Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion Public Scoping Meeting Transcript
Session 1 - July 14, 2020

Opening Remarks
00:01 Hello and welcome. Thank you for joining the Mid-Breton Sediment
00:05 Diversion Public Scoping meeting number one and thank you for
00:09 your interest in the project. I am Stacy Mueller from GHD and
00:14 will be hosting today's event. Karen Miller and Simonia Ramirez-
00:17 Dias, also from GHD will assist in the production and the
00:22 moderation of today's event.
00:25 As we are all likely adapting to new technology, I would like to
00:29 cover some items to expect while viewing or listening to our
00:32 event today. First, today's event is being recorded and
00:36 recordings from all three public scoping meeting sessions will be
00:40 made available for future viewing through links on the
00:44 project webpage. Secondly, you have joined us in listen only
00:48 mode. Through the Webex Event Center platform, there will be a
00:52 period during today's event when those of you who have joined
00:55 by Internet will be able to ask questions through a Q and a
00:59 feature on your screen.
01:01 We will share instructions on how to submit questions just
01:05 before the question and answer session begins. Please note that
01:09 questions that you submit today may be published for all
01:13 attendees to view during today's event and will be eventually
01:17 available on the project's web
01:19 page. If you are familiar with Webex or with other similar
01:23 video conferencing products, we'd like to remind you that
01:27 this Webex Event Center platform is different from a meeting
01:30 platform. You will not be able to share your audio or video
01:34 feeds and we will be not. We will not be using other features
01:39 such as chat, pulling or raise hand. Again, we will only be
01:43 using the Q&A feature.
01:45 If you are not familiar with Webex or the Q and a feature, we
01:50 will be providing verbal an on-screen instructions on how you
01:54 may participate prior to beginning the moderated question
01:57 and answer portion of today's
01:59 event. If you have dialed into the audio conference
02:03 only, you will not be able to submit questions today
02:06 through the QA feature and you will remain in listen
02:10 only mode if you visit the project web page you are able
02:14 to click a button on the left hand side of the web page to
02:19 submit your questions. Responses to questions
02:21 submitted through the project web page may be addressed
02:24 outside of today's event.
02:27 The presenters today will be sharing several ways for you to
02:31 submit official scoping comments outside of today's event. We are
02:35 sharing these ways on your screen now and we will also
02:40 share them again throughout
02:41 today's event. Email may be sent to CEMVN-Mid
02:48 breton@USACE.army.mil or you
02:55 may call 1-855-643-2738. At this time I would like to
03:02 introduce Rene Poche of the US Army Corps of Engineers,
03:09 Rene, you may begin.

**Rene Poche (USACE) Begins Opening Remarks and Presentations**

03:16 Thank you Stacy and Good morning everyone. Thank you
03:21 for joining us for today's scoping meeting concerning the
03:25 Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion project, the Coastal Protection
03:28 and Restoration Authority of Louisiana has applied to the US
03:32 Army Corps of Engineers for permits and permission to
03:36 construct, maintain and operate the Mid-Breton Sediment
03:39 Diversion project on the East Bank of the Mississippi River
03:43 near Willis point, in
03:45 Plaquemines Parish. In compliance with the National
03:49 Environmental Policy Act, the Corps will prepare an
03:52 environmental impact statement to inform its permitting
03:56 decisions. We're seeking public comment to assist in determining
04:01 the scope of issues, resources, impacts, and alternatives to be
04:05 addressed in this document.
04:07 And you are extremely important to the process. We want to hear
04:13 from you. Comments will be collected from July 2nd through
04:17 August 16th, 2020.
04:19 And at anytime during the scoping period, interested
04:23 parties can provide their official comments using one of
04:28 the following in the slide is up there. There's a Mail address,
04:34 but you can submit email as well at CEMVN-MidBreton
04:40 @USACE.Army.mil and you could submit oral
04:46 comments via toll free number
04:49 1-855-643-2738 that's 1-855-643-2738 today. They'll be 3
04:53 recorded presentations. First you'll hear from Colonel Steven
04:58 Murphy, the Commander of the New Orleans district, with some
05:04 opening remarks, then Bradley LaBorde, Army Corps of Engineers or
05:09 regulatory project manager will provide an overview of the Corps
05:15 permit process. Should be followed by Brad Barth,
05:20 Louisiana Coastal Protection
05:21 Restoration Authority. Who will provide an overview of the mid
05:26 Breton Sediment Diversion project. After that will take
05:30 questions and will answer as many questions as possible. Any
05:34 unanswered questions maybe
05:36 responded to on the project web page. Again, thank you for
05:41 joining us today.

Welcome Video from Colonel Steven Murphy
05:45 Hello, I'm Colonel Steven
05:48 Murphy, the Commander of the New Orleans district I want to
05:53 thank you for participating today in this first series of
05:58 virtual meetings regarding the Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion.
06:01 Environmental impact. Today's participation is
06:04 invaluable to us because your participation and the questions
06:08 you provide us will help us come to the best decision possible.
For us, that is a custom protection and restoration of authority and the Corps of Engineers and today we hope to provide new insight into the process and the authorities that govern this process and really to address your questions and hear your feedback. We're doing this at virtual environment because of everything we've been experiencing with COVID-19, so I want to ask you for your patience as we move forward.

This is a new process and I'm sure they will experience just a few bumps along the way. So thank you again.

For participating, we appreciate it very much and I look forward to your feedback is you provide input to help the Corps come to the best decision possible.

**USACE Presentation, Brad LaBorde, Regulatory Project Manager**

Hello and welcome to the virtual scoping meetings for the proposed Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion project. My name is Bradley LaBorde. I am the Corps Regulatory Project Manager.

Project review and environmental impact

This statement or EIS. This presentation is available to you on the Corps Mid-Breton Web page. It will also be part of our live events.

However you choose to participate myself and the Corps Mid-Breton Review Team thank you for sacrificing some of your time to actively participate and provide input on the proposed project. Ideally, the Corps would host these meetings in person.

However, do the challenges with the ongoing public health crisis. We cannot do that at this time. The goals of this presentation in the scoping meetings are two. One provide you with brief details on CPRA or the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana's proposed Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion project. Following my presentation, Brad Barth of CPRA will provide more details on their proposed project and CPRA, raised overall mission to explain the Corps review process.
08:13 including our NEPA or National Environmental Policy Act review
08:17 three and most importantly, provide you with a platform to
08:22 answer any questions you may have seen can adequately prepare
08:26 your scoping comments.
08:29 This presentation, along with additional visual aids and a
08:33 project fact sheet are available on the Corps of Engineers New Orleans
08:37 District Main Breton webpage. If interested please review this
08:41 information and if you can participate and will not allow
08:45 my events scheduled for July 14th, 15th, and 16th.
08:49 During these three live events,
08:53 listen using the number and access code shown here.
08:56 Additionally, participants using the Internet can go to the Corps
09:00 Mid-Breton Web page and click on the appropriate link to
09:04 direct you to the web meeting from there, questions can be
09:09 submitted using the chat box and the Webex online platform.
09:13 During live events, the moderator
09:15 will relay questions for Corps or CPRA representatives to
09:20 answer. All three meetings will be recorded and posted on the
09:25 web page. Your participation our scheduled live events are just for
09:29 informational purposes. It does not count as your official
09:32 scoping comment you're scoping. Comments can be submitted by
09:36 traditional mail, email or by telephone and shown here.
09:41 Here's a screenshot of the Mid-Breton webpage. The main
09:45 section has summary and schedule information. All scoping meeting
09:49 info will be on the left. You can click the submit scoping
09:53 question box prior to our live events to send us a question to
09:58 be answered during the live meetings on the right side of
10:03 the web page you will see information about how to submit
10:07 your official scoping comments. The two lines at the bottom are
10:11 are for the Corps Mid-Breton Web page and the
10:15 permanent dashboard, these two wings should be the top two
10:18 results if you Google for Mid-
10:20 Breton. The permitting dashboard allows interested parties to
10:24 track our progress during the big brands in the Diversion
10:28 project review. Periodically check this link.
10:32 After the scoping process to monitor on progress.
10:37 CPRA has proposed to construct, operate and maintain the
10:41 Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion project. The concept of the
10:44 Diversions has been studied at the coastal restoration tool for
10:48 sometime now, coastal Louisiana currently has two fresh water
10:51 Diversions in operation. Davis pawn on the West Bank and Corman
10:58 CPRA is proposing it Brendan Sediment Diversion, designed
11:02 to convey water at volumes up to 75,000 cubic feet per second, or
11:07 CFS, depending on Mississippi River level and flow rates. When
11:12 the Diversion structured is closed. A base well about two
11:16 5000 CFS is proposed. If constructed, the project flow
11:20 print would be on the East bank. In Willis
11:25 Parish, Louisiana. At this point, you may be asking
11:29 yourself if this is a CTR, a project. Why is the Corps of
11:33 Engineers involved? Well, the Corps is directed to by Congress
11:37 via the rivers and harbors act and the Clean Water Act. If a
11:41 member of the general public has an action or project that may
11:44 impact of course of a works
11:46 project. One must obtain a section 408 permission
11:50 from the Corps. This includes any federally mandated levy or water
11:57 activity will not be injurious to the public's interest in will
12:01 not impair the usefulness of the
12:03 federal projects. If a member of the public has an action or
12:09 project that obstructs their altars and Addable waterway,
12:12 such as a doctor or water convenience, it would require
12:16 ascension 10 permanent as the Corps regulatory program is
12:19 tasked with maintaining navigation in US waters.
12:22 Similarly, if a member of the general public has an action or
12:26 project that requires excavating and or failing into
12:30 jurisdictional wetlands, but Section 404 permit would be
12:33 required, it must be demonstrated that the project is
12:36 in the Public Interest.
12:38 And steps have been taken to avoid and minimize
12:42 adverse impacts to our nation's wetlands and, if required,
12:46 provide mitigation for any outstanding
12:49 level impacts to proceed during all product reviews and during
12:53 the Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion. Review the Corps
12:56 regulatory staff remains neutral in independence and one decision
13:00 making on mission is to make permanent decisions on best
13:04 available science engineering standards and professional
13:06 judgment. Again, the Corps is neither for or against this or
13:11 any other application
13:12 Review OK, so here is CPRA proposed project
13:20 Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion footprint using Mardi Gras
13:25 colors. OK, you have the full
13:27 construction footprint. Within that and LSU gold you can see
13:32 the outline of the actual structure and changes to LA 39.
13:37 In Tulane, green CPRA anticipates modifications to
13:40 the existing pump station along this back living.
13:45 If you think back to the previous slide CPRA a hit the
13:50 permitting trifecta requiring a section 1044 permit and a
13:53 Section 4 await permission to better understand, you can break
13:58 the project into three segments. One the area within an along the
14:03 Mississippi River to the Mississippi River Levee has
14:26 conveyance. Structure extends through Wetlands Till River.
14:31 This one offers two zoomed out shots of the project area on the
14:36 left you can see the project footprint in CPRA as anticipated
14:41 transition area and white. This is where deltaic processes can
14:46 be expected based on CPRA as preliminary estimates,
14:50 additional water quality and salinity impacts are anticipated
14:53 outside this area.
14:56 On the right you can get a better view of the project
location with reference to the New Orleans Metropolitan area to the top left. Following the Mississippi River, you can see the project location, the Breton Sound Basin and the Mississippi River basin. In Plaquemines and Saint Bernard Parish is where most impacts will be, how far impacts may go to the East and North East into the Pontchartrain Basin chandelier Sound, if at all is unknown at this time. The Corps is independently reviewing all of CPRA as models to better understand the extent of impacts including land building, an accretion storm surge and aquatic resources to determine the overall. Beneficial in adverse impacts associated with CPRA as projects. So now that we've discussed Section 4 way permissions and the section 10 and 404 permits, it's important to know what our decision making tool is then that is NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act in the process. And documents serve as our evaluation and decision making tool. The Corps is the lead federal agency. For this effort, a third party contractor has been selected to help write an independently review. CPRA’s Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion project. The level of our NEPA reviews is dependent that this project could significantly affect the quality of the human environment, requiring an EIS or Environmental Impact Statement. An EIS is a detailed study of a project. Potential impacts to the human environment. The Corps as the lead federal agency is in charge of drafting the EIS, in coordination with the central cooperating agencies. The scoping comments you provide will help us determine the appropriate amount of detail for each specific resources to be impacted. The end results or outputs from the EIS will be included into a
16:58 record of decision or Rod, which would announce the per the Corps
17:02 permitting decision in conjunction with other federal
17:05 laws. Typically the most important details in an EIS can
17:09 be found in chapters one through four. Chapter 1, outline of
17:13 projects, purpose, and mean statement that explains why a
17:17 particular project is being pursued. Chapter 2. The
17:20 alternative section outlines the alternative projects that will
17:23 be examined. In the EIS Analysis, Chapter 3 affected
17:27 environment is a description of the project areas, existing
17:32 conditions, conditions in trends, Chapter 4, environmental
17:35 consequences, and perhaps the most important part of the EIS,
17:39 analyzes the impacts of the proposed project and
17:43 alternatives, including the no
17:45 action alternatives. So the Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion EIS
17:49 the Corps with coordination with our federal cooperating
17:53 agencies, established a purpose in the statement based off the
17:57 one provided by CPRA a in their permit application. From there,
18:02 we evaluated potential alternatives. CPRA has provided
18:06 an alternatives analysis for cool review. The Corps, in
18:10 coordination with the federal cooperating agencies, did an
18:13 independent review of alternatives from prior studies.
18:17 The CPRA race in middle and evaluated other potential
18:21 coastal restoration tools are alternatives. Analysis is not
18:25 complete. It is not complete until we also evaluate
18:29 alternatives provided during the scoping process. Reasonable
18:32 alternatives received during scoping will be given the same
18:36 considerations established during our preliminary review.
18:40 After preliminary review, the list of alternatives to be evaluated
18:44 in the EIS are
18:46 Sediment Diversions with maximum flows of 35,000 CFS.
18:52 75,000 CFSP applications preferred alternative and 100
18:57 and 15,000 CFS.
baselow are also being evaluated a 2500 CFS and
5000 CFS Baslow scenario.

To wrap up, the scoping process, is the Publix opportunity to
tell the Corps would you want to see addressed in the EIS you
play a central role in the regulatory process, particularly
if you've listened to my presentation this long.

Please submit your comments by email or traditional
snail mail. You can also submit a verbal comment at 1855 Mid-
Breton. The number allows 4 minutes for your comment.

Comments will be transcribed and included into the permanent
record. Verbal comments can be provided in multiple different
languages and later translated. Also if you're viewing this
before our lives events, please participate in one. If you can
we will be addressing your questions during these times.

Public involvement does not end with scoping. While preliminary
work on the EIS has begun, we are early in the EIS process
process, which starts with public scoping. Once coping is
complete, CPRA will provide all project modeling material in a
series of technical reports. The Corps, with the help of the third
party contractor and cooperating federal and state agencies, will
independently review CPRA as material along with other best
available signs to draft the
EIS. The draft EIS is scheduled to be complete in fall 2022.

Shortly after the draft EIS, the Corps will host the public
hearing. The Corps will never revise the draft EIS based on
public hearing feedback to produce the final currently
scheduled in the fall of 2023.

Then the final EIS will go from public review before the all
important permit and record of decision currently scheduled for
January 2024. The permit decision can be a denial,
proffering a least damaging alternative, examining the
EIS or approval of CPR as preferred alternatives.
Lastly, I want to leave you with a list of potential issues that
21:15 we will address along with your concerns. This list is part of
21:20 the visual aids we have available to you on the core mid
21:24 Breton webpage. When providing your Scott scoping comment,
21:27 please consider the following questions. What important
21:30 issues, resources and impacts should be considered in the EIS?
21:34 What alternatives would modifications to the existing
21:37 proposal should be considered in the EIS, and?
21:40 But there are other problems or opportunities. The Corps
21:43 should be aware of. This concludes my presentation.
21:46 Thank you for your participation and these safe
21:49 during these Times Now hand it over to Brad Barth from CPRA.
21:53 Thank you.

Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion (BS-0030) Presentation, CPRA, Brad Barth

22:00 In the Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion Public Scoping
22:05 Meeting. I am Brad Barth with the Coastal Protection Restoration
22:11 Authority. In this setting, I am the Diversion Program Manager and
22:16 also in the operations group with CPRA, the
22:23 operations assistant
22:24 administrator. Real quick, we will go over an introduction to talk a little
22:29 bit about our coast or land loss will talk about.
22:34 Addressing the root cause and reconnecting at River.
22:39 Brandon said with version and then Lastly will hit upon and
22:44 talk a little bit about our operations management.
22:49 So let’s think back to
22:53 Post 2005 Hurricane Katrina,
22:57 Legislator looked at how the state was handling
23:01 restoration and what goes through
23:03 protection. We went into one group or one agency to do
23:08 integrated approach to handling restoration and protection
23:11 efforts leading to the creation of coastal protection.
23:15 Let’s look forward to restoration.
23:19 So you may be familiar with this map, may have seen it before since 1930 so 80
23:25 years of actual data that we've observed from USGS of land loss
23:31 over 2000 square miles.
23:35 Or look it going forward over the next 50 years.
23:42 If you're familiar with these maps, We look at it couple different sea level
23:46 rise in areas. This would be the medium scenario. Potentially we
23:49 are an order of 4200 square miles that we have the potential
23:53 to lose over the next 50 years. Should we do nothing?
23:59 So what is take here?
24:03 Well, look at coastal Louisiana Purchase. Take is our flag
24:08 protection are natural processes of the of the lower coast of
24:13 Louisiana. High costs habitats are cultural heritage.
24:18 And I work in constraints take.
24:22 A master plan is required by the legislator every
24:26 six years. It's 50 billion dollar plan. Equally split
24:30 between restoration and protection or risk reduction. 25
24:34 done into each. It is required for us to look at this every six
24:40 years. And really what this is?
24:44 It's very how we rank in select projects for implementation
24:48 every six years it gives us the ability to put the best projects
24:53 on the landscape. Considering the information science analysis
24:56 available to rank projects, that's really what it is. We
25:00 don't have $50,000,000, but this is gives us a pool of projects
25:05 to select from. To put the best projects on the ground with
25:10 changing environmental
25:11 conditions. What are
25:15 are the costs? Early
25:18 1900s. Completing the lower Mississippi River
25:24 protection system. Great seats in terms of protecting our
25:29 nation, our citizens and in our navigation address interest in
25:34 terms of economics of the entire United States. So what that's
25:39 done is less reliant areas that don't have that access to the
25:44 freshwater. This sediment from the nutrients, and that's really
25:49 been starving those areas in waiting those areas into
25:53 regulating nature or degrading
25:55 wetland environment. I'm looking for imagery acrossed cost of
26:01 Louisiana. We can look to our neighbors to the last in the
26:07 Atchafalaya Wax Lake. Delta area was the only areas in
26:11 coastal area that is experiencing land gaing and not
26:14 land loss in these areas and neither is have that direct
26:19 access to freshwater sediment and nutrients all combined
26:22 together, we go look at areas further to the start button
26:27 found basing. We don't have that same access to freshwater
26:31 sediments in their trance.
26:34 That's why you look at this. You see the moon from the wax
26:38 like Atchafalaya called at the happy face. You look at the
26:41 Breton soundside Frowny face.
26:44 So let's talk a little bit more specifically why you are here
26:50 today. Breton Sediment Diversion Project, some basic
26:53 details. River mall locations in 68 on the Mississippi River on
26:58 the East, power the left descending bank rolled point
27:02 Bartonsville area. The funding is through all spill dollars
27:06 task currently that are being worked on right now are the
27:11 engineering design and permitting tasks associated with
27:14 this permit application.
27:16 Why are attending and watching this very scoping meeting? So
27:20 the details of this project will be looking to have an inlet
27:25 along the River in the minus 20 - 35 foot elevation range. The
27:31 overall quarter or with for permanent construction features
27:34 or proximally 1400 feet wide price make half mile long. The
27:39 capacity for the diversions estimated up to 75,000 CFS, so
27:43 it's a passive system, so it relies on the water level of
27:48 the river in water level the base into something that what
27:53 are the nutrients and sediment out into the basement. So add
27:57 flow River flow in the beginning of the spring flood season. The
28:02 diversion may only be able to flow on order of 30 or 40,000
28:07 CFS as it approaches Max flood stage and reaches 1,000,000
28:11 million plus on the flow of the River will be up closer to
28:17 75,000 CFS and how it operates.
28:19 Base flow up to 5000 CFS is, well. We're pretty for asking
28:24 for in the permit with that window based flow is a more of an
28:28 environmental conditionality future really only want to flow
28:32 with make some sense environmentally going forward
28:34 into the future based on conditions at the time they were
28:39 operating. Major components and features of the project will
28:43 consist of an inlet to convey in structure and how wet it will
28:48 require us to do. Some interior drainage modifications to
28:52 maintain strange within the
28:53 interior. In the virtual World Point area and then
28:57 also requires the relocation Highway 23.
29:01 This slide kind of gives you a footprint of the project area.
29:07 The main footprint includes temporary and permanent right
29:10 of ways at this point. That's of the engineering
29:15 design process, but this give you idea perspective of the
29:19 footprint of the project in terms of both temporary and
29:23 permanent features. The lower bill docked down to the right would
29:27 be the pump station where we're
29:30 looking at for some potential improvements to the pump station
29:35 for that interior drainage element diversions. What's
29:38 involved here? The goal is just
29:41 selecting a location along the river that's got a super
29:45 concentrated amount of sediment highly streaming from
29:48 deposition under a point bar and we can use that material and
29:53 concentrate that material off that point bar. Then we can
29:57 maximize that settlement, diverting out into the basin and
30:01 minimize that fresh water.
30:06 Looking at over project operations, this is a 3D
rendition. Obviously the project is on the East bank or the left descending bank. You can see here the flow for the intake into the gated structure and then out into the Breton sound face.

Looking at Plainview, you can see a little bit more detail here with permanent features and then potential temporary areas for construction, lay down or staging areas. Again, major features or intake channel. The gate structure, LA39 relocation in the channel conveyance, and then out to the outfall area with apology, channel activated version or Oak River. I'm doing another 3D rendition here. Looking at this, you see some kind of the bottom left at the top right, the Mississippi River levee are Inlet Channel. The gate structure services they controlled gated facility, so we're not operating, the gates will obviously be closed. channel conveyance out for the outfall area and then head into the basement.

Kind of look in the mid South. You are looking at the gate complex and the conveyance channels. So let's talk a little bit about operations. So as part of this permanent, unusual operations plan is included in such that the Corps can evaluate this project are trigger for the on off the start and stop of the Diversion. Is Forman 50,000 CFS in Belle Chase.

That also includes an up to 5000 CFS based flow. When will below that form and 50,000 CR fast that based flows is for future changing environmental conditions. And again it's up to number. We would expect the base load to only operate and flow at confinement conditions we see in the base, and we expect that to be lower than the 5000.

Adaptive management plan. So this is a key part of
32:29 dealing with environmental changes in the future and  
32:33 really gets at the heart of our mission is to be able to  
32:39 consider our changing environment to be able to  
32:43 manage above or below those levels stated above based on  
32:47 the conditions we see.  
32:50 Additional emergency stops. Tropical activity, spills and  
32:56 navigation. It's part of our charge as CPRA is flood  
33:01 protection and we don't want to have conflicting messages there  
33:05 in terms of like protection so no desire or intention to have  
33:10 this thing operating during a tropical storm or hurricane and  
33:14 thus won't have a plan in place to close the gates during any  
33:20 kind of hurricane or tropical storm activity.  
33:25 Adaptive management again, this is all the information on our  
33:29 real time monitoring information that's gathered for anything  
33:32 from looking at the performance of our project to providing this  
33:36 data information on our changing environment for which will allow  
33:40 us to make operational changes as needed. Based on our current  
33:49 our incitement load. The flow in the River swimming in the basin  
33:54 on the stage in the River, and another water. Quality  
33:58 parameters and such.  
33:59 As we go forward in these  
34:02 permitting process. I will continue to have some both out  
34:07 in the River regular basis to do some River sediment sampling.  
34:12 The community gathered the information necessary for us to  
34:15 have an efficient design in terms of understanding the  
34:19 hydraulic hydrology, the hydraulics, and the Sediment  
34:22 transport so we can maximize the excitement. Capture source site  
34:26 specific data information leading into our effort. There  
34:29 will, continuing in 30% line effort that 30% design effort  
34:33 will then directly support.  
34:35 Integrating process and provide the necessary information to the  
34:39 public in terms of what the project looks like. The features
of the project, the components of the project, such that the
Court can assess those things based on this public scoping
meeting in your input.
Model testing is part of Hydrology and hydraulic testing.
One of the things we want to do is also have a physical scale
model of the project as well, so that way we can look at both
numerical and physical modeling and be able to have input there
in terms of getting the best design and that way it's also
tested as well.
We would have the experiments already done that physical scale
model testing. And obviously will continue for outreach and
engagement where we try to put as much information that we
can maintain the transparency of information we have and
where we're asking the process of the project.
Thank you.
**Panel and Q&A Introduction**

We're going to thank everyone who's in attendance for paying
attention to both of those presentations at this time
before we begin our question and answer session, we would
like to take a moment to introduce the panel.
I will ask our panel to unmute themselves and share their
webcams at this time.
Add front US Army core of Engineers. We have Bradley
LaBorde, Jeff Varisco, Landon Parr, Brenda Archer and Rene Poche.
From the coastal protection and
Restoration Authority. We have
Brad Barth, Brian Lezina,
Liz Davoli, Guerry Holm, Heather Layrisson, and Tim Smith.
We will now begin the question and answer session. We have
opened the Q&A feature.
You may begin submitting your questions now and while we wait
for questions to come in,
37:00 Karen our moderate are will give us some instructions on how to
37:05 use the Q&A feature. Karen, Are
37:07 you ready? Yes, thanks Stacy and good morning everyone.
37:12 We hope to respond to all questions today. It is important
37:16 to the Corps and CPRA to help clarify CPRA as proposed project
37:20 and the Corps review of that project so that everyone can
37:24 develop their official scoping comments. Any questions not
37:27 addressed today may be answered on the project web page. We have
37:31 included instructions on the screen from how to participate
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37:38 find the Q&A feature by hovering your mouse or tapping the middle
37:43 of the screen.
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37:48 find the icon with the three dots, which is the more options
37:52 icon and from that icon select Q&A. These icons may be
37:55 located on the right side of your screen or in the center of
38:00 your screen, and for those of you who are on a mobile device,
38:04 they may be it either at the top or the bottom of your screen.
38:09 Type in your question, then select all panelists and finally
38:13 select send will acknowledge receipt of questions with the
38:16 general response will publish the question so that other
38:20 attendees may view them during the live event.
38:24 Please use appropriate language. We will monitor messages as well
38:27 as give warnings to those who do not comply with this request.
38:31 Repeat ease of inappropriate language will be cause for
38:34 removal from today's event.
38:37 As a reminder, and for those who have joined late, if you have
38:41 dialed into the audio conference only, you will not be able to
38:45 submit questions today and will remain in listen only mode.
38:49 We will encourage you to submit official scoping comments
38:52 through the channels that were mentioned during the previous
38:55 presentations and that we will share again near the end of

Q&A

38:58 today's event. So
39:02 Our first question actually came in through the website.
39:06 So I'm going to read the question here and hand
39:10 it over to Rene so that our team can answer it.
39:15 I'm a former Louisiana resident and I understand
39:18 protecting homes and people, but this is done. How is it
39:22 not going to affect the fishing here in Mississippi?
39:26 We have had dead animals on the shores after spillway openings.
39:30 How is the water of one state OK to divert to another and kill
39:36 wildlife? That which some rely on for a living. I'm just trying
39:40 to understand the project.
39:42 In the projections of the impact on both states.
39:47 So, Rene, I am going to hand that to you.
39:50 Thank you for that question. Then I'm gonna let Bradley
39:54 LaBorde responds.
39:57 Yeah, and 1st thank you. I'm glad to hear folks on the
40:02 Mississippi Coast have, or at least are aware of our process
40:06 here with. The scoping meetings for Mid-Breton Sediment
40:10 Diversion, so thanks for your questions. The answer is we
40:13 don't really know how Far East the impacts to water quality
40:17 make go, so that'll be something that's part of the
40:21 EIS analysis and your questions are actually very good ones,
40:25 and ones that we would like to see as official scoping
40:28 comments.
40:30 Thank you.
40:32 OK, we have another question coming in from Tommy Elkins.
40:36 Has there been any study comparing Mardi Gras pass
40:40 with this Diversion?
40:45 So none that I'm aware of. I know that Mardi Gras pass will
40:50 be something that's considered and CPRA raise modeling effort,
but that will be also something that we look into as part of gathering information and drafting the Mid-Breton EIS.

OK, thank you and Thomas asks, is the design of this Sediment divergent taking into account potential updates to how you USACE manage is the river specifically the updates to the flow line in any change to how the Bonnet Carre Spillway operates?

Hi, this is Jeff Varisco from Corps Engineers section, 4 in coordinator. Yes, we would be looking at anyway. That version review and will be working that extensively with CPRA. A part of channels in this process.

OK, see some comments coming in, but not any questions right now.

Thanks Karen, we did have a question come in that I'll direct to the Corps we are going to be making with these recordings of today's session as well as the other two sessions available on the Corps website. Um, Brad or Rene, would you like to make a commitment on when these recordings might be available?

As soon as possible I will post it out. There will post through social media as well and let folks know when they're available.

Excellent and thank you.

OK Rene, I do have another question coming in from Sam Soulless. How do you predict the salinity of Lake born in Lake Pontchartrain will be affected?

Alright, thank you.

Yeah. So Sam.

That's another thing that will be taken into consideration. As the presentation pointed out, we're not exactly sure how Far East or to the northeast impacts maybe to water quality. And that includes salinity, so that is something that is part of the analysis that you would expect to see addressed in the draft.
43:13 EIS. Again, if there are no impacts of those areas and we
43:18 will stay in touch.
43:21 OK, thank you Tommy Elkins asks has an economic impact statement
43:26 and made you show the impact on fishing in the area,
43:32 Delacroix, Hopedale etc.
43:34 In the fact that this area is an estuary.
43:40 Alright, thank you for that
43:42 question Brad. So we have not done in economic impact
43:46 statement which what will happen is CPRA will provide
43:51 a socioeconomics submittal to us will take that into
43:54 consideration as part of our independent review, which
43:58 would then be represented in the socioeconomic
44:02 section.
44:04 Thank you, Barbara Johnson asks, what are the factors you will
44:08 look at in analyzing the impact
44:11 of the project and fisheries. The fisheries of the area had
44:16 been under siege and improve productivity in decline.
44:20 Productivity is declining in the years. It seems like we
44:24 have an opportunity to revitalize a declining
44:27 industry.
44:30 Thank you again for that question, Brad.
44:34 Yeah, and again I think this is another good example of a
44:39 comment that we should get through the scoping process, so
44:44 please make that part of your official scoping comment just to
44:49 briefly elaborate. We are having CPRA a provide a series of
44:53 studies and models to try and gauge the impact that may take
44:58 place in the basin, which again would then be independently
45:02 reviewed, and then we take that into consideration and drafting
45:07 the. Environmental impact statement.
45:11 Thank you um joke winter.
45:15 Asks is the water quality of the Mississippi River really good
45:19 enough to do what this project is supposed to do?
45:25 Thank you for that question.
45:29 Right?
45:32 It's again another thing that we will look into. I know that CPRA
45:38 a certainly believes that that's the case, which is why
45:42 they are proposing the project. the Mississippi River has been,
45:47 you know, it's the reason why New Orleans exists through its
45:51 segmentation processes. So CPRA is trying to mimic that with
45:56 their project and we will take into
46:14 he's kind of asking is the water clean enough to do what
46:17 the project is supposed to do, which I'm assuming your
46:20 answer address that correct.
46:23 Yes, that should be. That should be something that's analyzed in
46:27 our water quality section.
46:29 OK, and then Thomas is asking is there a plan to install new
46:34 gauges such as water levels and salinity measurement devices on
46:37 both? Both in the inlet in the outlet of the structures.
46:42 And thanks again for that question number. Let the CPRA a
46:46 respond to that.
46:51 Hey thanks. So if we get the Reaper pics here.
46:58 Great question. Yes, as part of the project we will rely on a lot
47:02 of existing gauge network system that we use across our codes
47:06 from USGS decor, Noah and then also CPRA have gauges which are known
47:10 Scrims, close wide reference monitoring system and then in
47:14 addition to that I would fully expect will have project
47:17 specific gauging stations set up as well in terms of the at the
47:22 product level at Test time in terms of where they're located
47:25 at is not been determined.
47:29 So Brad, Thomas wants to know. Also with the gauges
47:32 be permanent.
47:35 Most likely for the for the project specific yes, and
47:39 then we also have crimped gauge stations as well over
47:43 several hundred across the entire coast and
47:46 specifically there’s engaging locations out into
47:49 the Breton sound bases well, which are permanent.
47:54 Great, thank you.
47:56 So Mike
47:59 Asks can you provide any information related to the
48:03 reasoning intent outcomes for the amendment to the marine
48:07 mammal species act?
48:10 So uhm, as its alluded to here, there is a waiver for this
48:15 project for an MPA or the marine mammals Protection Act. However,
48:20 the impact do Dolphins in the specific dolphin pod located in
48:24 the Breton Basin will be something that's analyzed as
48:27 part of the draft EIS.
48:31 OK, thanks David Muth would like to know can you describe
48:36 how you will evaluate the future of fisheries and Esther Green
48:40 and Wildlife Resources? If the project is not move?
48:46 Yes, David, so we do have, uh, as part of our
48:51 in the alternatives analysis, we will review
48:53 the no action alternatives which should
48:56 layout the the impacts to those resources. If we
49:00 were to do nothing.
49:03 OK, thank you. Rachel Road asks, have you started
49:07 developing an adaptive management plan for the
49:11 Diversion and you plan on releasing it in advance of
49:15 the DEIS?
49:18 That's gonna be a question for the state, please.
49:35 Hi, me name is Brian from is CPRA a appreciate question? Yes we have
49:39 a long with any of these large projects. Are all our projects
49:44 obviously for a project like this is a very robust adaptive
49:49 management plan. You heard from Brad, parts presentation and
49:53 you'll see a.
49:55 Uh, the particular first iteration of that, released
49:58 with the DIS sure will. So we want folks to be well
50:03 aware of all the intent of the state in operation of the
50:08 project. For for success of the project in, to make sure
50:12 all these things are addressed. Thanks for the
50:15 quick.
50:17 Thank you. And from Holly D. With the Mississippi Aquarium.
50:23 We are developing studies to look at how fresh water
50:27 impacts Bottlenose Dolphins in the Ms sound. Do you have
50:30 plans on how you will determine how this diversion
50:34 project may impact Bottlenose Dolphins?
50:38 Hi Holly Ann, just to point out if if you
50:43 studies, if they do become available during our review,
50:47 please submit those to the Corps so that we can take them into
50:52 consideration. But as far as plans, we haven't exactly
50:56 outlined that at this point, but we do have no as a cooperating
51:01 agency and they will be the authority on, you know,
51:05 reviewing and help us developing that. That portion of the EIS.
51:12 Thank you Tommy. Elkins asks, is there a quantitative measurement
51:16 of how much fresh water is acceptable into the sound?
51:25 OK.
51:27 I don't totally understand the question, but we looking at and
51:32 analyzing salinity's will be part of our review.
51:37 Um? And any of those changes will definitely will be
51:42 quantified to show as a result of operation of the Discard Save
51:46 divergent so.
51:51 And I'm having trouble reading the next.
51:54 Name Oh no, it's Ryan Lambert.
51:58 It says the real question is with the continued land loss on
52:02 the East side of the River. Is it possible to live in New
52:06 Orleans East without doing a Diversion? Such? Is this the
52:09 protection from storm surge has been decimated in the last 90
52:13 years. I guess it's more of a statement than a question, but
52:17 maybe you'd like to comment.
52:19 Yeah, hi Ryan, that is something that we'd like to see. Is a
52:24 scoping comment and I sure hope so. We're able to continue to
52:28 live here is being a resident, but the continued land loss will
52:32 be addressed in the no action alternative right up in the EIS.
52:39 I don't see any other questions coming in, um, just a reminder
52:43 you can click in the middle of your screen and find
52:48 that Q&A panel.
52:50 and if you're having any problems finding it, let us
52:53 know. We can help you.
52:56 Thanks Karen, this is Stacy and I'll just remind everyone that
53:01 it's about 7 minutes to the hour. A man will be concluding
53:06 at 30 minutes after the hour so we have plenty of time for those
53:11 who are attending today to continue submitting their
53:14 questions. Karen back to you.
53:17 I just had a few come in so Thomas would like to know is
53:22 there consideration to using salinity level as operating
53:25 trigger?
53:27 Thank you for that question. I'm gonna ask the state to respond.
53:39 So currently. Here uh, currently right now, uh, what
53:45 we're looking at is if we want to make sure that we come
53:50 through and you saw the operation plan is designed to
53:54 maximize Sediment input into this system. Really, that's
53:57 that's what we're seeing. Here is, uh, a Sediment storm
54:01 system. What we haven't already. A lower salinity system. So
54:04 certainly the Adaptive Management Plan may look down
54:07 the road at a whole suite of things. But really, what we're
54:12 talking about? Here is a Sediment Diversion, so
54:15 obviously we want to ensure that we're capturing the maximum
54:19 amount of Sediment and that means in this particular case,
54:23 operating this Diversion when it's a when the rivers is
54:27 obviously at some of the highest peaks and clothes, and in some
54:32 cases that might be a counterproductive to using the
54:35 salinity target. For example, if some of these were high in
54:40 August and say Sediment with lower, that that wouldn't be.
54:44 Very good for projects. A second successful Sediment
54:46 Diversion. So obviously a bunch of different things could be
54:50 potentially looked at, but but really we want to take the cut
54:54 of this is a Sediment Diversion we want to operate this thing
54:58 to mimic the natural process that flooded the River. So the
55:02 first, the first operational goal is operated Diversion.
55:05 When the Sediment concentration is up is there.
55:07 But thank you for the question.
55:11 Thanks Brian and Tommy Elkins. Wanted to clarify his
55:15 earlier question. How much Mississippi River water
55:19 coming through this diversion?
55:22 Before. Losing oysters, shrimp and fish in the area. So so
55:27 that's really what he wants to know. How is it going to affect
55:31 oysters, shrimp and fish?
55:33 OK, thanks Tommy. It’s too will. We will be analyzing the impacts
55:38 to those resources with each of alternatives in the EIS than you
55:43 could expect to see that in Chapter 4 the.
55:47 Just to go back to the presentation when the
55:50 draft EIS is available.
55:54 In Tracy Widom
55:58 And I apologize to anyone who's name I've mangled today,
56:01 but I'm doing my best here. Tracy would like to know
56:06 how long would it take to make this Diversion operational,
56:09 and what is the life expectancy of this project.
56:14 All right, thanks for that question. We're gonna ask the
56:18 state to respond.
56:21 All right, hey Tracy, thanks a great question. So looking at
56:25 the schedule that, uh, Bradley LaBorde spoke of earlier were
56:28 looking at a potential record of decision inproximately 2024
56:32 major civil works construction project of like this would be on
56:36 the order of five years, so I put it into 2029 right time
56:40 brain and then this project is a 50 year design life and 100 year
56:45 service life. So this is this is treated as were like a large
56:49 bridge structure where it's going to be there for us left in
56:53 amount of. Thanks for the question.
56:58 Thanks, Brad. John Lopez asks what can be done to accelerate
57:03 the permitting review process.
57:07 Hi doctor Lopez. So when thinking about this review it's
57:11 it's worth considering that the Corps doesn't have all the
57:15 information at hand. Right now there is a back and forth
57:20 between CPRA a in the Corps with the transmission of their
57:24 technical reports in their modeling feedback, so you know
57:28 that that's a time consideration for us. And as far as weight,
57:33 speed it up.
57:46 will there be details on buying out the camps and business
57:50 owners in the affected areas.
57:54 Thank you we're gonna pass that. Went to the state to respond to.
58:01 Hey, excellent question. This is Brad Barth was CPRA and um we're in
58:05 the early stages of engineering and design so during that
58:09 process our engineers and designers will layout the right
58:12 away that's necessary to build, construct and operate the
58:15 project and then from there will start to engage land owners in
58:19 terms of land acquisitions that are required for the project. So
58:23 if you have a specific question after this you can feel free to
58:28 try to contact CPRA, a fair landowner in the area obviously.
58:32 Uh, but it's it's we're probably a couple years out
58:35 from that process. Really kind of kicking off in terms of
58:38 right away that would be necessary for the project,
58:41 thanks.
58:42 Thank you Jerry Trapani asks with so many questions on the
58:46 effect on the water quality unanswered with the project.
58:50 How can we be concerned residents of the affected area
58:54 be assured that the project will not go forward.
59:00 Hi Kerry, um so.
59:04 With the unanswered questions, I mean that's a That's a microcosm
59:08 of what we're trying to answer with the EIS, right? And we're
59:12 trying to gain your input through your scoping comments so
59:16 any water quality questions that you may have, please submit
59:20 those to us. I know that the Corps and a lot of our
59:24 cooperating agencies have similar questions about the
59:27 water quality and changes in the basin, which we will hope to
59:31 adequately respond to in the
59:33 draft EIS. Once the draft EIS is published, you'll have the
59:37 opportunity to review that material. An re-engage with
59:40 this as part is the part of the public hearing scheduled
59:43 in the fall of 2022.
59:47 Great, thank you. Ryan Lambert asks, is there a plan
59:51 to maintain a minimum flow in the River is low to protect
59:55 aquatic vegetation from saltwater intrusion?
59:59 Thank you were going to ask.
01:00:02 Yes, excellent question. Uhm and then on flood season time
01:00:07 of the year there is expected to be a maintenance flow that
01:00:13 we've asked for in the permit application. Brad spoke that
01:00:19 earlier open up to 5000 CFS maintenance flow.
01:00:26 Thank you Sam. Soulless asks, why wasn't dredging in piping in
01:00:38 Held up after storms.
01:00:42 And thank you for the question.
01:00:46 So the dragon fill option is the coastal restoration tool
01:00:52 is one that we considered. It's also one that were currently
01:00:57 still considering. I think that.
01:01:00 If you look at the coastal master plan and I might be uhm.
01:01:05 I guess steering into see PRA is laying a little bit here, but I
01:01:09 think they would tell you that they are planning to do some of
01:01:13 those projects in the hopes or that the sediment Diversions
01:01:17 along with the dredge and fill option will work in tandem to help protect the coast.
01:01:23 Thanks for that answer, Stacy. I'm oh there I got I'm seeing and another question now.
01:01:32 Denise Reed says, is the expectation that the maintenance flow of 5000 CFS occurs under all River conditions. Even low flows. Will the structure be specially designed to allow for that?
01:01:50 Thank you for the question. We're going to ask the state to respond please.
01:01:55 Hey great question Denise know that's a maximum maintenance flow. Obviously this is a passive system. Rely on the head driven from the River to the basin for that flow. So more analysis as we go through the engineering and the EIS process will be looked at in terms of two. What that flow would be. Obviously it really, really extreme low rivers. The gates may need to be shot and there may not be no maintenance flow in a real world situation.
01:02:29 Thank you Brad. Cherry Trapani asks, are there any provisions in the proposal to exclude marine life an estuary help? If so, why would such a provision be added?
01:02:44 So there are no provisions at this time. First, with the EIS process will gauge the actual impacts to marine mammals and marine life, and then as part of the process will then go to CPRA and see what measures there are to avoid and minimize the potential impacts there. Once we get to that point, the Section 404 review and regulatory has a public interest review where we layout and 20 three factors don't make me say all of them to ya 'cause. I would fail that test right now, but basically we would weigh those factors and make a determination on whether or not
01:03:26 the project is in the best interest of the public.
01:03:34 Thank you. And it looks like I haven't had any new questions come in. Stacy, Maybe you can update us on where we sit as far as time and.
01:03:48 I have 3 after that.
01:03:58 Stacy, this is Brad your we. You're very low on the here.
01:04:02 Thank you. I apologize for that. Is this better?
01:04:07 Yes, excellent. I have 4 after the hours so we have 26 minutes before our event ends today. So I'm gonna give up our panel a pause in our moderator, a pause, and I'm going to ask that we switch back to the slide that reminds us how we can.
01:04:25 Submit our official scoping comments. Just a reminder that the question and answer session today is to assist you in developing your official scoping comments, so there are ways to mail or email or call to submit your official scoping comments. Again, you can send email to CEMVN- MidBreton.
01:05:11 That's MIDBRETON at USACE.army.mil, or there is a recorded voice line you can call and leave your recorded comments at 1-855-643-2.
01:05:16 It's also available on the Army Corps project page.
01:05:21 Karen, do you see any additional questions that have come in?
01:05:26 I have not had any new ones come in. OK, will go ahead and continue to pause.
01:05:33 A while we wait for those to come in, and, uh, will switch back to the how to ask the question in answer.
01:05:44 Slide. And just a reminder, if you were unable to ask your question using the Q&A feature today. There is a submit question button on the left hand side of the Army Corps project page. So that is another way that, uh, they're taking questions.
01:06:14 And Stacy, let remind the audience that if you've called...
in our listen only mode, there are two more sessions this week that you can attend.

And if he attend on line, you'll be able to ask questions.

Yes, and to add to that, on our Corps website we also have the opportunity for you to click and submit questions box on the left hand of our website and it will open your browser and you can submit a question that way as well.

John Lopez sent in a question he's asking is it possible to submit recommendations and how to conduct these meetings? Considering the Covid situation?

Absolutely John.

And Ryan Lambert asks with the land building success in the Fort Saint Phillips area. Is there any plan to put in terraces or other projects that will access?

building process. Expedite land building prices.

Thanks, Brian, that's certainly an alternative that if provided during scoping, we can analyze further.

I believe another question should answer all kind of 6:00 AM.

Oh yes, I'm sorry Paul asks. Is it my opinion? It is my opinion, the current version his caused marsh damage in the Delacroix area. Won't this diversion cause similar damage further from the site?

Paul, that's a question we hope to answer as part of the EIS process.

So again, we can take your questions if you ever in the middle of your screen and find that Q&A Button.

So Stacy, I don't see anymore questions. Maybe I'll turn it over to you again.

Question.
Sure thanks Karen. Uhm I have 9 after the hour so we are winding up here towards the end of today's events up again, we're going to share the information on how to Share your official scoping comments by Mail, email or calling. Again, the email address is CEMVN-MIDBRETON@USACE.army. Or you can call the recorded voice line is 1-855-643-27.

And we do have another question from Kerry Japini. Is the project's goal to rebuild the Sediment or relieve the Mississippi River levels with efficacy in question on rebuilding the law Sediment? Why risk the salinity dilution? Drudge the passes.

Thank you for that question. We're gonna ask the state to respond please.

Yeah, thanks for the question. The project's goal absolutely is to build, maintain, and sustain Marsh in the Breton Sound Basin on there. That is the primary goal of this project. And it is the Mid Breton sound Sediment Diversion. And that's what it's being engineered, designed and operated for. And that's what the plans are. Obviously you hear about other efforts. That's certainly the responsibility of. The agency running this meeting and then see CPRA, but this particular project, the primary and design goal is is for just that, the health and welfare is one of our integrated coastal protection projects. Restoration protection projects. Thanks or the question.

Thank you and Rachel. Rachel Road asks, what is the expected land last of Breton basin without this project?

Hi Rachel we are unsure at this time, but as part of the EIS
01:11:42 right up we will take that into consideration and all that
01:11:46 information would be in the EIS, under the no action alternative.
01:11:58 So we have another
01:12:03 delay in questions.
01:12:09 Thanks
01:12:20 This is Rene Poche. I just want to take the opportunity
01:12:24 to remind folks that we do have another virtual public
01:12:27 meeting scheduled tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 PM and then
01:12:31 Thursday at 6:00 PM. They can also log into those meetings
01:12:35 and ask questions there too.
01:12:40 Thank you Rene, and thanks for those of you attending with
01:12:45 your patients today. We know that we're all getting used to
01:12:51 new technology. Uhm, I appreciate the heavy
01:12:56 participation. Um, from our attendees today through the
01:13:00 question and answer session.
01:13:05 We've been able to get to
01:13:08 almost all of our questions that have come in. I believe
01:13:11 there have been just a few comments that we've published
01:13:14 but have not uhm, hitched up to the panel will make sure
01:13:18 that those get published along with all of the other
01:13:22 questions.
01:13:24 So I have 13 after the hour.
01:13:31 Hey. Just want to reiterate that anyone who did post a comment to
01:13:38 please submit that as part of your scoping comment, so.
01:13:42 Anything here will have record. Is it being part of the
01:13:46 meeting but for it to be an official scoping comment we do
01:13:49 need it to be submitted to us in one of the three ways that we
01:13:54 outlined either traditional mail, email or the verbal
01:13:57 option with the call in number.
01:14:00 Thank you Brad and we will review those weights on the screen again to
01:14:06 submit official scoping comments. You can submit those
01:14:10 officials scoping comments again by mail, email or by calling the
01:14:15 recorded voice line. This information is also on the Army
01:14:20 Corps Project Web page. You can submit official scoping comments
01:14:24 on the right hand side of the screen. If you still need to ask
01:14:31 questions after today’s event.
01:14:33 Uh, as mentioned, there are two other live events this week, or
01:14:37 you can submit questions on the left hand side.
01:14:42 Of the army Corps project page.
01:14:48 And we'd like to thank everyone for the question. So far, it
01:14:53 looks like we've answered about 20 three questions. And again,
01:14:58 if I mispronounced your name, I would like to apologize.
01:15:04 I'll practice
01:15:08 more for
01:15:12 next
01:15:14 time. I see Kerry has a question about the chat being
01:15:21 on the record. It certainly will be part of the scoping meeting
01:16:03 device. And make sure that when you type your question
01:16:55 that you select all panelists up and send it.
01:17:28 And Karen, I'm not seeing any more questions coming in. I'll
01:17:32 let you confirm that.
01:17:34 Not that I can see.
01:17:58 So I'll ask the, UM, the Corps and CPRA A with the lack of
01:18:03 questions that are coming in. I do see another question
01:18:08 from Carrie? Will the next meetings be live as well? And
01:18:13 the answer to that is yes. Um, if we could get the other
01:18:18 scheduled sessions a slide up on this screen, there is a session
01:18:23 scheduled for tomorrow. That's Wednesday, July 15th from 2:00
01:18:26 to 3:30 in the afternoon Central
01:18:28 time. As well as an evening session, that is scheduled on
01:18:34 Thursday, July 16th.
01:18:36 From 6:00 to 7:30 in the evening, and, um, just to
01:18:41 elaborate on that schedule, the Wednesday and Thursday meetings
01:18:45 will also be similar to this. They will be live through.
01:18:50 There's a potential for new inquiries and new questions to
01:18:54 be answered. In addition, the Corps will be publishing all
01:18:58 three session recordings to the project web page.
01:19:07 And it looks like we've actually had 32 questions come in.
01:19:14 Good discussion, thank you.
01:19:18 Very good and just for uhm.
01:19:22 The Corps and CPRA. I'll let you know that at a high point
01:19:27 we had about 85 attendees and 14 of those are, uhm, just
01:19:32 dial in or teleconference only so, um. Very good. Good
01:19:36 feedback and participation from our attendees today. I
01:19:39 have 19 minutes after the hour. Karen, if you can
01:19:43 confirm that there are no additional questions coming
01:19:46 in, we will begin or closing remarks.
01:19:50 Curious question. Looks like the last one that we had.
01:19:55 OK, and again Carrie, we will be carrying those Wednesday
01:20:00 and Thursday scheduled meetings live as well.

**Closing Remarks**

01:20:07 OK, we're gonna thank the panel for responding to these
01:20:11 important questions. Today, uhm panel, you can mute yourselves
01:20:14 and if you'd like to switch off your webcams at this time, you
01:20:19 may do so. Uh, thank you to all of you who submitted questions
01:20:24 today. The questions in the responses will become part of
01:20:27 the project record and being made available for public
01:20:31 review. Reminder that all questions received will be
01:20:34 reviewed by members of the panel that are not considered
01:20:37 officials scoping comments that were hopeful that the responses
01:20:42 that were given will encourage you to develop your official
01:20:47 scoping comments and submit them in a manner as indicated on the
01:20:54 screen, again, by Mail, by email to CEMVN-Midbreton
01:21:00 MIDBRETON at USACE.army.mil or the voice line calling
01:21:07 in by telephone.
To leave your recorded verbal comments, 1-855-643-2738- Mid Brett. If we did not hear from you today, you may also choose to join another live event this week on either Wednesday or Thursday. And this concludes today's event. You may exit the event by clicking the red icon with an X and selecting leave. Thank you.