** \$10,000.
Regional/In-District

7. **Exhibit Support/Display/Registration/Travel** \$10,000.
Regional & National

OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL \$208,200.

NEW INITIATIVES

8. **Reproduction (Fragile Fringe-5000 copies)** \$5,000.
(NWRC)

9. **Education Specialist (NWRC) 1/3 Time** \$15,000.
NWRC to fund other 2/3 FTE

10. **National Wetlands Month Conference-Sponsor** \$15,000.
Terrene Institute-New Orleans Feb 17-19, 1999

*Ask Stewart
if this
is appropriate*

11. **Develop Television News Series (DNR)** \$5,000.

12. **White House Wetlands Working Group (October)** \$5,000.
BTNEP Sponsored Conference-Nichols State Univ

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**CWPPRA Public Outreach Committee
Meeting June 10, 1998
Baton Rouge - DNR, 13th floor conference room
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Attending:

Jay Gamble, Outreach Coordinator

Diane Sasser, meeting facilitator

Herb Bourque, NRCS

Sidney Coffee, DNR

Lynn Schonberg, BTNEP

Scott Wilson, ?

Scott ?, representing Gordon Helm/NOAA

Meeting was called to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. Jay G. introduced the meeting facilitator, Dr. Diane Sasser, and all members in attendance. Due to a few changes, we did not follow agenda specifically. We first discussed New Business agenda items.

- **DNR National Media Campaign**

Jay G. gave a brief progress report on the DNR National Media Campaign, stating that they have produced four public service announcements for national television. (Preliminary versions of the PSAs were shown at the Governor's May Day Conference.) Ms. Coffee also gave members an update of her planned activities in regards to the project.

- **Review of Budgets for Fiscal Years 1992-1998**

Jay G. provided a budget overview for fiscal years 1992-1998 for discussion. Members reviewed the Outreach Budget for FY '97, and discussed outreach expenses to date for FY'98.

The FY'98 Outreach Budget is a total of \$275,00 and provides for a full-time outreach coordinator (\$70,000), *Watermarks* newsletter (\$52,000), homepage maintenance (\$43,000), a one-time homepage upgrade (\$30,000), in-house contractual support for graphics, brochures, photography, etc. (\$30,000), travel for exhibit at conferences (\$10,000), coastal wetlands posters (\$15,000), and CD-ROM production and marketing (\$25,000).

Jay G. gave an activity status report stating that as of May 19, 1998, a total of \$59,642 had been spent from the FY'98 outreach budget, and that all activities have been initiated except for the CD-ROM production and marketing, which will begin soon.

Scott Wilson made a motion to accept the FY'98 Outreach Budget report. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.

- **Proposed FY'99 Outreach Budget**

To develop ideas for the FY'99 outreach budget, Jay G. stated that he polled the outreach committee members for budget needs and project ideas. Jay G. provided a handout of the FY'99 proposed outreach budget which reflects the ideas submitted. The committee discussed the FY'99 budget by each line item.

Salary -

1. Full-time Outreach Coordinator (salary, fringe, and overhead) \$75,000

Operations -

2. *WaterMarks* Newsletter \$74,200

Herb B. reported that Koupal Communications (newsletter contractor) had put together a cost estimate to do a four-color quarterly production of *Watermarks*. It would cost \$2,300 more per issue to print the front and back covers in full-color. The committee then discussed the newsletter's distribution. Jay G. stated that he had gathered mail lists from DNR, BTNEP, CRCL, and others to develop a comprehensive database for newsletter distribution, and that approximately 7,000 to 7,500 contacts receive the newsletter. A question was raised about receiving any public feedback of past issues. A recommendation was made to do a survey insert in one newsletter issue to try to obtain feedback.

The committee then discussed the benefits of spending additional funds on the newsletter. It was pointed out that the newsletter is distributed quarterly, and that distribution has increased. The newsletter is also distributed through the CWPPRA homepage. In addition, the amount of CWPPRA projects has increased and CWPPRA is up for reauthorization this year, and therefore, there is much more information that must be disseminated to the public. The committee agreed that the newsletter is a key public information tool and that it must be visually-appealing in order to reach its intended audiences. Herb B. made a motion to approve the concept of printing the newsletter covers in color and spending the additional money to do so, as outlined in Herb's report. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

3. Internet Homepage Maintenance \$44,000

Scott W. provided the committee with a status report on the website. The website receives approximately 50,000 hits per month, including hits from 55 countries. Scott also provided a draft news release on the CWPPRA Homepage. All committee members were requested to provide comments on the news release to Scott by June 19th. Scott stated that he is working with Steve Mathies (Tech. Comm.) on the release and its distribution, and that it should be released by July 1st.

4. Media and Archival Footage \$20,000

The committee discussed the costs and uses associated with the proposed budget category "Photography/Videography." It was stated that the purpose of this category is to hire photographers, duplicate beta-cam quality tapes, and obtain aerial and other footage of projects for use by the media. In addition, the Corps must keep footage of CWPPRA projects for archival purposes. It was decided that Jay G. would prepare a one-page workplan, separating this budget item into two categories - one for archival footage purposes, and one for media footage.

5. Dedications/Groundbreakings \$40,000

Jay G. stated that there are four to five dedication ceremonies planned, and that in the next twelve months, CWPPRA will break ground on approximately 20 projects. Jay G. stated that the approach will be to combine project groundbreakings

into 4 or 5 dedication ceremony events. The costs allocated for this budget item include money for rental of helicopters, and other expenses for event production.

6. Travel \$10,000
This budget item is for in-state travel expenses for the Outreach Coordinator.

7. Exhibit Support/Display/Registration/Travel \$10,000
This budget item is for travel expenses related to exhibiting at approximately three to four regional and national conferences.

New Initiatives -

8. Reproduction of *Fragile Fringe* \$ 5,000
CWPPRA logo will be included in the publication reprint, and will be provided with 5,000 copies for distribution. The committee agreed that this is a good expenditure.

9. Education Specialist \$15,000
This budget item is for hiring an education person (1/3 of salary and time) through the National Wetlands Research Center to do outreach in schools in the western part of state. The committee agreed that this is a good expenditure. Scott W. to prepare a one-page workplan detailing the position responsibilities.

10. Sponsorship of Terrene Institute's American Wetlands Month \$15,000
Conference/Celebration in New Orleans
Jay G. reported to the committee that he had been in discussions with the Terrene Institute regarding hosting their 1999 National Wetlands Month Conference. Preliminary discussions indicate that as a sponsor of the event, CWPPRA will have some editorial control over the conference agenda. In addition, CWPPRA will be able to plan field trips, events, and other conference activities that highlight Louisiana's unique landscape and critical land loss problems. CWPPRA will be provided with exhibit space and name recognition as a sponsor in the conference program. The committee felt that this conference is targeted to a national audience, and therefore, it is an excellent opportunity to increase national exposure of CWPPRA and Louisiana's coastal wetlands loss problems.

One proposed budget item, 11. Coast 2050 Plan Marketing, was deleted due the fact that DNR would be handling the activity.

12. BTNEP Sponsored Conference - White House Wetlands \$ 5,000
Working Group (October)
This budget item is to provide support for the October-planned event with the White House Wetlands Working Group.

An activity and budget item was added to the proposed budget prepared by Jay G. The committee determined to add item 13. TV News Series for \$ 5,000 to arrange for television feature stories.

The total proposed FY '99 CWPPRA Public Outreach Budget is \$328,200. Sidney C. made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

- **Breaux Act Dedication Policy**

Jay G. distributed a draft policy on Outreach for CWPPRA dedication ceremonies, outlining the roles and responsibilities of each agency representative. The committee discussed the various components of the policy and voted to approve.

- **Terrene Institute National Conference in New Orleans, February 1999**

This New Business agenda item was previously discussed during the FY99 proposed budget.

- **CZ'99 Special Session Opportunity**

Jay G. reported that he is currently preparing an abstract (deadline is August 1st) on CWPPRA to be considered for a presentation at CZ '99, which will be held in San Diego in July 1999. In addition, Jay G. stated that he had proposed a special session on Louisiana, its coastal land loss problem, and what actions are being done to solve the problem.

The committee then briefly discussed the Old Business agenda items that were not covered in previous discussions. These reports were provided as status information, including announcements of upcoming events. After a brief wrap-up, the meeting was adjourned.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

July 23, 1998

CONFIRMATION OF TASK FORCE FACSIMILE VOTE APPROVALS

For Confirmation of Decision.

Mr. Robert Schroeder will confirm facsimile votes of the Task Force for the following:

- a. Construction Approvals of Lake Salvador Phase II, BA-15, and Lake Chapeau Sediment Input and Hydrologic Restoration, PTE-23/26a;
- b. Construction Approval of East Timbalier Island Restoration, Phases I and II, XTE-67 and XTE-45/67b, contingent upon a FONSI to the Environmental Assessment which is currently being conducted for NEPA clearance and upon a positive issuance of a Department of the Army permit; and
- c. Approval of a no-cost extension to March 30, 199⁹~~8~~, of the LUMCON Memorandum of Agreement for the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient, and Freshwater Redistribution Feasibility Study.

Supporting information for these confirmations are contained in the enclosure.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

APR 24 1998

Mr. Tom Podany, Chairman
CWPPRA Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Mr. Podany:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), with the concurrence of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), hereby requests approval by the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (Task Force) for construction of the Lake Chapeau Sediment Input and Hydrologic Restoration Project (PTE-23/26a). Construction is scheduled for this summer and we request an expedited review and determination of the construction request, if possible, prior to the next Task Force meeting.

The Lake Chapeau Sediment Input and Hydrologic Restoration Project (PTE-23/26a) was approved by the Task Force as part of the 3rd Priority Project List (PPL) approved in 1993. The baseline project cost estimate is \$4,149,000. In 1997, NMFS increased the project budget to \$5,186,250 which is the 125% level as allowed under the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedure. The increase was made due to revised cost estimates for construction. This project consists of two components: 1) sediment input by dredging sediments from Atchafalaya Bay to restore marshes west of Lake Chapeau and reestablish a land bridge between two existing bayous and 2) hydrologic restoration through construction of several plugs in man-made channels. Extensive surveys and studies indicated the marsh creation project requires a greater volume of sediment than was anticipated in the original scope of work. Subsequent analyses indicate two options. Option 1 (Base Bid) would dredge enough sediments to create 168 acres of marsh. Construction of Option 1 will meet the project objectives and will not significantly reduce project benefits. Option 2 (Alternative Bid) would dredge enough sediments to create 260 acres of marsh as specified in the original scope of work. While Option 1 (Base Bid) is the preferred alternative based on budgetary considerations, the bid package will allow NMFS and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to increase the marsh creation acreage to the original 260 acres if the lowest bid falls within the 125% project budget.



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A Cooperative Agreement between the DNR and the NMFS was executed March 3, 1995 for the combined projects. Overgrazing determination has been obtained from the National Resource Conservation Service and CWPPRA Section 303(e) approval has been obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers. To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Assessment was prepared and concluded with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Functions Branch, has issued a permit for the project. Cultural resources clearance was obtained from the Louisiana State Historical Preservation Office. Water quality certification was obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Coastal Zone Consistency was obtained from Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division. Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-way agreements required for project implementation have been executed between DNR and the landowners. It is the policy of the Department of Commerce (DOC) to not conduct Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) evaluations for projects where DOC has no legal association with the site.

Based on these accomplishments, and pursuant to the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures, through your subcommittee, we request the Task Force approve the expenditure of construction funds for the project. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Rick Ruebsamen in Baton Rouge, LA (504-389-0508) or our office in Silver Spring, MD (301-713-0174).

Sincerely,



Erik C. Zobrist, PhD
NMFS Project Manager

cc: Tim Osborn, NMFS
Tom Bigford, NMFS
Rick Ruebsamen, NMFS
David Burkholder, DNR
Bill Good, DNR



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service

April 20, 1998

TO: Tom Podany

FROM: Tim Osborn

Regarding:

Tom,

The following is a request for construction approval for the Lake Salvador Phase II project. The Louisiana DNR has made an award to a contractor (Smith Truck/Dragline and Bertucci, Inc.) within the estimated construction budget and for the full extent of the job specified (9,000 feet of rip-rap).

I had overlooked getting this on the April 14 Task Force agenda. I would appreciate your polling the member agencies for their consent on an expedited basis. I understand that DNR would like construction to start in the very near future.

Thank you.

Tim

**The Restoration Center, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-713-0174phone, 301-713-0184fax, e-mail-tim.osborn@noaa.gov**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

April 20, 1998

Mr. Tom Podany, Chairman
CWPPRA Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Mr. Green:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), with concurrence of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), hereby requests approval by the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (Task Force) for construction of Phase II of the Lake Salvador Shoreline Demonstration project (BA-15). Construction for phase II is scheduled for late spring and we would like to get Task Force approval prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Phase I construction was completed last summer.

The Lake Salvador project was approved by the Task Force as part of the 3rd Priority Project List. The original budget of the project is \$1,444,000 approved by the Task Force. Because it is a demonstration project, NMFS and the DNR agreed to a series of structures to test based upon the ability for monitoring to determine the success of each demonstration structure tested. On September 30, 1996, the Task Force approved a cost estimate of \$2,226,000, which included the addition of Phase 2 at a cost of \$768,000. This planning resulted in a construction cost estimate significantly below the Task Force approved budget/costs. Projected construction costs for phase II of the project are approximately \$1.2 million. As approved by the Task Force, the remainder of the project funds from Phase I will be used for the second phase of the Lake Salvador project. The costs of the combined phases falls within the estimate approved by the task force.

A Cooperative Agreement between the DNR and NMFS was executed for the Lake Salvador Shoreline Demonstration project. Overgrazing determination has been obtained from the National Resource Conservation Service and CWPPRA Section 303(e) approval has been obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers. To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act an Environmental Assessment was prepared which concluded with a Finding of No Significant Impact. The Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Functions Branch, has issued a project permit. Cultural resources clearance was obtained from the Louisiana State Historical Preservation Office. Water



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quality certification was obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Coastal Zone Consistency was obtained from Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division. A Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-way agreement was executed between the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and all applicable landowners and pipeline companies. It is the policy of the Department of Commerce (DOC) to not conduct Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) evaluations for projects where DOC has no legal association with the site. As mentioned above, DNR has executed all land rights issues for project implementation.

Based on these accomplishments, and pursuant to the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures, through your subcommittee, we request the Task Force approve the expenditure of construction funds for the project. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Rickey Ruebsamen in Baton Rouge, LA (504-389-0508) or our office in Silver Spring, MD (301-713-0174).

Sincerely,



James R. Meigs
Lieutenant, NOAA Corps
Project Manager

cc: Garry Mayer, NMFS Restoration Center
Tom Bigford, NMFS Office of Habitat Conservation
Tim Osborn, NMFS Restoration Center
Rickey Ruebsamen, NMFS Baton Rouge
Kenneth Bahlinger, LA-DNR Project Manager
Gerry Dusznski, LA-DNR
Gary Barone, NMFS Restoration Center



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

May 12, 1998

Mr. Tom Podany, Chairman
CWPPRA Planning & Evaluation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Mr. Podany:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), with concurrence of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), hereby requests approval by the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (Task Force) for construction of both Phase I and II of the East Timbalier Island Restoration Projects. Construction is scheduled for late Spring or Summer, 1998 and we would like to get Task Force approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The East Timbalier Island projects were approved by the Task Force as part of the 3rd and 4th Priority Project Lists. The original budget of the Phase I project was \$2,057,000 and the Phase II project was \$5,752,404 for a combined total of \$7,809,404. An amendment to the budgets have been made to provide the additional 25% contingency funding to the project as well as change the cost share to the newer 85:15 ratio as mandated under CWPPRA with the State of Louisiana having officially completed a Conservation Plan specified under the Act. At this time, the Louisiana DNR (working with their engineering/design contractors) have estimated the project construction contract to be \$7,014,000. The overall project costs for the two phases are within the 125% ceiling set by the Task Force.

Two Cooperative Agreements between the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the National Marine Fisheries Service were executed for the East Timbalier Island projects. Overgrazing determination has been obtained from the National Resource Conservation Service and CWPPRA Section 303(e) approval has been obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers. To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Assessment was prepared and we expect a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be made in the near future. The Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Functions Branch, has indicated a project permit will be issued in the near future. Cultural resources clearance was obtained from the Louisiana State Historical Preservation Office.



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Water quality certification was obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Coastal Zone Consistency was obtained from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division. It is the policy of the Department of Commerce (DOC) to not conduct Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) evaluations for projects where DOC has no legal association with the site. As mentioned above, DNR has executed all land rights issues for project implementation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Osborn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Osborn
Program Officer

cc: David Burkholder, LA-DNR Project Manager
Garry Mayer, NMFS Restoration Center
Rickey Ruebsamen, NMFS Baton Rouge
Gerry Duszynski, LA-DNR
Gary Barone, NMFS Restoration Center

**NO-COST EXTENSION TO
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
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AND THE
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MISSISSIPPI RIVER SEDIMENT, NUTRIENT, AND FRESHWATER
REDISTRIBUTION FEASIBILITY STUDY
AND THE ADDITION THERETO**

Most of the services connected with the subject Feasibility Study are nearly completed. However, academic assistance in all categories is ongoing. Since both the original MOA and the addendum expired on 30 March 1998, a no-cost extension until 30 March 1999 is proposed. No additional monies will be added to the MOA, but monies not expended in the original MOA may be expended on the following tasks:

- Completion of no-action for Breton and Pontchartrain Basins
- Evaluation of environmental benefits/impacts of alternatives (WVA/HEP)
- Coordination, planning and review of documents
- CELSS modeling of alternatives
- Coordination of MRSNFR with other planning efforts
- Analysis of impacts of several river diversion scenarios with present and future land configurations and two barrier island configurations

All other terms of the original MOA will continue in force.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

July 23, 1998

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Recognize Schroeder's
Contributions - (Last
C&PT Meeting?)

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

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting will be held at 9:30 am on September 16, 1998, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Arrangements are currently pending for a meeting location at the Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center. Final details will be provided via public notice and the CWPPRA Internet Web Page.

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Items:

- o Bayou Lafourche Project
- o Budget (if not completed on FAD vote earlier)
- o Project Selection Process/Planning Cycle/Approach (2yr; Projects 1 or 2 years(?) etc.

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 Atchafalaya 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."