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31 MAR 2025

Mr. Gordon E. Dove
Chairman
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
150 Terrace Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Mr. Dove:

Thank you for your letters dated March 7, 2025, and March 24, 2025 (enclosed) and our February 26, 2025, meeting regarding the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's (CPRA) Department of Army (DA) permit to construct the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD). Our Engineering and Regulatory technical teams have reviewed the June 3, 2022, Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion FTN Associates, LTD report, "Numerical Modeling for the 90% Phase of Engineering and Design" (June 3, 2022, FTN Report) and accompanying material provided via electronic transfer and discussed at the February 26, 2025, meeting and the additional materials attached to the March 24, 2025, letter. Responses to the questions in your March 7, 2025, letter are below.

a. Were the complete and/or redacted FTN 90%, 95% and 100% numerical modeling reports provided to USACE in 2022 and 2023?

Versions of the FTN report were provided as part of CPRA's Engineering and Design reports received by the New Orleans District (MVN) at 90% submittal (dated July 18, 2022), received on July 19, 2022; 95% submittal (dated December 23, 2022,) received on January 10, 2023, and 100% submittal (dated April 17, 2023), received on May 2, 2023. Comparing the June 3, 2022, FTN Report to the received versions dated July 2022, December 2022, and January 2023, we determined that some redacted information was included in other versions of the report, while other redacted information was not located in any of the received reports. A complete evaluation to confirm the inclusion or exclusion of all redacted information in various versions of the report was not performed.

b. Did it need to be submitted to MVN for EIS consideration?

Yes. As the permit applicant and because it was participating in the National Environmental Policy Act process to develop the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

under two Memoranda of Understanding, CPRA had an obligation to provide the new modeling results contained in the June 3, 2022, FTN Report to the MVN EIS team.

c. Will it impact the USACE permit?

Based upon our technical review of the information provided, it will not affect the permit.

We appreciate your transparency and look forward to continued collaboration on this effort. Should you have additional questions, please reach out to Mr. Durund F. Elzey, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Division, at Durund.Elzey@usace.army.mil, or (504) 862-2204.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.A. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cullen" and last name "Jones" clearly distinguishable.

CULLEN A. JONES, P.E., PMP
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Enclosures