

BREAUX ACT
Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

TASK FORCE MEETING
22 May 2014

Minutes

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Richard Hansen convened the 86th meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. on May 22, 2014, at the Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center in Lafayette, LA. 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 Task Force Members who were present.

Colonel Richard Hansen, Chairman, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Ms. Karen McCormick, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), EPA alternate for Mr. Bill Honker
Mr. Richard Hartman, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NMFS alternate for Mr. Christopher Doley
Mr. Jerome Zeringue, State of Louisiana, Governor's Office of Coastal Activities (GOCA)
Mr. Kevin Norton, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Mr. Jeffrey Weller, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

III. OPENING REMARKS

Colonel Hansen introduced himself, welcomed everyone, and asked the members of the Task Force to introduce themselves. Colonel Hansen congratulated Mr. Zeringue for being officially confirmed as Chair of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

Colonel Hansen explained that the public would be given the opportunity to comment on agenda items and that each commenter should provide their name and affiliation so that their comments could be included in the official record. All attendees should sign in at the entrance to the conference room.

Colonel Hansen asked if the Task Force had any opening comments. Colonel Hansen announced two changes to the published agenda: the removal of Agenda Item #11 and the

addition of an announcement from CPRA regarding the 2017 State Master Plan Update under Additional Agenda Items.

Mr. Norton made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Weller seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2014 TASK FORCE MEETING

Mr. Brad Inman, USACE, indicated that the minutes from the January 16, 2014 Task Force Meeting were sent to the Task Force members and that all comments and recommended changes were incorporated. Colonel Hansen asked the Task Force members if they had any comments on the minutes. There were no comments.

Hearing no objections, Colonel Hansen declared the minutes from the January 16, 2014 Task Force Meeting adopted.

V. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Agenda Item #7 – Report/Decision: Upcoming 20-Year Life Projects

Project sponsors presented recommended paths forward for the following CWPPRA projects ending their 20 year lives in 2015 or 2016:

Project No.	Project Name	Agency	20YL Expires	Path Forward
CS-18	Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Erosion Protection	FWS	1-Mar-15	Close-out
TV-03	Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection	COE	11-Feb-16	Close-out
PO-16	Bayou Sauvage Refuge Restoration Phase 1	FWS	30-May-16	Extension
BA-19	Barataria Bay Waterway Wetland Creation	COE	15-Oct-16	Close-out

Mr. Darryl Clark, USFWS, presented the recommended paths forward for Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Erosion Protection (CS-18) and Bayou Sauvage Refuge Restoration Phase I (PO-16) projects. The Sabine Refuge Erosion Protection (CS-18) Project consists of approximately 28,000 linear feet of foreshore rock dike and other features on the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The project protected 5,500 net acres of fresh marsh in Pool 3 for a cost of \$1.6 million. The project currently has an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) balance of approximately \$260,000. No maintenance has been required over the 19 years of the project life and the rock dike is in good condition, so USFWS does not anticipate maintenance being required in the future. The project sponsors and the Technical Committee have recommended project closeout with the remaining funds being returned to the Program. The project is on federal property, and will become a component of the NWR.

The Bayou Sauvage Phase I (PO-16) Project features two 30-inch pumps and 36-inch discharge pipes and one weir located in the North and South Units of Bayou Sauvage Refuge. The goal of this project was to regulate water levels and benefit 1,550 net acres of fresh marsh. The construction cost was \$1.6 million and the project has approximately \$211,000 remaining in its O&M budget. This project lies just west of the New Orleans East hurricane protection levee;

after Hurricane Katrina, the USACE had to remove the pump stations to facilitate the enlargement of the levee. The USACE has installed new pumping stations and discharge pipes, which are now protected by a concrete revetment on the east side of the levee. The replacement was completed in August 2011, but one of the pumps is not working correctly so USFWS has not yet accepted the project from the USACE.

When operational, the pumps were somewhat successful at managing water levels. However, they have not been operated since Hurricane Katrina. The project does require O&M; when it was operational, the costs were approximately \$11,000/year. The Refuge has requested that CWPPRA continue to fund O&M with the remaining O&M balance for six years after the end of its 20-year life, to May 2022, to make up for the six years that the project was inoperable. At the end of the 6-year extension, the USFWS will reconsider whether Federal refuge funds will be available to continue O&M, but until 2022, the project will continue to be a feature of Bayou Sauvage Refuge.

Mr. Hartman requested clarification about future monitoring efforts. Mr. Clark stated that there is a Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) station in the northern management unit. The CRMS program is providing annual reports for all refuges with a CRMS station which include water levels, salinity, vegetation, land:water analysis, and other variables. The funds currently in the monitoring budget will be used by CPRA to prepare a final monitoring report in 2016; any remaining funds in the monitoring budget will then be returned to the Program.

Colonel Hansen asked about the operation of the pumps. Mr. Clark responded that the pumps are operated by Refuge staff. Staff gauges are located in both the North and South units. When those gages show higher water levels, the pumps would be operated to evacuate excess water. The area also contains some gravity drainage structures which can help evacuate water when necessary.

Mr. Scott Wandell, USACE, presented the recommended path forward for the Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection (TV-03) Project. This project is located in the Teche-Vermilion Basin along the east bank of the Vermilion River Cutoff. It is a PPL 1 project that consists of 6,200 feet of foreshore rock dike benefiting 65 acres. Construction was completed in March 1996 at a total cost of approximately \$2 million. One maintenance event was performed in 2005 at a cost of \$130,000. Project performance reports are supposed to be prepared every three years, but the most recent one was prepared in 2007 due to lack of funding. An inspection report was performed in 2011 following Hurricane Ike. Both the 2007 project performance report and 2011 inspection report indicate that the project is in good condition and at the permitted elevation. The shoreline has stopped receding and is actually accreting in some areas. The project team does not believe that an extension is justified. The project sponsor and the Technical Committee recommend proceeding to project closeout, with a completion of the scheduled shoreline monitoring survey, final project accounting, and a public notice.

Mr. Josh Carson, USACE, presented the recommended path forward for the Barataria Bay Waterway Restoration (BA-19) Project. This was a PPL 1 project that pumped dredged material from a Barataria Bay Waterway maintenance event to the southern section of Queen

Bess Island. It was completed in October 1996 at a cost of \$1.1 million. The project included a shell retainment dike to create 9 acres of marsh. The project never achieved design elevations and has no financial resources or planned activities. The project sponsor and the Technical Committee recommend project closeout.

Mr. Hartman noted that the retainment dike is still in place, and it is likely that without this project Queen Bess would no longer exist.

Mr. Norton made a motion to accept the Technical Committee recommendations to close out Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Erosion Protection (CS-18), Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection (TV-03), and Barataria Bay Waterway Wetland Creation (BA-19) and to extend Bayou Sauvage Refuge Restoration Phase 1 (PO-16) for six years. Ms. McCormick seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

B. Agenda Item #9 – Decision: Fiscal Year (FY) 15 Planning Budget Approval, including the Project Priority List (PPL) 25 Process, and Presentation of FY15 Outreach and Planning Budget

The Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Subcommittee presented their recommended FY15 Planning Program Budget development, including the PPL 25 Process.

Ms. Allison Murry, USACE, presented the changes that are being made to the PPL process document. The previous document was very text heavy and not user-friendly. The redesigned document for PPL 25 includes maps with basin and region boundaries, voter eligibility, and frequently asked questions. There have been no changes to the process itself. Mr. Inman added that Ms. Murry has performed most of the work on this document and that the Technical Committee is very supportive of the changes she has made. The Technical Committee recommends Task Force approval of the redesigned document.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. There were no comments from the Task Force.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Mr. Scott Wilson, United States Geological Survey (USGS), presented the proposed FY15 Outreach budget of \$445,800 on behalf of the Outreach Committee. These funds are also part of the overall Planning budget and the request is the same that it has been for the past four years. Mr. Inman stated that the Technical Committee recommends approval of this budget.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. There were no comments from the Task Force.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Ms. Susan Mabry presented the proposed FY15 Planning budget of \$5,111,819. This includes the \$445,800 for Outreach and \$4,660,019 for other Planning activities, including the Report to Congress. Mr. Inman stated that the Technical Committee recommends approval of this budget.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force.

Mr. Hartman asked if USFWS would be taking the lead role in developing the Report to Congress. Mr. Clark replied that USFWS would report back to the Task Force on that issue at a later date. (Note: The FWS indicated after the TF meeting that it would be willing to coordinate the development of the 2015 Report to Congress with assistance from USGS and CPRA.)

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Mr. Hartman made a motion to approve the Technical Committee recommendation to accept the redesigned PPL 25 process. Ms. McCormick seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

Ms. McCormick made a motion to approve the Technical Committee recommendation to approve the Outreach budget of \$445,800. Mr. Hartman seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

Mr. Norton made a motion to approve the Technical Committee recommendation to approve the Planning budget of \$5,111,819. Mr. Hartman seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

C. Agenda Item #12 – Decision: Request for Approval for Final Deauthorization on the PPL 13 – Bayou Sale Shoreline Protection (TV-20) Project

Mr. Norton reported that NRCS and CPRA are requesting approval for final deauthorization procedures on the Bayou Sale Shoreline Protection (TV-20) Project due to numerous abandoned pipelines in the area that hindered site access and made the project unfeasible to construct. They offered to transfer the project to the Parish but did not receive a response. Mr. Inman stated that very few public comments were received during the public comment period and the Technical Committee recommends deauthorization of the project.

Mr. Norton made a motion to approve the Technical Committee recommendation to deauthorize the Bayou Sale Shoreline Protection (TV-20) Project. Ms. McCormick seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

D. Agenda Item #13 – Decision: Request for Approval for Final Deauthorization on the PPL 18 – Bertrandville Siphon (BS-18) Project

Ms. McCormick reported that EPA and CPRA are requesting approval for final deauthorization procedures on the Bertrandville Siphon (BS-18) Project based on landrights

issues that are not likely to be resolved in the near future plus substantial technical implementation issues. Additionally, the project is not included in the 2012 State Master Plan. EPA still believes that this could be a good project but is asking for deauthorization due to current circumstances. Mr. Inman stated that no public comments were received during the public comment period and the Technical Committee recommends deauthorization of the project.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. There were no comments from the Task Force.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Ms. McCormick made a motion to approve the Technical Committee recommendation to deauthorize the Bertrandville Siphon (BS-18) Project. Mr. Norton seconded. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

VI. INFORMATION

A. Agenda Item #3 – Report: Status of CWPPRA Program Funds and Projects

Ms. Mabry presented the status of CWPPRA Program funds and projects. The CWPPRA Program estimate is \$2.3 billion from inception through PPL 23. The current approved estimate is \$1.6 billion, including \$1.17 billion for Construction, \$280 million for O&M, and \$160 million for Monitoring. CWPPRA has \$454 million in future projected funding and needs \$703 million to complete construction, leaving a gap of \$224 million for all PPLs.

The Program received \$64.6 million in FY14. Total collections to date are \$1.5 billion. Available funds for FY14 total \$23 million. Ms. Mabry noted that if the deauthorizations on the agenda are approved, the available funds will increase to \$23.7 million.

The Planning budget had a surplus of \$262,000 in January. Planning received \$5 million in FY15 funding. Based on the requested Planning budget of \$5.1 million, CWPPRA will have \$150,000 remaining in the Planning budget at the end of FY15.

The CWPPRA Program currently has 200 total projects. 150 are active, including 31 in Phase I, 18 in Phase II, and 101 constructed. Four projects have been transferred, three are inactive, and 43 have been deauthorized.

Mr. Inman provided an update on Sport Fish and Boating Safety Trust Fund Reauthorization. He explained that the CWPPRA Program must receive appropriations to spend monies in the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund Reauthorization is in the Transportation Bill, which both the House of Representatives and the Senate want to pass before the summer recess. The Angling and Boating Alliance has proposed a change to the Trust Fund that would reduce the percentage of funding for CWPPRA by about 3%, which would reduce CWPPRA's budget by several million dollars each year.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. There were no comments from the Task Force.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

B. Agenda Item #4 – Report: Construction Update

Mr. Inman reported that the CWPPRA agencies wanted to show the Task Force and the public the types of projects being constructed across the State. Agency representatives provided reports on projects that are currently under construction and projects that have been recently completed.

Mr. Quin Kinler, NRCS, presented two NRCS projects. The GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) Project was completed in March 2014 at a cost of \$7.1 million. The Coastwide Vegetative Plantings (LA-39) Project has several features that have recently completed construction or are under construction. Planting in The Prairie, located in the Manchac Wildlife Management Area (WMA), was completed in spring 2014 and included 525 gallons of smooth cordgrass and 13,000 gallons of California bulrush. Plantings in West Little Lake in Lafourche Parish, the Jaws in Vermilion Parish, and two locations in Little Vermilion Bay are under construction and should be complete by fall 2014. The plantings in the Jaws and Little Vermilion Bay will augment CWPPRA terracing projects that have been accumulating sediment.

Mr. Kevin Roy, USFWS, presented the Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation Project. The project is in Plaquemines Parish on the west side of the Mississippi River. Construction started in 2012; 650 acres of marsh creation have been completed and USFWS is working to expand the project by an additional 250 acres due to favorable bids. Additionally, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Early Restoration funds were used to build 104 acres. The contractor is currently working on a shoreline protection component of the project and it should be complete in September 2014.

Ms. Cecelia Linder, NMFS, presented the Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation (BA-48) Project. This project is located in Jefferson Parish north of Lake Hermitage. The bids have been awarded and construction has started. The first lift on half of the ridge has been completed. The project is working with the Long Distance Sediment Pipeline Project. River dredging will begin in the late September/October timeframe. Construction is expected to be complete in fall 2015 and will cost \$35 million.

Dr. John Foret, NMFS, presented the Delta-Wide Crevasses (MR-09) Project. The third and final construction event of this project began in March 2014 and was complete in June 2014. The project team is currently awaiting settlement to begin monitoring. The first two events cost \$1.4 million and constructed 22 crevasses and 499 net acres. This event cost \$795,000 and constructed seven crevasses.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. Colonel Hansen thanked everyone and said he looked forward to hearing more at the next meeting. Mr. Zeringue thanked NMFS for constructing the diversions.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

C. Agenda Item #5 – Report: Public Outreach Committee Report

Ms. Susan Testroet-Bergeron, USGS, reported on Outreach activities since the last Task Force Meeting in January. The Spring Dedication Event was held in Houma, LA at the ConocoPhillips property. It was a beautiful day with great speakers and good information about how the agencies are working together for coastal Louisiana. The 156th Infantry Battalion led with the national colors. Participants were also able to go on a field trip to the GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) Project.

CWPPRA Outreach has participated in several educational activities. The I Remember art show will be at the Louisiana State University (LSU) Hill Memorial library through August 30, 2014, where it is attracting numerous LSU students. More oral histories, including some from people who work with CWPPRA, were added to the art show in November, and those have been added to the kiosk and the www.lacoast.gov website. The I Remember art show started as a one-year art show, but is currently in its second year and still going.

Dr. Jenneke Vissar invited CWPPRA to the Fete de la Terre at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL). CWPPRA also attended the Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium in Shreveport, the National Wetlands Day in Houma, and the International School of Louisiana Teachers Wetland Workshop.

CWPPRA attended the State of the Coast Conference with the I Remember art show. CWPPRA asked attendees why to save coastal Louisiana. Ms. Bergeron shared some of those responses and stated that they are also posted on Facebook.

The Landmarks e-newsletter is published every two months and is currently on its third issue. The Outreach Committee has been working with CRMS to create a CRMS Beginner's Guide to Retrieving Data, which they hope will be useful to people who are not familiar with CRMS. Ms. Bergeron thanked Ms. Dona Weifenbach and Ms. Sarai Piazza for their help with this effort.

The Outreach Committee has been asked to speak to Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce, so they are trying to create a Speaker's Bureau. Ms. Bergeron asked anyone who is interested in participating in this to contact her or Mr. Cole Ruckstuhl.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. Colonel Hansen thanked Ms. Bergeron. Mr. Zeringue asked if the Speaker's Bureau would speak throughout the state or just in the coastal zone. Ms. Bergeron responded that the Outreach Committee will go anywhere they are invited to go. Mr. Norton thanked Ms. Bergeron and her team.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

D. Agenda Item #6 – Report: Selection of Ten Candidate Projects to Evaluate for PPL 24

At the April 14, 2014 Technical Committee Meeting, the Technical Committee selected ten projects and one demonstration project as PPL 24 candidates for Phase 0 analysis. Mr. Roy presented a brief overview of each of the projects listed below.

Region	Basin	PPL 24 Candidates	Agency
1	Pontchartrain	New Orleans Landbridge Shoreline Stabilization & Marsh Creation	FWS
1	Pontchartrain	Shell Beach South Marsh Creation	EPA/ USACE
1	Pontchartrain	Bayou Bienvenue Marsh Creation	EPA
2	Barataria	East Leeville Marsh Creation & Nourishment	NMFS
2	Barataria	Grand Bayou Marsh Creation & Terracing	FWS
3	Terrebonne	West Fouchon Marsh Creation & Marsh Nourishment	CPRA
3	Terrebonne	Bayou Dularge Ridge Restoration & Marsh Creation	NRCS
3	Teche-Vermilion	South Humble Marsh Creation & Nourishment	FWS
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	No Name Bayou Marsh Creation & Nourishment	NMFS
4	Mermentau	Southeast Pecan Island Marsh Creation & Freshwater Enhancement	NRCS

	PPL 24 Demonstration Project Candidate	Agency
DEMO	Innovative Bedload Sediment Collector	USACE

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. Colonel Hansen thanked Mr. Roy.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

E. Agenda Item #8 – Report: Status of CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Update

Ms. Murry reported that the P&E Subcommittee began an update and cleanup of the SOP in January 2014. This update involved removing outdated appendices, adding coastwide category guidelines, adding O&M increase request procedures, updating the monitoring section, and clarifying planning budget language. The P&E Subcommittee plans to provide the new SOP to the Technical Committee and Task Force prior to the next Technical Committee Meeting in September.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force.

Ms. McCormick asked if there would still be an opportunity to make more changes. Ms. Murry responded affirmatively and stated that changes could be made throughout the summer. Ms. McCormick thanked Ms. Murry and the P&E Subcommittee.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

F. Agenda Item #10 – Report: Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) Report & System Wide Assessment Monitoring Program (SWAMP)

Ms. Dona Weifenbach, CPRA, provided a report on CRMS. The 2013 Coastwide Vegetation Survey collected data at approximately 6,300 sites with a methodology consistent with the 2007 survey. This was a continuation of the Chabreck & Linscombe 1968 survey. LSU, ULL, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) participated in the survey. Results were completed in the spring and have already been applied to the CRMS website. For example, the vegetation assessment tool allows a user to view vegetation in a certain area from 1999 to 2013. CRMS is also working on the 2012 aerial photography. CPRA received the first round of data from USGS and has provided the first round of comments. They are very pleased with the new automated technique and the accuracy is very good.

Ms. Weifenbach presented an example of how CRMS data is used to assess a project at the end of its 20-year life. She used the Bayou LaBranche Wetland Creation Project as an example, and showed how CRMS data can confirm that all three of the project goals were met.

Fourteen Operations, Maintenance, and Monitoring (OM&M) Reports are in progress for 2014. The 2014 Roadshows are complete and comments are being incorporated. CRMS is in the process of setting up meetings with Federal sponsors to ensure that monitoring needs are being met. Website training occurred in April in Baton Rouge and the CRMS educational document mentioned by Ms. Bergeron is available to the public.

The CRMS Coastwide Elevation Survey of all 390 sites is ongoing; fieldwork is 36% complete and should be finished by July/August. All sites are being updated to NAVD88 Geoid 12a. Mr. Hartman asked if users could easily identify areas of change. Ms. Sarai Piazza, USGS, answered affirmatively and stated that users should use the CRMS Vegetation Difference Tool.

Ms. Weifenbach then presented an overview of the System-Wide Assessment Monitoring Program (SWAMP). Mr. Rick Rainey is the CPRA Project Manager for this effort with The Water Institute of the Gulf. SWAMP was proposed in 2004 in the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Chief's Report. The proposal consisted of four components: wetlands, barrier islands, inshore waters, and offshore waters. The wetlands and barrier island components have been implemented through CRMS and Barrier Island Comprehensive Monitoring (BICM). CRMS is cost shared between the State and CWPPRA, with the State paying 15% plus approximately \$1.25 million annually and CWPPRA funding the remainder. BICM is two-thirds funded by the State with the remaining funds provided by USGS and the University of New Orleans (UNO).

Full SWAMP implementation was delayed by the 2005 hurricanes and changes made in the State organization. The new vision for SWAMP is to integrate protection and restoration monitoring. The 2012 State Master Plan includes both restoration and protection projects across the coast, and the State needs a data network to evaluate the Master Plan at a project and program level.

The first steps in moving SWAMP forward were to develop a framework to identify key parameters to understand the natural and built coastal system and to develop an inventory of ongoing/active monitoring efforts. CPRA has developed a framework of coastal drivers, including human activities and system processes. They have also identified state, federal, and local governments and non-governmental organizations (NGO) that are currently collecting data. This data includes light detection and ranging (LIDAR), bathymetry, fish and shellfish levels, water quality, salinity levels, levee and transportation infrastructure conditions, and a myriad of other data topics. CPRA then developed a list of data needs for various aspects of restoration and protection. This is extensive and includes data such as satellite imagery, vegetation surveys, census data, and miles and heights of levees. The next steps are to determine whether current data collection efforts are adequate and develop a coastwide plan and a nested basin plan incorporating protection and restoration data needs.

CPRA has completed the framework and data inventory components of SWAMP. They are working on developing performance measures and objectives and leveraging opportunities with other agencies. Some efforts are being funded through CWPPRA, and other data collection is being funded by other agencies. CPRA hopes to have a draft product by the end of the year.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force. There were no comments from the Task Force.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public. There were no public comments.

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

2017 Coastal Master Plan Update

Mr. Bren Haase, CPRA, announced the Coastal Master Plan Project Development Program. This is an open call for new projects to be considered for the 2017 Master Plan Update. CPRA welcomes ideas for new projects. Projects should: build or sustain land; provide significant flood risk reduction through structural or non-structural features; respond to rapid shifts in the coastal landscape; or address future uncertainty such as climate change. The screening criteria will be similar to those used for the 2012 Master Plan, including: size threshold, geographic area, and consistency with objectives and principles. Duplicative projects will be combined or one will be eliminated.

Project proposals are limited to seven pages and should be delivered in .pdf format to masterplan@la.gov prior to August 21, 2014. Mr. Karim Belhadjali and other CPRA staff are available to answer questions or help develop and refine project attributes.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the Task Force.

Mr. Hartman stated that CPRA is revising the models used in the Master Plan and asked Mr. Haase if CPRA would maintain the 50-year, \$50 billion criteria. Mr. Haase stated that the model improvements will be refinements as opposed to wholesale changes. Projects that have already been modeled and eliminated will not be reevaluated. Mr. Hartman asked if projects in the 2012 Master Plan could be removed from the 2017 Update, and Mr. Haase responded affirmatively.

Colonel Hansen opened the floor to comments from the public.

Ms. Bergeron asked if this information could be sent out in a Newsflash. Mr. Haase answered that it could and that it is also available on CPRA's website and in a handout on the sign-in table.

VIII. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IX. CLOSING

A. Announcement: Date of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting

Mr. Inman announced that the next Technical Committee Meeting will be held September 11, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Room, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

B. Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings

Mr. Inman announced the scheduled dates of future Program meetings, shown below:

2014			
September 11, 2014	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
October 7, 2014*	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
December 11, 2014	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge

*Subject to change

D. Adjournment

Colonel Hansen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zeringue so moved and Mr. Hartman seconded. Colonel Hansen adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.