

BREAUX ACT
Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING
August 14, 2003

Minutes

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Peter J. Rowan convened the 51st meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Act Task Force. The meeting began at 9:40 a.m. on August 14, 2003, at the District Assembly Room of the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, New Orleans, Louisiana. The agenda is shown 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 George Bush on November 29, 1990.

II. ATTENDEES

The attendance record for the Task Force meeting is presented as enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members:

Karen Gautreaux, State of Louisiana
Miguel Flores, Environmental Protection Agency
David Frugé, Department of the Interior
Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rollie Schmitten, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel Peter J. Rowan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

All of the Task Force members were in attendance.

David Frugé is participating in his last Task Force meeting, after having participated in the prior 50 meetings. He will be replaced by Sam Hamilton, USFWS Director of Region 4. Colonel Rowan thanked Mr. David Frugé for his work and presented him with a Commander's Special Recognition Award and a certificate signed by the members of the Task Force.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2002 TASK FORCE MEETING

Colonel Rowan called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the 16 April 2003 Task Force meeting.

The motion was made by Rollie Schmitt. Colonel Rowan acknowledged a second and the motion was passed unanimously by the Task Force.

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Request: Modification of the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures.

Ms. Julie LeBlanc presented the Technical Committee's recommendation to modify the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to allow Phase II authorizations at any regular quarterly meeting of the Task Force.

Mr. Flores said that it was important to accept the change. Mr. Frugé and Secretary Caldwell also spoke in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Frugé moved to adopt the recommendation and Mr. Schmitt seconded. The motion was approved. It was noted that the minutes reflect that the Task Force will refrain from making contingent approvals in the future.

B. Request: Prioritization Process for Future PPL 1-12 Phase II Authorizations.

Mr. Chris Monnerjahn presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for updating individual project scores and for scoring future PPL projects. A few projects are not included (e.g., Bayou Lafourche and Myrtle Grove). The scoring should be updated at the 95% design review for their specific projects. The Technical Committee recommended that the sponsoring agency present their suggested scoring at the 95% design review meeting for consensus between the agencies, and that the Engineering and Environmental Workgroups be tasked with taking PPL 13, and all future PPL's, through the prioritization process as part of Phase 0 analysis.

Mr. Schmitt said that the process is a good guidance tool but its use should not be mandatory. Mr. Frugé said that this should be a tool and that there are other factors to consider. Mr. Randy Hanchey said that the process is controversial and that the criteria are arbitrary. They don't represent a consensus view but should be used as a guide. There may be good reasons to proceed with low priority projects. LCA may support some of the projects. Colonel Rowan said that there are more projects on the PPL list than can be supported.

The floor was opened up to the public:

Mr. Randy Moertle, Randy Moertle & Associates, said that the Grand Chenier Hydrologic Restoration was ranked as the No. 1 project during the PPL 11 selection process. But the prioritization ranking has moved it to the bottom ranking amongst the PPL 11 projects.

Robert Jones, Terrebonne Parish Engineer, said he is glad that the prioritization process is a guidance tool. He wants to see projects move forward quickly if they are ready to go to construction.

M.O. Miller, M.O. Miller Estate, also expressed his concern that the Grand Chenier Hydrologic Restoration Project went from No. 1 in the PPL 11 selection process to No. 32, below most other PPL 11 projects. It seems like the rules have been changed.

Additional Discussion By the Task Force:

Mr. Schmitten said it should be indicated that the process is a guidance document. He said that a motion wasn't needed. Mr. Gohmert said that the process should just be a tool. There are other things to consider. It is an "aid to making decisions."

Ms. LeBlanc said that the Technical Committee wanted guidance on when to update the scores. She acknowledged that the process was a tool for selecting projects. Mr. Schmitten said it should be updated over time. Mr. Gohmert said that the process could be incorporated into operating procedures.

The Task Force determined that no motion was needed. Colonel Rowan directed the Technical Committee to add the presented prioritization process to their procedures. It was agreed that the most recent ranking list will be provided at quarterly Task Force meetings.

C. Request: Agency Response on Moving PPL 1-8 Projects into Cash Flow.

Ms. LeBlanc presented the results of a more detailed analysis by the Technical Committee regarding operations, maintenance, and monitoring for PPL 1-8 projects in the event the Task Force decides to apply cash flow procedures to PPL 1-8 projects. The Technical Committee asked the Task Force to make a final decision on whether or not to move OM&M for PPL 1-8 projects into cash flow in light of the detailed breakdown completed by the Technical Committee. The total available to move to cash flow is \$20.2 million, of which \$5.0 million is for monitoring and \$15.2 million is for operations and maintenance. This action would require existing cost sharing agreements to be modified, which could take months or years (for some agencies) to implement. It would also create two separate accounting methods and could create confusion for project managers and financial managers. An OM&M shortfall may be created by allowing funds to be allocated to new construction in lieu of OM&M.

Ms. Gautreaux said that the proposal was worthwhile since it could give an accurate representation of the available cash.

Secretary Caldwell said that the LDNR supports the cash flow method but that this change was not worth the effort at this time. The \$20.2 million will be a rapidly changing target.

Mr. Hanchey stated that he agreed with Secretary Caldwell and that operations costs are easy to estimate but that maintenance and rehabilitation are more difficult. The cash flow system would force the use of an annual program. LCA will take the pressure off as some of the more costly projects are transferred there.

Mr. Gohmert stated that this was a valuable analysis. The sum of money will get smaller over time. Administering two lists would be difficult. He said that agreements on land rights

and permits had already been made. Landowners were told that money would be placed in escrow to make sure it was there.

Mr. Flores stated that pooling the money wouldn't help get projects to construction faster.

The floor opened up to the public:

Mr. David Richard, Stream Properties, stated that they support Secretary Caldwell's position. The commitments to landowners should be honored. Funds shouldn't be taken out of existing project budgets and placed into the general CWPPRA fund for a "cash flow" system.

Additional Discussion By the Task Force:

Mr. Schmitten asked if it would really take years or months to implement. Colonel Rowan replied that he didn't want to discuss this. Ms. Gautreaux asked how to make a cost sharing agreement valid for 20 years since the Breaux Act is up for reauthorization in 2009. Mr. Darryl Clark said that there are clauses in the cost sharing agreements that state that the agreements are valid "should funds continue to be available".

Colonel Rowan said he'd accept a motion to table this proposal for now. Ms. Gautreaux moved. Mr. Frugé seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

D. Request: FY04 Planning Budget.

Ms. LeBlanc presented slides on CWPPRA funding and expenditures. There is \$1.048 billion anticipated through 2009. The current estimate to construct all 122 projects on the PPL 1 through 12 is \$1.422 billion, leaving a shortfall of \$374 million. There are 24 projects scheduled to request Phase II authorization in January 04, leaving a projected shortfall of \$239.4 million. The Technical Committee asked the Task Force to provide direction regarding development of the FY04 Planning Budget.

Mr. Hanchey stated that only four or five of the 24 projects scheduled to request funding in January were at 95% and that the Task Force was making decisions based on out-of-date schedules. Ms. LeBlanc replied that Ms. Browning asks for updates to the schedules quarterly. Colonel Rowan stated that there should be a review of data before sending Ms. Browning updates.

Mr. Frugé said that the Technical Committee should look at opportunities to streamline. Mr. Hanchey said that DNR would be willing to develop a process for streamlining. Secretary Caldwell said that it is important to keep the process going, however, there is a huge backlog. The Technical Committee should come up with a system to accept one nominee from each region and then later make a decision on whether to add more projects. Mr. Schmitten agreed but said that the Task Force shouldn't necessarily just pick one from each region. He would rather have a streamlined process. Sec. Caldwell pointed out that LCA will change this. Mr. Hanchey agreed and said that LCA will force a rethink of everything. If LCA doesn't happen, there may be problems because there are more projects than funding.

Mr. Schmitten made a motion that the Task Force approve a PPL 14 list to be developed and that the projects nominated for PPL 14 should have a high level of support and be consistent with the purposes and goals of LCA. Mr. Frugé seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

Additional Discussion: Mr. Schmitten made another motion to accept a streamlined planning process as offered by the State in collaboration with the Technical Committee. Mr. Flores confirmed that the process would be implemented on a one-year basis initially. A final decision should be made at a future Task Force meeting. Mr. Hanchey said that there may need to be a presentation on the streamlined process.

Public Views: Mr. Robert Jones, Terrebonne Parish Government, said that they would like a quick decision since they are preparing projects for PPL 14. They would be opposed to limiting the number of nominees to one per basin.

Colonel Rowan restated the motion that there be a PPL 14 with no restriction on the number of projects. Sec. Caldwell said that DNR would come up with a process. Mr. Schmitten said that there should be a proposal to examine at the October meeting. Mr. LeBlanc reminded everyone that the budget will be approved in October. She asked if the PPL should be the same size as PPL 13. Mr. Hanchey recommended that the budget process be continued as in the past.

Mr. Schmitten's second motion to accept a streamlined planning process as offered by the State in collaboration with the Technical Committee was brought up for a vote. Mr. Flores seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was approved. The process is to be approved at a future Task Force meeting and would initially be implemented on a one-year basis.

E. Request: Construction Approval for the Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project (TE-45).

Ms. LeBlanc presented a request for construction approval for the Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection Demonstration project at a cost of \$2,697,971. The Technical Committee recommended that the Task Force authorize construction contingent upon successful oyster lease negotiations and inclusion of costs for removal of project structures in the budget. The cost to remove structures is \$401,250.

Mr. Frugé said he was not comfortable with the \$401,000 cost to remove structures and that he would like to remove that item. He made a motion to approve construction funding in the amount of \$2,296,721 and remove the \$401,250 from the Technical Committee's recommendation.

Public Views: James Miller, Terrebonne Parish, said that Terrebonne Parish is in full support.

Additional Discussion: Sec. Caldwell said that DNR has made assessments of the oyster beds and that this may be the first opportunity to apply the new regulations adopted by DNR.

Mr. Frugé reiterated his motion to approve construction funding in the amount of \$2,296,721 and remove the \$401,250 from the Technical Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded and approved. Dr. Good confirmed that the motion kept the contingency with regard to the agreements for oyster lease acquisition.

F. Request: Phase II Authorization for the Black Bayou Bypass Culverts Project (CS-29).

Ms. LeBlanc presented a request for approval for Phase II construction of the Black Bayou Bypass Culverts project. 540 acres would be created, protected or restored by the project. The Technical Committee asked the Task Force to approve \$3,543,770 for construction and the first three years of OM&M.

Mr. Frugé made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Technical Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gohmert and approved by all members.

G. Request: Additional Funding for the Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration Project-CU 4 (BA-20).

Ms. LeBlanc requested approval for additional funding for the Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration Project - Construction Unit 4 in the amount of \$16,406,888. 196 acres would be restored under this project.

Discussion: Mr. Flores asked for a discussion in terms of why this project is more critical than what it's prioritization score indicates. Mr. Gohmert said that the prioritization process is only a tool. Mr. Quin Kinler, USDA-NRCS, discussed the Barataria Land Bridge shoreline protection project and the Jonathan Davis project. The Jonathan Davis project is a PPL 2 project and has been constructed in parts. The project under discussion is the fourth part and is in an area where soils are poor. There is extreme erosion of over 100 ft in some areas. Mr. Gohmert said that there is much erosion there and it is not good to delay this project. This is a critical part of the land bridge. If this is not done the other three segments will be for naught. Sec. Caldwell expressed strong DNR support for the project. Mr. Hanchey expressed strong support for the project and said that if the Jonathan Davis portion is not built, the other three units will get outflanked. Mr. Schmitt expressed support but asked if the soils problems would cause two subsequent projects (CU-5 and CU-6) to also become more expensive. Mr. Kinler replied that the other projects have taken this into account. These two additional units were evaluated under CWPPRA procedures and are at 30% design.

Public Views: Aaron Broussard, Jefferson Parish Council President, said that this area has the most rapid rate of erosion in the U.S. and this was their "Alamo". Marnie Winter, Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs, asked for approval. She read a letter of support from Marietta Green, President, Madison Land Company. O'Neil Marlborough, Jefferson Parish, said that this is a critical project. Randy Moertle, Rigolets Limited Partnership, said that this project needs to be funded. Putting on his "M.O. Miller Estate hat", Mr. Moertle spoke again about the prioritization process and the need to use it as guidance while listening to public input.

Mr. Gohmert made a motion for approving the project. Mr. Frugé seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

H. Request: De-Authorization of Marsh Creation South of Leeville (BA-29).

Ms. LeBlanc presented a Technical Committee request that the Task Force initiate de-authorization of the Marsh Creation South of Leeville project. There are multiple problems with soil properties, land rights, future improvements to Hwy 1, oyster leases, and orphaned wells and pipelines.

Mr. Frugé made a motion for approval of the Technical Committee request for deauthorization. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flores and approved by all Task Force members.

I. Request: Out-Year Funding of Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring for Cash Flow Projects (PPL 9 and Later).

Ms. Julie LeBlanc presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval of funding requests for operation, maintenance, and monitoring beyond the first three years, applicable to projects on the 9th priority list and later. Their recommendation is that agencies that have completed construction projects that are on the 9th PPL or later should prepare a request for action at the winter Technical Committee and Task Force meetings which will detail the amount of money necessary to maintain a three year rolling amount of funds to support operations, maintenance and monitoring for each project. These requests will be grouped with other requests and submitted at the winter Technical Committee and Task Force meetings, and then annually at subsequent winter meetings. The request should be consistent with the previously approved budget for the project, unless additional information can be provided to justify the need for the additional funds. Where the request is more than the amount in the approved project's budget, the Technical Committee should review each specific request to determine if the amount should be approved.

Mr. Frugé moved for adoption. Mr. Miguel Flores seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

J. Request: Approval of Execution Plan for CRMS and FY04-06 Funding.

Mr. Rick Raynie, Louisiana DNR, stated that at the last Task Force meeting in April, the implementation plan for CRMS was approved and the Task Force requested the development of an Execution Plan with an annual budget projection and timeline. This was produced and provided to the Technical Committee and Task Force. Mr. Raynie requested a decision for acceptance of the Execution Plan which will include: 1) the creation of a CRMS-Wetlands project to facilitate the accounting for CRMS, and 2) the first cash flow request for CRMS for \$5,636,869. Also, since this is the first time that out year funding for OM&M cash flow projects has been needed, Mr. Raynie requested \$155,914 for Phase 2, increment 2 funding for PPL 9 projects: CS-30 (Perry Ridge to Texas, West) and PO-27 (Chandeleur Islands).

Discussion: Sec. Caldwell said that this was a good solution to working CRMS into the present system. Mr. Flores said that he supports the CRMS. However, it is important to monitor the projects to see how this CRMS design would meet its intended purpose. Colonel Rowan said that there were two issues: the first is using CRMS to establish the location of the coast to show shoreline change. The second is to show a commitment to adaptive management. Monitoring is critical. Colonel Rowan supports efforts to establish a baseline and a follow on monitoring system.

Mr. Schmitt moved to accept the plan as recommended. Mr. Frugé seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

V. INFORMATION

A. Report: Status of Beaux Act Program Funds and Projects.

Ms. Browning presented the budget. She stated that the planning budget was approved for \$5.4 million. There is a \$485,000 surplus in the planning budget. The construction budget is \$560 million with \$487 million approved to date. The cash flow shows a deficit of \$358,000 if all of the projects approved to date were constructed. She then discussed the Phase II funding forecast. Black Bayou is coming up for approval. There is a total of \$9.3 million requested through August 2003 with a surplus of \$64.9 million. There is \$72.9 million available. Seven projects have not received construction approval with a total unobligated balance of \$34.8 million. The unobligated balance is \$304 million. The construction schedule shows 9 projects in 2003, 27 in 2004 and 8 in 2005.

B. Report: Status of the West Bay Sediment Diversion (MR-03).

Mr. Greg Miller gave a report on the West Bay Sediment Diversion project. It will be awarded for construction within a month. The estimate is higher than was requested for approval; however, the Corps is not coming to the Task Force and asking for approval of that estimate. Project commitments were made to protect navigation and there are higher costs related to required surveillance. If at any time in the future, the Corps has a need for additional funds, funding approval will be requested at that time.

Discussion: Colonel Rowan said that navigation interests are concerned with modifying the river. He also stated that Mr. Miller had done a good job getting buy-in from navigation interests. Sec. Caldwell said that this is the last project on Priority List One. He commended the legal department for dealing with the legal issues. This will be the most cost effective project ever built.

C. Report: Outreach Quarterly Report.

Mr. Scott Wilson talked about the Breaux Act Outreach Program and the publication, *Watermarks*. He mentioned that there would be a Breaux Act celebration at Holly Beach the

following day. Mr. Wilson said that *Watermarks* is now full color and is more scientifically based and less newsworthy. He also said that the Society of Environmental Journalism National Conference will be held in New Orleans in September 03.

D. Report: Final 1st Year Report (2002) on the Results of the Coastwide Nutria Control Program.

Mr. Jeff Marx, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, presented an overview of the final 2002 report on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program submitted to the Department of Natural Resources titled *Nutria Harvest and Distribution 2002-2003 and a Survey of Nutria Herbivory Damage in Coastal Louisiana in 2003*. The goal was to increase harvest to 400,000 per year. The bounty was increased to \$4 per nutria. Coastal Environments, Inc. is administering the program. 308,160 tails were collected from 342 participants at a cost of \$1,232,640. Terrebonne Parish had the most participants (104,000) with Plaquemines second (69,000). The entire coast was flown to seek signs of nutria damage. There is some correlation between damage areas and number of nutria harvested. It may take two to three years of sustained harvest before improvements are seen. The incentive payment will not change going forward.

Discussion: Mr. Hanchey asked how fraud was controlled. Mr. Marx replied that they have an understanding of the number of nutria that an area could sustain. Mr. Hanchey asked if the budget might become constrained in the future. Mr. Kinler replied that the program is fully funded for five years.

E. Report: Studies of Active Geologic Fault or Other Subsurface Impacts on Coastal Louisiana.

Presentation: Dr. Sherwood Gagliano, Coastal Environments, Inc., presented a summary of his analysis of the effect of coastal Louisiana fault zones on subsidence. This study, entitled *Active Geologic Faults and Land Change in Southeastern Louisiana*, was funded by the USACE. His premise was that much of the land loss in coastal Louisiana is the result of fault induced subsidence. He said that:

- Ancient sub-surface faults and fractures criss-cross SE Louisiana
- Fault movement is the result of linked regional tectonic processes, which are driven by sediment loading, compaction, salt movement and gravity slumping.
- Surface expressions of faults are often distinctive and can be dated.
- Fault movement can be slow and imperceptible, rapid episodic, or dormant.
- Fault movement changes surface elevation and slope.
- Fault movement can alter fauna, flora, hydrology and water chemistry.
- Surface features such as wetlands, natural levees, barrier islands, fastlands, etc, are affected by fault movement.
- Rates of vertical movement on active faults range from .005 to .04 ft/yr
- Fault movement is an underrated natural hazard in SE Louisiana.

Discussion: Mr. Hanchey asked how movement was determined. Dr. Gagliano replied that the best records are from resurveyed benchmarks.

Presentation: Mr. Del Britsch, USACE geologist, presented additional information about the Coastal Environment study and the direction of future work addressing the understanding of active faults in coastal restoration. He is the study manager for the fault study. Mr. Britsch stressed that the Coastal Environments information is needed for engineering design. More benchmarks will be added to coastal Louisiana.

Discussion: Sec. Caldwell asked if the work will include a model for predicting fault activity. Mr. Britsch replied that elevation data is needed first. Mr. Hanchey asked whether all of the CWPPRA projects made sense given Dr. Gagliano's findings. Mr. Britsch replied that it wasn't known if settlement was compaction-related or fault-related. However, they do know that land is subsiding in different area. Organic soils hide the movement. Mr. Saed Khalil, Louisiana DNR, asked if faults could be monitored in some way since they are seismic activity. Mr. Britsch said this was possible.

Presentation: Dr. Bob Morton, USGS, St. Petersburg, Florida, gave a presentation entitled *Subsurface Controls on Historical Subsidence Rates and Associated Wetland Loss in Southeastern Louisiana*. He agreed that faults have been activated. He stressed that there is a need to determine present subsidence rates. If this is all natural slumping, there is not much hope for predicting the future. These faults creep unlike those in California that slide quickly. Louisiana has creep failure rather than brittle failure. But the stress does build up. He agrees that faults are contributing to land loss as evidenced by intact marsh three feet below the surface. However, not all wetland loss is related to faults. Rates of subsidence have increased in historical times. Dr. Morton believes that there may be a correlation between oil and gas production and subsidence. When production declines subsidence should decrease. He needs to regress historical elevation data against production rates. Prior studies have attributed land loss to delta compaction, coastal construction, and geochemical processes. Subsidence from natural compaction should slow and decrease over geological time.

Public Views: Mr. Rick Hartman asked about LSU extrapolating data near Leeville to the entire coast. Dr. Morton replied that he didn't think it was valid to extrapolate one point of data to the entire coast. He also stated that most elevation data is not collected in the marsh but along roads and levees. Mr. Bob Sabatier, a petroleum geologist, said that faults are exposed as sediment supplies are cut off.

Discussion: Sec. Caldwell asked if some of the reservoirs would repressure over time. Dr. Morton agreed. Sec. Caldwell stated that Dr. Morton's hypothesis gave hope that the worst of the subsidence is over and a new equilibrium could be achieved. Dr. Gagliano discussed predictability. Dr. Bill Good said that there are many things contributing to wetland loss and they are all superimposed across the coast.

F. Report: LCA Update - Public Meetings and Schedule

Mr. Gary Rauber reported that the LCA team had just completed a series of public meetings and that the State is in the middle of stakeholder meetings. The Corps feasibility report will be completed this month (August 2003). There is a regional working group meeting

scheduled for 3 Sept 03. The EIS will be published mid-September. There will be more public meetings in October. Public comments will be addressed between mid-November and the end of January. The final report will be submitted on 2 February 03. At the last public meeting there was concern that there aren't smaller projects in the LCA plans. The public was concerned that LCA was going to go up the line without saying anything about the small projects. There was concern that there would no longer be a CWPPRA program. They were told that CWPPRA was still going to go forward and address the smaller, short-term needs. This will be mentioned in the EIS document. Secretary Caldwell said to make sure this was emphasized in the EIS.

VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items.

VII. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colonel Rowan solicited additional public comments but there were none.

VIII. CLOSING

A. Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., October 16, 2003 in Baton Rouge. *NOTE: The next Task Force meeting was subsequently moved to November 12, 2003 at the same location.*

B. Adjournment.

Colonel Rowan adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:45 pm.

BREAUX ACT

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

August 14, 2003, 9:30 a.m.
District Assembly Room A - New Orleans District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

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Agenda/Tab Number

Agenda Item

1. **Meeting initiation: 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.**
 - a. Introduction of Task Force members or alternates.
 - b. Opening remarks of Task Force members.
2. **Adoption of Minutes from April 16, 2003 Task Force Meeting: 9:40 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.**
3. **Status of Breaux Act Program Funds and Projects (Browning): 9:45 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.**

Ms. Gay Browning will discuss the construction program and status of the CWPPRA accounts.
4. **Decision: Request to Authorize the Technical Committee to Modify the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to Allow Phase II Authorization at Any Regular Quarterly Task Force Meeting (LeBlanc): 9:50 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.**

Ms. LeBlanc will present the Technical Committee's recommendation to allow the modification of the SOP to allow Phase II authorizations at any regular quarterly meeting of the Task Force.
5. **Report/Decision: Prioritization Process for Future PPL 1-12 Phase II Authorizations (LeBlanc): 9:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.**

Ms. LeBlanc will present the results of the analysis by the Technical Committee to prioritize projects on PPLs 1-12 for which construction has not been authorized and will make a recommendation to the Task Force regarding conditions for updates of individual project scores. The public will be given an opportunity to provide comments on the results of the analysis.
6. **Decision: Agency Response on Moving PPL 1-8 Projects into Cash Flow (LeBlanc): 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

Ms. LeBlanc will present the results of a more detailed analysis by the Technical Committee regarding operations, maintenance, and monitoring (OM&M) for PPL 1-8 projects in the event the Task Force decides to apply cash flow procedures to PPL 1-8 projects.

- 7. Decision: FY04 Planning Budget (LeBlanc): 10:15 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.**
The Task Force is requested to provide direction regarding development of a PPL 14 list, LCA funding scenarios under CWPPRA and supplemental tasks in support of the development of the FY04 Planning Budget.
- 8. Decision: Request for Construction Approval for the Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project (TE-45) (LeBlanc): 10:35 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.**
Ms. LeBlanc will present the Technical Committee's recommendation for Task Force approval for Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection Demonstration project. The original fully funded cost is \$2,296,721 for this project. The Technical Committee recommends construction approval to the Task Force contingent upon successful oyster lease negotiations and inclusion of costs for removal of project structures in the budget. The cost to remove structures is \$401,250 (2003 dollars). The revised fully funded cost is \$2,697,971 without inflated cost for removal of structures.
- 9. Decision: Request for Phase II Authorization for the Black Bayou Bypass Culverts Project (CS-29) (LeBlanc): 10:40 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**
Ms. LeBlanc will present the Technical Committee's recommendation for Task Force approval for Phase II approval for the Black Bayou Bypass Culverts project. This project will benefit 540 acres. The fully funded Phase II cost is \$5,135,237. The Task Force is asked to approve \$3,543,770 for construction and the first 3 years of OM&M. The Technical Committee recommends Phase II construction approval to the Task Force.
- 10. Decision: Request for Additional Funding for the Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration Project - Construction Unit 4 (BA-20) (LeBlanc): 10:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.**
Ms. LeBlanc will present the Technical Committee's recommendation for Task Force approval for additional funds in the amount of \$16,406,888 for Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration - Construction Unit 4. The Task Force is asked for approval of \$16,406,888 additional funds.
- 11. Decision: De-authorization of Marsh Creation South of Leeville, (BA-29) (LeBlanc): 10:50 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.**
Ms. LeBlanc will present the Technical Committee's recommendation for Task Force approval recommending that this project be de-authorized. The Technical Committee recommends that the Task Force initiate project de-authorization procedures.
- 12. Decision: Out-Year Funding of Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring for Cash Flow Projects (PPL 9 and Later): 10:55 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
The Task Force is requested to provide direction on the process for requesting funding approvals for OM&M requests beyond the first three years.
- 13. Decision: Request for Approval of Execution Plan for CRMS and FY04-06 Funding (Steyer): 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.**
Mr. Steyer will present the proposed execution plan for CRMS. Approval of the CRMS Execution Plan and FY04-06 funding is requested of the Task Force.
- 14. Report: Status of the West Bay Sediment Diversion (MR-03) (Miller): 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.**
Mr. Miller will provide an update on the contract advertisement, award, and construction schedule for the West Bay Sediment Diversion project.

15. **Report: Outreach Quarterly Report (Bodin): 11:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**
Ms. Gabrielle Bodin will provide a report on the Breaux Act Outreach Program.
16. **Report: Final 1st Year Report (2002) on the Results of the Coastwide Nutria Control Program (Marx): 11:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.**
Mr. Jeff Marx of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will present the final 2002 report on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program submitted to Department of Natural Resources titled "Nutria Harvest and Distribution 2002-2003 and A Survey of Nutria Herbivory Damage in Coastal Louisiana in 2003".
17. **Report: Studies of Active Geologic Fault or other subsurface Impacts on Coastal Louisiana (Gagliano, Britsch and Morton): 11:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- a. Dr. Woody Gagliano will present a summary of Coastal Environments Inc.'s study titled "Active Geologic Faults and Land Change in Southeastern Louisiana". This study was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (15 minutes)
 - b. Mr. Del Britsch will present additional comments regarding the Coastal Environment Inc.'s study and the direction of future work addressing the understanding of active faults in coastal restoration. (10 minutes)
 - c. Dr. Bob Morton of the USGS will present "Subsurface Controls on Historical Subsidence Rates and Associated Wetland Loss in South-central Louisiana". (15 minutes) (Dr. Morton's complete presentation will be given at a National Academy of Sciences meeting the following day on August 15 at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans at 11:00 a.m.)
18. **Report: LCA Update – Public Meetings and Schedule (Constance): 12:00 noon to 12:05 p.m.**
19. **Additional Agenda Items 12:05 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.**
20. **Request for Public Comments 12:10 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.**
21. **Date and Location of the next Task Force Meeting: 12:15 p.m. to 12:20 p.m.**
The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., October 16, 2003, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
22. **Dates and locations of Upcoming CWPPRA Administrative Meetings (LeBlanc):**
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| September 17, 2003 | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | Baton Rouge |
| October 16, 2003 | 9:30 a.m. | Task Force meeting | Baton Rouge |
| December 10, 2003 | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | New Orleans |
| January 28, 2004 | 9:30 a.m. | Task Force | New Orleans |
| New dates | | | |
| March 17, 2004 | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | New Orleans |
| April 14, 2004 | 9:30 a.m. | Task Force | Lafayette |
| July 14, 2004 | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | Baton Rouge |
| August 18, 2004 | 9:30 a.m. | Task Force | New Orleans |
| September 15, 2004 | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | Baton Rouge |

October 13, 2004	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
December 8, 2004	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
January 26, 2005	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans

23. **Adjourn: 12:20 p.m.**



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Subject: FINAL Minutes from 14 Aug 03 Task Force Meeting

Attached are the edited minutes from the 14 Aug 03 Task Force meeting, which incorporates all comments received to date. I've attached the listed enclosures to the minutes (encl 1 - agenda, encl 2 - attendance sheet). For everyone's future reference, I have also included the transcribed notes from the meeting (no changes were made to the version sent out with the draft minutes). These minutes will be included as part of the Task Force binder for the 12 Nov 03 Task Force meeting for final adoption by the Task Force.



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Subject: DRAFT Minutes from 14 Aug 03 Task Force Meeting

Task Force Members/TC and P&E Members:

Attached are the draft minutes from the 14 Aug 03 Task Force meeting for your review and comment. Please provide revisions/comments by Friday, 12 Sep 03. An updated version of the minutes will be sent out once comments are incorporated.

As you probably noted, the Corps has employed a court reporter for this Task Force meeting. We will be using a court reporter on a trial basis for the next two Technical Committee meetings and the next Task Force meeting. In addition, we are using a contractor to draft the minutes. During this trial period, we will continue to tape record all meetings. We appreciate any feedback on how this trial is working so that we can make a decision on whether or not to continue these services in the future. Court-reported transcripts are also attached for your information. Please feel free to review the transcripts for obvious errors/inaccuracies

in spoken words. Since the transcript should reflect what was actually said, the only changes that will be made are ones that are obvious errors/inaccuracies in spoken words. We plan to have the same reporter attend all meetings; therefore, she should become more familiar with "CWPPRA terms" as time goes on.

The sign in sheet will be sent out with the updated version of the minutes.

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