



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) September 12, 2007 9:30 A.M.	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT	LOCATION U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Headquarters District Assembly Room
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PURPOSE	MEETING OF THE CWPRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
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BREAUX ACT

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

September 12, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Location:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office
7400 Leake Ave.
New Orleans, Louisiana
District Assembly Room

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http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/pd/cwppra_mission.htm

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Agenda Item

1. **Status of Breaux Act Program Funds and Projects (Gay Browning, USACE/Melanie Goodman, USACE) 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.** Ms. Gay Browning and Ms. Melanie Goodman will provide an overview of the status of CWPPRA accounts and available funding in the Planning and Construction Programs.
2. **Decision: FY08 Planning Budget Approval and Presentation of FY08 Outreach Budget (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
 - a. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee will recommend the FY08 Planning Budget in the amount of \$4,531,534. The Technical Committee will make a recommendation to the Task Force to approve the FY08 Planning Budget.
 - b. The CWPPRA Outreach Committee will present the draft FY08 Outreach Committee Budget in the amount of \$464,470 to the Technical Committee for coordination and discussion purposes only. The outreach budget will be recommended to the Task Force by the Outreach Committee.
3. **Decision: Requests for Funding for Administrative Costs for those Projects Beyond Increment 1 Funding (Gay Browning, USACE) 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will request funding approval in the amount of \$17,119 for administrative costs for those projects beyond Increment 1 funding. The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force on the request for funds.
4. **Decision: Request for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Incremental Funding (Tom Podany, USACE) 10:10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.** The Technical Committee will consider and vote to make a recommendation to the Task for on the request for total O&M funding of \$3,368,508 required in FY08.
 - a. PPL 1-8 Projects requesting funding increases in the amount of \$1,070,503.
 - b. PPL 9+ Projects requesting funding of O&M costs beyond Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$2,298,005.

- 5. Decision: Request for FY11 Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)-Wetlands Monitoring Funds and Project Specific Monitoring Funds for Projects on PPLs 9+ (Greg Steyer, USGS) 10:20 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.** Following a presentation on the status/progress of CRMS over the past year, the following requests will be discussed by the Technical Committee, for recommendation to the Task Force:

 - a.** Project specific monitoring funding beyond the first 3-years for projects on PPLs 9+ (in order to maintain a 3-year rolling amount of funding) in the amount of \$13,530, for the following projects:

 - GIWW- Perry Ridge West Bank Stabilization (CS-30)
 - Grand-White Lakes Landbridge Protection (ME-19)
 - Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b)
 - b.** CRMS FY11 monitoring request in the amount of \$4,697,824.
- 6. Decision: 17th Priority Project List (Tom Podany, USACE): 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** The Environmental Workgroup Chairman will present an overview of the ten PPL 17 candidate projects and three PPL17 demonstration candidate projects. The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force for selecting PPL 17.
- 7. Decision: Project Deauthorization Requests (Tom Podany, USACE) 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force for the proposed deauthorizations of the following projects:

 - a.** Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Project (BA-25b)
 - b.** Labranche Wetlands Terracing, Planting and Shoreline Protection Project (PO-28)
 - c.** Bonnet Carre Spillway Project (PO-26)
 - d.** Myrtle Grove Siphon Project (BA-24)
- 8. Decision: Project Transfer Request: Bayou Lamoque Freshwater Diversion (BS-13) (Tom Podany, USACE) 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.** The State has requested that this project be transferred from the CWPPRA program to the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) because it is a Tier 1 project in the State's Draft Coastal Impact Assistance Plan, and the State is currently designing the project to be executed under that plan. The Technical Committee will vote on recommendation to the Task Force for the requested project from CWPPRA to CIAP.
- 9. Decision: Raccoon Island Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation Project (TE-48) (Britt Paul, NRCS) 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.** NRCS and DNR are requesting approval to transfer \$319, 255 from the construction budget of Phase A (breakwaters) to the E&D budget of Phase B (marsh creation). The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force on the request to transfer funds.
- 10. Decision: GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) (Britt Paul, NRCS) 11:20 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.** NRCS and DNR are requesting that the Technical Committee review the GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) Change in Project Scope Report and recommend approval of the scope change to the Task Force.

11. Discussion: Status of Unconstructed Projects (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 11:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

As directed by the Task Force, the P&E Subcommittee will report on the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects that are, experiencing project delays. Discussions will include the status on milestones and decisions will be on recommendations to the Task Force on what directions to take on the following projects as outlined below:

- a. West Point a la Hache Outfall Management Project: project update and status on change project scope.
- b. Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration Project: update on revised WVA milestone, request for construction approval.
- c. Periodic Introduction of Sediment and Nutrients at Selected Diversion Sites
- d. Mississippi River Sediment Trap Project
- e. Benney's Bay: Induced Shoaling Issue

12. Discussion/Decision: Impacts of Converting PPL 1-8 to Cash Flow (Melanie Goodman, USACE)

11:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. The P&E presented an overview of the impacts of converting PPL 1-8 projects to cash flow procedures on cost share and land rights agreements at the last Technical Committee and Task Force meetings. A summary of the estimated potential construction and long-term O&M and Monitoring funds tied up in PPL 1-8 that could be used to fund projects that are eligible for construction in the near term was also provided. A completed analysis of Construction and long term O&M and Monitoring funds will be presented to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will consider and vote on whether or not they will recommend to the Task Force to convert PPL 1-8 to cash flow procedures, weighing the impacts on cost share and land rights agreements; the total amount of funds that could be available to fund construction of eligible projects; whether or not unexpended construction funds from unconstructed projects would be included and if those projects would then be subject to the standard operating procedures for cash flow projects (i.e., 30% and 95% design review and Phase II approval and funding requirements).

13. Additional Agenda Items (Tom Podany, USACE) 11:50 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

14. Date of Upcoming Task Force Meeting (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 11:55 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The next Task Force meeting will be held October 25, 2007 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office, 7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana in the District Assembly Room.

15. Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.

2007

October 25, 2007 9:30 a.m. Task Force New Orleans

2008

January 16, 2008 9:30 a.m. Technical Committee Baton Rouge
February 13, 2008 9:30 a.m. Task Force Baton Rouge
February 19, 2008 1:00 p.m. RPT Region IV Rockefeller Refuge
February 20, 2008 9:00 a.m. RPT Region III Morgan City
February 21, 2008 9:00 a.m. RPT Region II New Orleans
February 21, 2008 1:00 p.m. RPT Region I New Orleans
March 5, 2008 9:30 a.m. Coast-wide RPT Voting Baton Rouge
April 16, 2008 9:30 a.m. Technical Committee New Orleans
May 21, 2008 9:30 a.m. Task Force Lafayette
September 10, 2008 9:30 a.m. Technical Committee Baton Rouge
October 15, 2008 9:30 a.m. Task Force Baton Rouge
November 18, 2008 7:00 p.m. PPL 18 Public Meeting Abbeville
November 19, 2008 7:00 p.m. PPL 18 Public Meeting New Orleans
December 3, 2008 9:30 a.m. Technical Committee Baton Rouge

2009

January 21, 2009 9:30 a.m. Task Force Baton Rouge

* Dates in BOLD are new or revised dates.

Adjourn

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Subject: Fw: EPA Technical Committee Representative for 09/12/07

Melanie,

Due to pressing other matters, I will not be able to attend tomorrow's Technical Committee meeting in New Orleans. I hereby designate Tim Landers to serve in my stead as EPA's representative at the September 12, 2007, CWPPRA Technical Committee meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
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STATUS OF BREAUX ACT PROGRAM FUNDS AND PROJECTS

Ms. Gay Browning and Ms. Melanie Goodman will provide an overview of the status of CWPPRA accounts and available funding in the Planning and Construction Programs.

Potential Planning Program Funding Requests for 25 October 2007 Task Force			11-Sep-07
	Total Request	TC?	Total Recommended
Funds Available:			
Funds Available, 13 Sep 2007	\$925,674.71		\$925,674.71
Anticipated Return of Funds	\$151,318.63		\$151,318.63
FY08 Planning Program Funding (anticipated)	\$5,000,000.00		\$5,000,000.00
Total	\$6,076,993.34		\$6,076,993.34
Agenda Item 2: FY08 - Planning Budget (and Outreach Budget) Recommendation:			
P&E Recommended FY08 Planning Budget	\$4,531,534.00		\$0.00
Outreach Committee Recommended FY08 Budget	\$464,470.00		\$464,470.00
Total	\$4,996,004.00		\$464,470.00
Total Remaining Funds in CWPPRA Planning Program	\$1,080,989.34		\$5,612,523.34

Potential Construction Program Funding Requests for 25 October 2007 Task Force				12 Sep 2007
	Total	TC?	Fed	Non-Fed
Funds Available:				
Funds Available, 12 September 2007	(\$532,258)		(\$532,258)	
FY08 Const Program Funding (anticipated)	\$89,756,924		\$76,293,385	\$13,463,539
Total	\$89,224,666		\$75,761,127	\$13,463,539
Agenda Item 3: COE Admin - PPL 9-16 October 2007 Cash Flow Requests Recommendation:				
Multiple Projects	\$17,119		\$14,551	\$2,568
Total	\$17,119		\$14,551	\$2,568
Agenda Item 4a: O & M - October 2007 PPL 1-8 Cost Increase Requests Recommendation:				
Cameron Creole Plugs (CS-17) [PPL 1]	\$47,897		\$40,712	\$7,185
East Mud Lake Marsh Management (CS-20) [PPL 2]	\$640,831		\$544,706	\$96,125
Highway 384 Hydrologic Restoration (CS-21) [PPL 2]	\$153,339		\$130,338	\$23,001
Cameron-Creole Maintenance (CS-04a) [PPL 3]	\$174,928		\$148,689	\$26,239
Black Bayou Hydrologic Restoration (CS-27) [PPL 6]	\$53,508		\$48,157	\$5,351
Total	\$1,070,503		\$912,603	\$157,900
Agenda Item 4b: O & M - October 2007 PPL 9-16 Incremental Requests Recommendation:				
Barataria Basin Landbridge Shoreline Protection - Phase 3 (BA-27c) [PPL 9]	\$21,200		\$18,020	\$3,180
Coastwide Nutria (LA-03B) [PPL 11]	\$2,276,805		\$1,935,284	\$341,521
Total	\$2,298,005		\$1,953,304	\$344,701
Agenda Item 5: Monitoring - October 2007 PPL 9-16 Incremental Requests Recommendation:				
GIWW Bank Stabilization (Perry Ridge West) (CS-30) [PPL 9]	\$7,555		\$6,422	\$1,133
Grand Lake/White Lake (ME-19) [PPL 10]	\$5,975		\$5,079	\$896
Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b) [PPL 11]	\$224,061		\$190,452	\$33,609
CRMS - Wetlands	\$4,697,824		\$3,993,150	\$704,674
Total	\$4,935,415		\$4,195,103	\$740,312
Agenda Item 6a: Phase I - October 2007 PPL17 Recommendation (Task Force to select up to 4):				
Bayou Dupont Ridge Creation and Marsh Restoration	\$2,013,881		\$1,711,799	\$302,082
Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection	\$1,649,967		\$1,402,472	\$247,495
Beach & Back Barrier Marsh Restoration - East Island	\$1,972,121		\$1,676,303	\$295,818
Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction	\$1,359,699		\$1,155,744	\$203,955
Caernarvon Outfall Management/Lake Lery SR	\$2,665,993		\$2,266,094	\$399,899
East Cove Marsh Creation Project	\$1,076,681		\$915,179	\$161,502
Irish Bayou Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation	\$1,714,265		\$1,457,125	\$257,140
Pass a Loutre Restoration Project	\$2,148,661		\$1,826,362	\$322,299
SE Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation & Terracing	\$2,128,140		\$1,808,919	\$319,221
West Point a la Hache Increment	\$1,620,740		\$1,377,629	\$243,111
Total	\$18,350,148		\$15,597,626	\$2,752,522
Agenda Item 6b: Phase I - October 2007 PPL17 Recommendation - Demos:				
Bio-Engineered Oyster Reef Demo	\$1,981,822		\$1,684,549	\$297,273
Positive Displacement Pump Demo	\$3,069,108		\$2,608,742	\$460,366
Sediment Containment System for Marsh Cr Demo	\$1,163,343		\$988,842	\$174,501
Total	\$6,214,273		\$5,282,132	\$932,141
Agenda Item 7: October 2007 Project Deauthorization Requests Recommendation:				
Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche (BA-25b) [PPL 5]	(\$2,834,903)		(\$2,551,413)	(\$283,490)
Labranche Wetlands Terracing, Planting & Shoreline Protection (PO-28) [PPL 9]	\$0		\$0	\$0
Opportunistic Use of the Bonnet Carre Spillway (PO-26) [PPL 9]	(\$106,135)		(\$90,215)	(\$15,920)
Myrtle Grove Siphon (BA-24) [PPL 5]	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total	(\$2,941,038)		(\$2,641,627)	(\$299,411)
Agenda Item 8: October 2007 Project Transfer Request Recommendation:				
Bayou Lamoque (BS-13) [PPL 15]	(\$1,195,753)		(\$1,016,390)	(\$179,363)
Total	(\$1,195,753)		(\$1,016,390)	(\$179,363)
Agenda Item 12: October 2007 Converting PPL 1-8 to Cash Flow Recommendation:				
Construction	(\$21,542,342)		(\$19,388,108)	(\$2,154,234)
O&M	(\$31,642,415)		(\$26,896,053)	(\$4,746,362)
Monitoring	(\$14,359,656)		(\$12,205,708)	(\$2,153,948)
Total	(\$67,544,413)		(\$58,489,868)	(\$9,054,545)

Potential Construction Program Funding Requests for 25 October 2007 Task Force				12 Sep 2007
	Total	TC?	Fed	Non-Fed
Phase II: January 2008 Incr 1 (Construction + 3 years OM&M) Requests Recommendation: [ESTIMATES TO BE UPDATED]				
Avoca Island Diversion and Land Building	\$15,059,531		\$12,800,601	\$2,258,930
Barataria Basin LB, Phase 3, CU 7	\$21,538,790		\$18,307,972	\$3,230,819
Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery System	\$22,096,488		\$18,782,015	\$3,314,473
Benneys Bay	\$15,350,681		\$13,048,079	\$2,302,602
Castille Pass	\$18,933,969		\$16,093,874	\$2,840,095
Delta Building Diversion North of Fort St. Philip	\$4,898,596		\$4,163,807	\$734,789
East Grand Terre	\$33,881,341		\$28,799,140	\$5,082,201
Freshwater Bayou Canal	\$25,676,625		\$21,825,131	\$3,851,494
GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas in Terrebonne (Seg 4)	\$9,459,203		\$8,040,323	\$1,418,880
Lake Borgne & MRGO SP	\$31,924,591		\$27,135,902	\$4,788,689
Mississippi River Sediment Trap	\$50,308,586		\$42,762,298	\$7,546,288
Rockefeller Refuge	\$10,544,865		\$8,963,135	\$1,581,730
Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank	\$48,901,961		\$41,566,667	\$7,335,294
South Lake DeCade - CU1	\$2,221,043		\$1,887,887	\$333,156
South Shore of the Pen Shoreline Protection & Marsh Creation	\$14,368,285		\$12,213,042	\$2,155,243
Whiskey Island Back Barrier Marsh Creation	\$19,370,025		\$16,464,521	\$2,905,504
Total	\$344,534,580		\$292,854,393	\$51,680,187
Proposed October 2007 Approvals				
	\$0			
Funds Available After October 2007 Approvals (to fund Phase II)				
	\$89,224,666			
Proposed January 2008 Phase II Approvals				
	\$344,534,580			
Oct 2007 and Jan 2008 Proposed Approvals Total				
	\$344,534,580			
Available Funds Surplus/(Shortage)				
	(\$255,309,914)			

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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**FY08 PLANNING BUDGET APPROVAL AND PRESENTATION OF FY08
OUTREACH BUDGET**

For Decision:

- a. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee will recommend the FY08 Planning Budget in the amount of \$4,531,534. The Technical Committee will make a recommendation to the Task Force to approve the FY08 Planning Budget.

- b. The CWPPRA Outreach Committee will present the draft FY08 Outreach Committee Budget in the amount of \$464,470 to the Technical Committee for coordination and discussion purposes only. The outreach budget will be recommended to the Task Force by the Outreach Committee.

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**REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THOSE
PROJECTS BEYOND INCREMENT 1 FUNDING**

For Decision:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will request funding approval in the amount of \$17,119 for administrative costs for those projects beyond Increment 1 funding. The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force on the request for funds.

CWPPRA Cash Flow Management - COE Admin**Anticipated Funding Requests by Fiscal Year**

Last Updated 18 August 2007

Funding Request for 25 October 2007 Task Force Meeting	Request =	17,119
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Proj #	Project Name	Agency	PPL	Funding Request
PO-27	Chandeleur Island Restoration	NMFS	9	
TE-41	Mandalay Bank Protection Demo	USFWS	9	
MR-11	Periodic Intro of Sed & Nutrients Demo	COE	9	
TE-37	New Cut Dune Restoration	EPA	9	1,278
CS-30	Perry Ridge West	NRCS	9	927
TE-45	Terrebonne Bay Shore Protection Demo	USFWS	10	
CS-31	Holly Beach	NRCS	11	
BA-27c(1)	Barataria Basin Landbridge - Ph 3 CU 3	NRCS	9	898
LA-03b	Coastwide Nutria	NRCS	11	
BS-11	Delta Management at Fort St. Philip	USFWS	10	911
ME-19	Grand-White Lake Landbridge Protection	USFWS	10	911
TE-44(1)	North Lake Mechant Landbridge - CU 1	USFWS	10	
BA-27c(2)	Barataria Basin Landbridge - Ph 3 CU 4	NRCS	9	
TV-18	Four-Mile Canal	NMFS	9	869
LA-05	Freshwater Floating Marsh Creation Demo	NRCS	12	
TE-40	Timbalier Island Dune/Marsh Restoration	EPA	9	869
CS-29	Black Bayou Bypass Culverts	NRCS	9	841
CS-32(1)	East Sabine Lake Hydrologic Rest- CU 1	USFWS/NRCS	10	940
BA-37	Little Lake	NMFS	11	968
BA-38	Barataria Barrier Island	NMFS	11	734
BA-27d	Barataria Basin Landbridge - Ph 4 CU 6	NRCS	11	938
LA-06	Shoreline Prot Foundation Imprvts Demo	COE	13	
	CRMS	USGS/DNR		
ME-16	Freshwater Intro. South of Hwy 82	USFWS	9	789
TE-44(2)	North Lake Mechant Landbridge Rest - CU 2	USFWS	10	789
TE-48 (1)	Racoon Island Shoreline Protection - CU 1	NRCS	11	789
ME-22	South White Lake	COE	12	1,187
PO-30	Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection	EPA	10	792
BA-35	Pass Chalard to Grand Pass	NMFS	11	836
TE-46	West Lake Boudreaux SP & MC	USFWS	11	853
				17,119

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REQUEST FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) INCREMENTAL FUNDING

For Decision:

The Technical Committee will consider and vote to make a recommendation to the Task for on the request for total O&M funding of \$3,368,508 required in FY08.

- a. PPL 1-8 Projects requesting funding increases in the amount of \$1,070,503.
 1. Cameron-Creole Maintenance (CS-04a), PPL-3, NRCS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2008 through 2010 = \$174,928
 2. Cameron-Creole Plugs (CS-17), PPL-1, USFWS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2008 through 2010 = \$47,897
 3. East Mud Lake Marsh Management (CS-20), PPL-2, NRCS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2008 through 2010 = \$640,831
 4. Highway 384 Hydrologic Restoration (CS-21), PPL-2, NRCS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2008 through 2010 = \$153,339
 5. Black Bayou Hydrologic Restoration (CS-27), PPL-6, NMFS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2008 through 2010 = \$53,508
- b. PPL 9+ Projects requesting funding of O&M costs beyond Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$2,298,005.
 1. Barataria Basin Landbridge Shoreline Protection – Phase 3 (BA-27c), PPL-9, NRCS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2008 through 2010 = \$21,200
Note: This funding request is within the original baseline estimate for Years 1 through 9.
 2. Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b), PPL-11, NRCS
Requested increase in O&M Budget for 2007 through 2009 = \$2,276,805
Note: This funding request is within the original baseline estimate for Years 1 through 6.

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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**REQUEST FOR FY11 COASTWIDE REFERENCE MONITORING SYSTEM
(CRMS)-WETLANDS MONITORING FUNDS AND PROJECT SPECIFIC
MONITORING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS ON PPLS 9+**

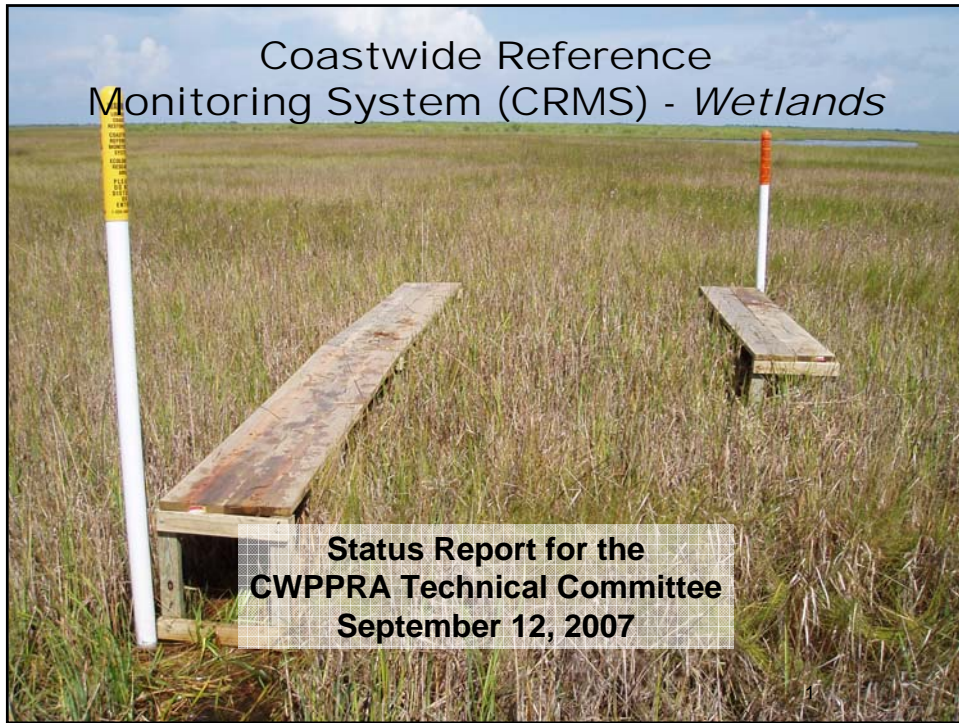
For Decision:

Following a presentation on the status/progress of CRMS over the past year, the following requests will be discussed by the Technical Committee, for recommendation to the Task Force:

- a. Project specific monitoring funding beyond the first 3-years for projects on PPLs 9+ (in order to maintain a 3-year rolling amount of funding) in the amount of \$13,530, for the following projects:
 - GIWW- Perry Ridge West Bank Stabilization (CS-30)
 - Grand-White Lakes Landbridge Protection (ME-19)
 - Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b)

- b. CRMS FY11 monitoring request in the amount of \$4,697,824.

Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) - *Wetlands*



Status Report for the
CWPPRA Technical Committee
September 12, 2007

Coastwide Reference Monitoring System - *Wetlands*

Site Distribution and Landrights Status



September 2007 Landrights Status:

- ▲ SECURED: 363
- PENDING: 27

CRMS-*Wetlands*: Implementation Status

Landrights

- 93% of CRMS sites secured

Construction

- 384 sites visited and characterized
- 256 sites fully constructed
- 80 additional sites with platforms constructed but not surveyed
- 12 additional sites approved to be constructed

Benchmarks

- 60 new benchmarks installed and tied into DNR network
- 32 additional benchmarks are currently being installed

CRMS-*Wetlands*: Implementation Status

(continued)

CRMS Data Collection (as of September 2007):

Hydrographic Data

- 195 sites currently collecting data

Vegetation Data

- 218 sites sampled in 2006
- 378 sites currently being sampled in 2007

Surface Elevation/Accretion

- 110 sites sampled in April 2007
- 160 sites to be sampled in October 2007
- 384 sites to be sampled in March 2008

Soil Properties

- 132 sites sampled

Aerial Photography

- coastwide photography and satellite imagery collected in Fall 2005

CRMS-*Wetlands*: Implementation Status (continued)

Data and Information Availability (as of September 2007):

Hydrographic Data

- 120 sites

Vegetation Data

- 218 sites with data from 2006

Surface Elevation/Accretion

- 110 sites with data from April 2007

Soil Properties

- 132 sites

Aerial Photography

- coastwide photography and satellite imagery collected in Fall 2005 available on lacoast.gov
- 355 sites with completed land:water analyses (143 in peer review)

Project-specific Reporting

- 2004 and 2005 OM&M reports – 64 reports recently finalized and uploaded to websites; 9 remain to be finalized
- 2007 OM&M reports – 18 draft reports completed and sent out for review on September 6th; 1 additional draft report will be sent out by mid-September (BA-02, BA-20, BA-23, CS-17, CS-20, CS-21, CS-28, CS-31, ME-04, ME-11, ME-19, PO-06, PO-24, PO-27, TE-26, TE-28, TE-41, TV-03, TV-14)

Data available through DNR SONRIS, USGS, or CWPPRA Websites

CRMS-*Wetlands*: Analytical Approach

Monitoring Work Group (March 6, 2007 Meeting)

- CRMS modifications to a fixed annual sampling design rather than rotational design
- Discussed analytical teams and approach
 - Landscape, Vegetation, Hydrology, Soils and Data Delivery Teams (academic and agency leads)
 - Developing analytical framework and tools for synthesizing and reporting
 - Analytical framework designed for site, project, basin, & coastwide scales
 - Products intended to be responsive to the needs of CWPPRA restoration and management

Individual Agency Meetings (July 2007)

- Demonstrated strawman analytical framework and product development for review and comment by CWPPRA agency engineers, project managers, and monitoring staff

Data Assessments

METRICS

- **Vegetation**

1. Cover
2. Species composition
3. Relative abundance
4. Dominance/calculated
5. Richness/calculated
6. Height
7. NDVI

- **Hydrology**

8. Water depth
9. Water duration/calculated
10. Flooding frequency/calculated
11. Salinity
12. Temperature

- **Soils**

13. Bulk density
14. % organic matter
15. Water content
16. Sediment elevation
17. Sediment accretion
18. Shallow subsidence
19. Salinity
20. Temperature
21. pH
22. Soil type
23. Relative sea level rise
24. Deep subsidence

- **Landscape**

25. Land:water ratio
26. NDVI

INDICES

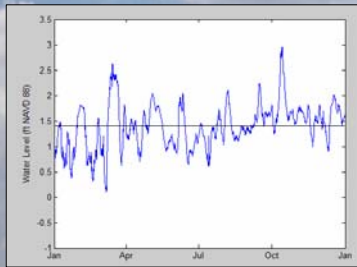
- Plant Vigor Index (1, 6, 7)
- Floristic Index (2, 3)
- Flooding Index (8, 9, 10)
- Salinity Index (8, 9, 10, 11)
- Flooded Marsh Salinity Index (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
- Porewater Salinity Index (19)
- Sustainable Elevation Index (16, 17, 18, 22, 23)
- Accretion Index (17)
- Spatial Integrity Index (25)
- Interspersion Index (25)

Hydrologic Indices

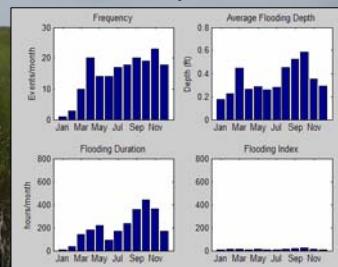
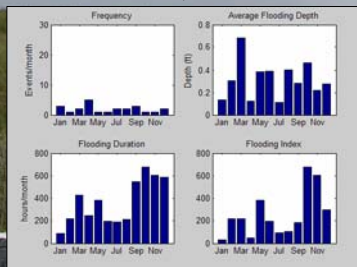
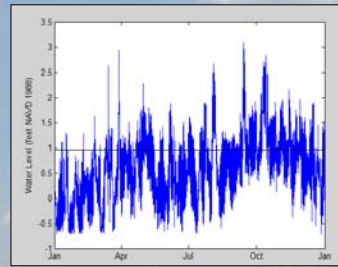
- 1) **Flooding index** – How long site is flooded during an “average” inundation event
- 2) **Salinity index** – Average length of time that salinity exceeds threshold value
- 3) **Flooding/salinity interaction** – Average length of time that site is flooded with water that exceeds salinity threshold

Hydrology Varies Throughout Basin

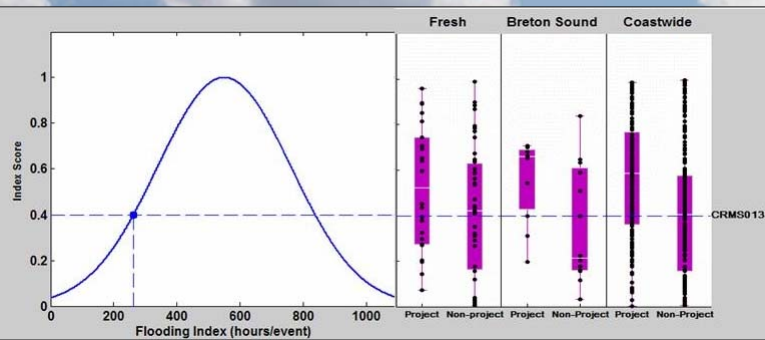
Upper Basin (fresh marsh)



Lower Basin (salt marsh)

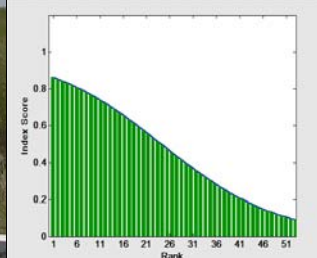


Flooding Indices



Boxplot showing distribution of index scores for project and non-project sites in fresh marsh (left panel), Breton Sound basin (middle panel), and across the coast (right panel). White line indicates median score, the boxes represent the area between the 25th and 75th percentile, and individual scores are represented by black dots.

Flooding index score as it relates to average flooding event duration in fresh marshes. A score of '1' indicates optimal conditions.



Rank distribution of flooding index scores for all CRMS sites classified as 'fresh marsh'. A rank of '1' is assigned to highest scoring CRMS site. The selected CRMS site is represented by the blue bar.

CRMS Soil Analysis Menu

Comparison Variables

- Soil series
- Accumulation
- Accretion
- Elevation
- Shallow compaction

Comparison Levels

- Site vs Site
- Site vs Project
- Project vs Reference
- Project vs Marsh type

Output Type

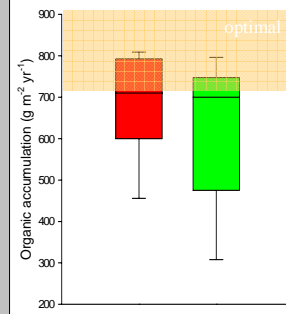
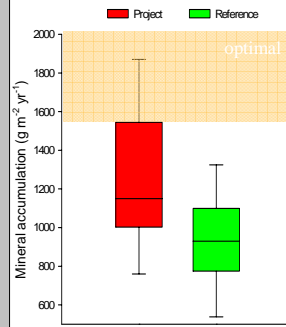
- Table
- Graphical

Period of Interest

- Yearly
- Long-term

Representation

- Summary statistics
- Timeline
- Boxplot
- Regression
- ANOVA



CS-20: Soil Accretion

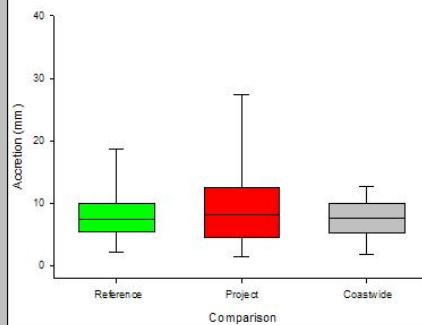
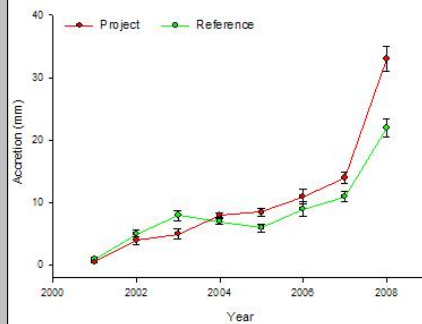
Comparison Levels:

Project v Reference v Coastwide (saline)

Comparison Summary (slope test):

Project > Reference = Coastwide (saline)

Summary statistics			
Level	Sites	Median	Mean (±S.E.)
Project	26 32 34...	9.2	11.1 (0.8)
Reference	18 31 24...	8.1	9.4 (0.7)
Coastwide (saline)	CS, ME...	8.4	8.6 (0.5)



Data and Information Availability

LaCoast

Coastwise Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)

Wetland restoration efforts conducted in Louisiana under the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act require... as well as monitoring the cumulative effects of all projects in creating, creating, enhancing, and protecting the coastal landscape. The monitoring approach in Louisiana has been limited because of difficulty in finding comparable test sites. A multiple reference approach... hydrogeomorphic functional assessments and probabilistic sampling.

This approach includes a suite of sites that encompass the range of ecological conditions for each station, with projects placed on a... Trajectories in reference sites through time are then compared with project trajectories through time. The approach proposed could... over time.

[PowerPoint presentation](#)

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Monitoring Data

Hydrographic, accretion, herbaceous marsh vegetation, soil properties, and surface elevation data collected by the LDMR / CRD Monitoring Section are now available on-line. All downloaded files will be in clipped, comma-delimited format with headers that describe the data. For a detailed explanation of all data types, please review the Data Descriptions document.

Hydrographic Data

Hydrographic data are now available in two general formats: data collected monthly and data collected hourly. Parameters sampled generally include: water level, water temperature, specific conductance, and salinity. In some rare instances water velocity and wind speed / direction are sampled at stations where hourly data are collected.

Monthly Data

[Link: Retrieve Monthly Data \(via SONRIS Lite\)](#)

Monthly hydrographic data can be downloaded by either project or station number for any range of dates that data are available. These files are relatively small as there are only approximately 12 records per station per year. In general, there is a much larger spatial distribution of stations where monthly data are collected than where hourly data are collected. The LDMR currently monitors over 400 stations throughout the coastal zone for monthly hydrographic data.

Hourly Data

[Link: Retrieve Hourly Data \(via SONRIS Lite\)](#)

Hourly hydrographic data may also be downloaded by project or by station number; however these files are much larger than the monthly files. For example, since one year of hourly sampling will yield approximately 8,760 records, a file for a project collected data at...

Data and Information Availability

CRMS
Coastwise Reference Monitoring System

Spatial Viewer *Proof of Concept*

This viewer is a proof of concept viewer showing example datasets and may not represent accurate data.

Site Info [Vegetation](#) [Water](#) [Soil](#) [Landscape](#) [Report Card](#) [Data](#)

Station ID: CRMS4450
 Left Long: -90.35342011164081, -90.53180694580078
 Marsh Elevation: 1.2 NAVD88
 NGS Benchmark: CRMS CE-SM-01
 CWPPRA Project:
 IN: Big Island Mining (AT-03)
 Type: Dredged Material, Marsh Creation, Hydrologic Restoration
 Pre/Post Construction Pictures:

Land	Area	Percent
Land	900	90%
Water	100	10%

CRMS Stations
 CWPPRA Projects
 Hydro Basins

Comments or Questions? Email Sumant.Chinnula

Data and Information Availability

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Map | Satellite | Hybrid

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Marsh Classification: Intermediate
Vegetation Type: Oligohaline
Latest CRMS Veg Survey Date: 6/1/2007
Dominant Species: *Sagittaria lancifolia*
% Coverage: 45%

Salinity (ppt)	Aug 2007	2007	March 2008	July 2008	Nov 2008
Min	2	2	2	2	2
Max	7.5	7	9	8	8
Mean	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5

CRMS Stations | CWPPRA Projects | Hydro Basins

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Spinal Data	Spinal Info	Investment	Prevalence	Mp	Incar	Minerals
Land/Water for C93450940 (2007)						
Aerial Photography mosaic for C93450940 (2007)						

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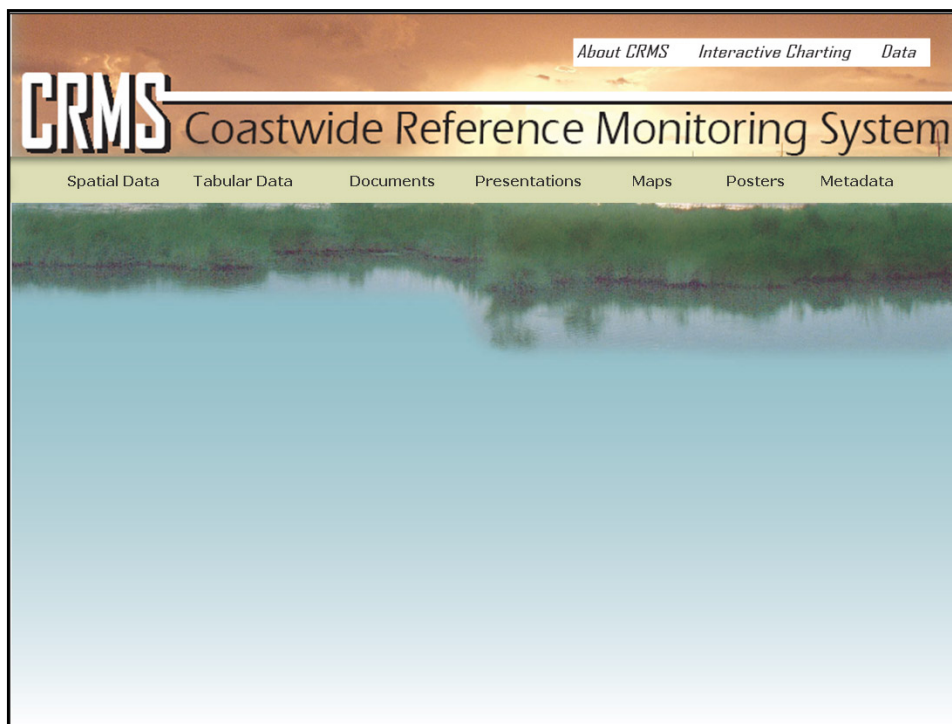
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Flooding Index

Fresh | Brackish | Saline

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CRMS-Wetlands: Authorizations and Current Request

AUTHORIZATIONS	
August 14, 2003: (2003-2006) (PPL 1-8 and new funding)	\$12,397,506
January 28, 2004: (2007)	\$3,101,357
October 13, 2004: (2008)	\$532,000
October 26, 2005: (2009)	\$1,036,109
October 18, 2006: (2010)	\$3,185,809
Total Authorized To Date:	\$20,252,781
October 25, 2007: (2011)	\$4,697,824
Total Anticipated Authorization	\$24,950,605
EXPENSES	
Expenses through FY06:	\$4,753,918
Expenses in FY07:	\$4,697,824
Total Expenses To Date	\$9,451,742
PROJECT BALANCE	
Current Project Balance (available funds):	\$10,801,039
FY11 Request (based on FY07 Expenses):	\$4,697,824
Anticipated Balance (pending approval):	\$15,498,863

CWPPRA Monitoring FY11 Funding Request

CRMS - <i>Wetlands</i>	\$4,697,824
CS-30 GIWW Bank Stabil. (Perry Ridge to TX)	\$7,555
ME-19 Grand Lake/White Lake	\$5,975
<u>LA-03b Coastwide Nutria Control Program</u>	<u>\$224,061</u>
Total	\$4,935,415



COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2007

17TH PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

For Decision:

The Environmental Workgroup Chairman will present an overview of the ten PPL 17 candidate projects and three PPL17 demonstration candidate projects. The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force for selecting PPL 17.

CWPPRA PPL17 Technical Committee VOTE

12-Sep-07

Region	Project	COE	DNR	EPA	FWS	NMFS	NRCS	No. of votes	Sum of Point Score
2	Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction		3	6	2	4	5	5	20
2	Caernarvon Outfall Management/Lake Lery Shoreline Protection	5			6	6	6	4	23
2	West Pionte a la Hache Marsh Creation		4	5	4		4	4	17
2	Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation		6	1		3	3	4	13
1	Irish Bayou Wetland Creation and Shoreline Protection	6	1		1		1	4	9
4	East Cove Marsh Creation	3	2	2			2	4	9
2	Pass a Loutre Restoration	4		4	5			3	13
3	Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration - East Island		5	3		1		3	9
3	Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing Project	1			3	2		3	6
2	Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection	2				5		2	7

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RUN MACRO FROM SECOND SHEET

The following voting process will be used to recommend projects under PPL16 to the Task Force:

1. Each agency represented in the Technical Committee will be provided one ballot for voting.
2. Each agency represented in the Technical Committee will cast weighted votes for 6 projects assigning a 6 to their highest priority vote and a 1 to their least priority vote. All votes must be used.
3. Each agency will submit their votes hand-written on the above ballot form
4. Initial ranking of projects will be determined based on the number of agency votes received for a project (unweighted).
5. A weighted Sum of Points Score will be tallied and used in the event of a tie in the initial ranking.
6. The Technical Committee will vote to recommend "up to four" projects to the Task Force.
7. In the event of a tie at the cutoff (up to 4), the weighted score may be used as a tie-breaker (if the Technical Committee decides to break the tie).
8. The tied projects will be ranked based upon a sum of the weighted score.

Lead Agency	Demonstration Project Name	Total Fully Funded Cost	COE	DNR	EPA	FWS	NMFS	NRCS	TOTAL SCORE
EPA	Bioengineered Oyster Reef Demo	\$1,981,822			1	1	1		3
FWS	Sediment Containment System for Marsh Creation Demo	\$1,163,343	1	1				1	3
NRCS	Positive Displacement Pump Demo	\$3,069,108							0
Total			1	1	1	1	1	1	6
			check	1	1	1	1	1	6

Voting Standards:

1. Each agency receives 1 vote. All listed agencies must cast votes.
2. Projects will be ranked by # of votes.

CWPPRA

Priority Project List 17

Candidate Project Evaluation Results



Technical Committee Meeting

September 12, 2007

New Orleans, LA

Overview of Project Nomination Process

- Regional Planning Team meetings were held Jan. 9-11, 2007 for each Coast 2050 region (Abbeville, Morgan City, and New Orleans) to accept project ideas from the public and government participants.
- Regional Planning Teams voted at a Coastwide Voting Meeting held on Feb 7, 2007 to select a total of 20 nominee projects, including two projects per basin, except in the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins, where 3 projects were selected for each. Six demonstration projects were also selected as nominees.
- The Technical Committee selected 10 candidate projects and 3 demo candidates for detailed evaluation on March 14, 2007.

Project Evaluation Procedures

- Interagency site visits were conducted with landowners and local governments.
- Project boundaries were determined.
- The Environmental Workgroup conducted Wetland Value Assessments (WVA) on each candidate project to estimate wetland benefits.
- The Engineering Workgroup reviewed designs and cost estimates for each project.

Project Evaluation Procedures (cont'd)

- The Environmental and Engineering Workgroups met to determine prioritization scores for each of the projects.
- The Environmental and Engineering Workgroups evaluated the candidate demonstration projects.
- The Economics Workgroup developed fully funded costs for engineering and design, construction, and 20 years of monitoring and operations and maintenance for each project.

Irish Bayou Wetland Creation and Shoreline Protection

- Located in Orleans Parish, between the Chef Pass and Interstate 10 on the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge
- Approximately 17,000 feet of foreshore rock dike to protect the Lake Pontchartrain shoreline
- Hydraulically dredged material from a nearby borrow site will be pumped into two sites to create 121 acres of marsh
- Approximately 191 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$19,647,483



Region 2

Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation

Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

Caernarvon Outfall Management/Lake Lery Shoreline
Restoration

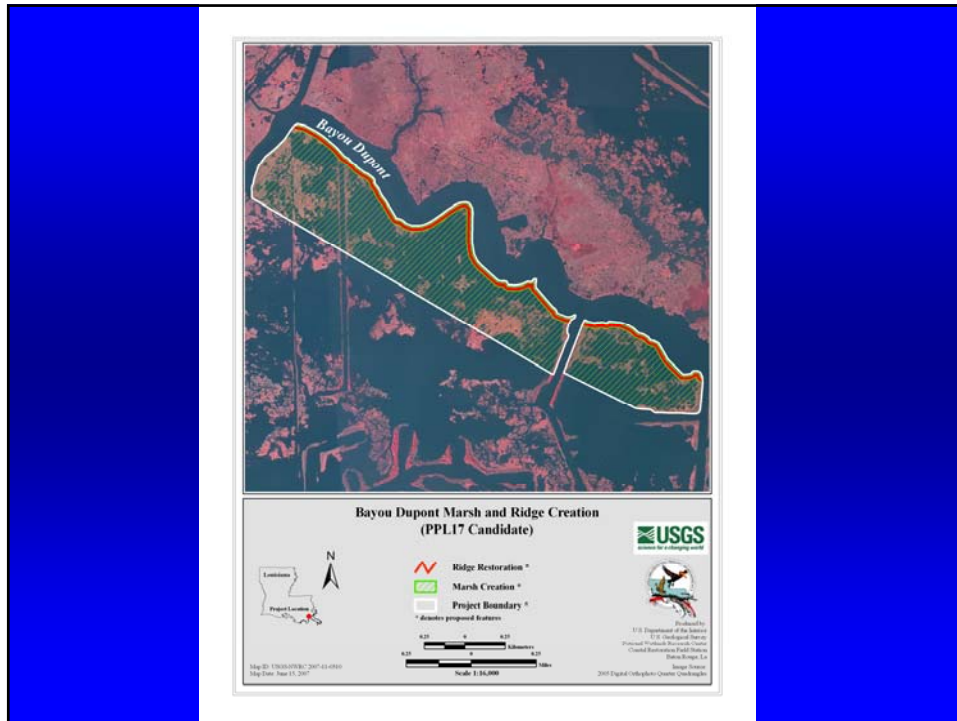
Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction

West Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation

Pass a Loutre Restoration

Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation

- Located in Jefferson Parish, adjacent to Bayou Dupont, southeast of the Pen
- Sediments would be hydraulically dredged from the Mississippi River and pumped via pipeline to create 184 acres of marsh and nourish 103 acres of marsh
- A 17-acre forested ridge would be created along Bayou Dupont
- Approximately 187 acres of marsh and ridge would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$21,626,767



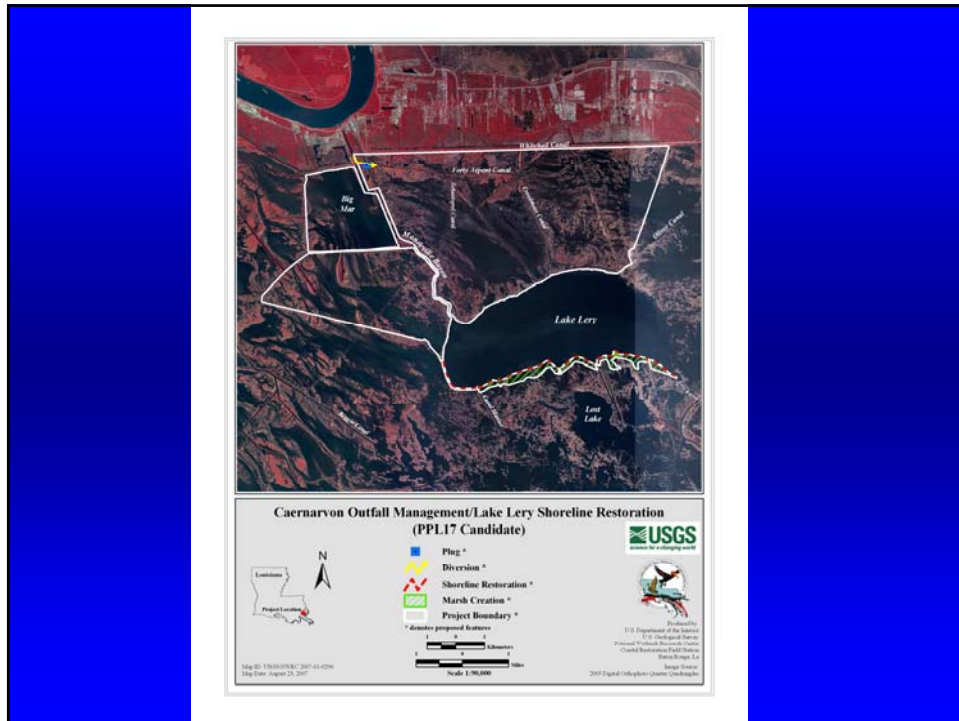
Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

- Located in Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes, near Chenier Caminada, north of Highway 1
- Sediments would be hydraulically dredged from a nearby borrow site and pumped via pipeline to create 175 acres of marsh and nourish an additional 173 acres of marsh
- The current breakwater system would be extended to protect an additional 1,500 feet of bay shoreline
- Approximately 163 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$20,920,120



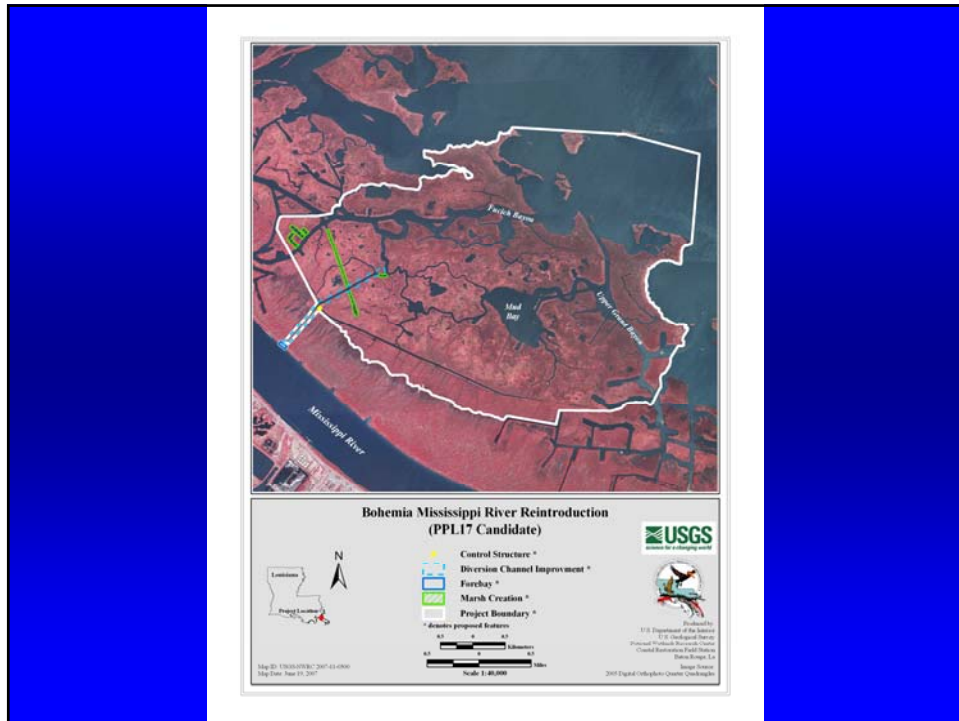
Caernarvon Outfall Management/Lake Lery Shoreline Restoration

- Located in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes, north of Lake Lery and along the southern Lake Lery shoreline
- Approximately 10% (up to 800 cfs) of the Caernarvon outfall would be diverted into the marshes north of Lake Lery via a conveyance channel
- Sediments will be hydraulically dredged from Lake Lery and pumped via pipeline to create/nourish 396 acres of marsh and restore 32,000 feet of the southern Lake Lery shoreline
- Approximately 652 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$25,137,149



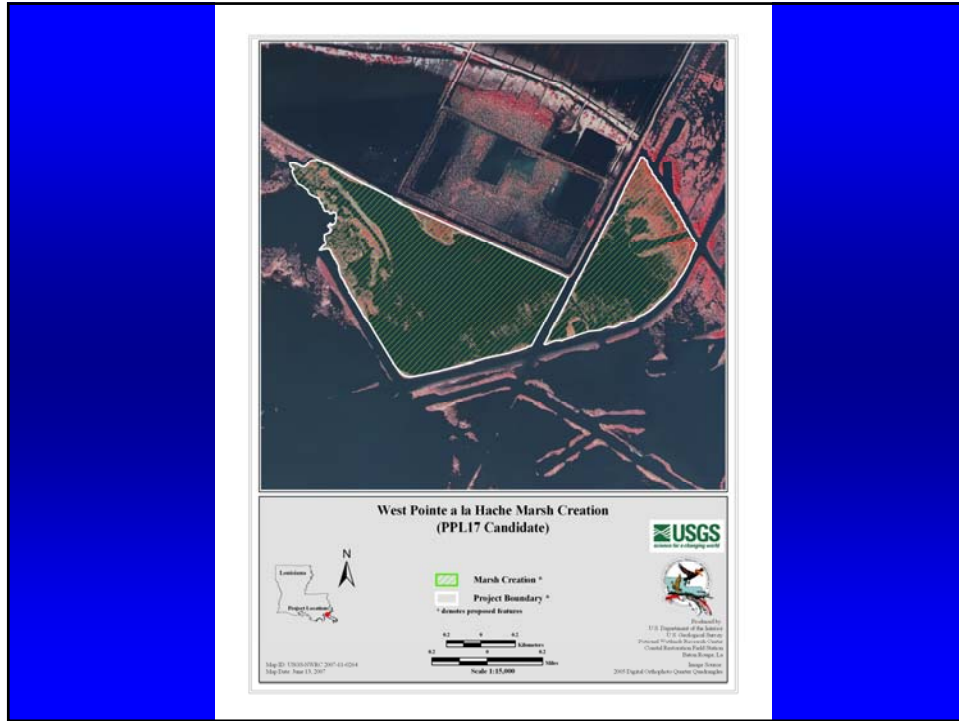
Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction

- Located in Plaquemines Parish, on the east bank of the Mississippi River
- An uncontrolled diversion would be constructed to allow a maximum flow of 10,000 cfs
- Material excavated for the conveyance channel would be used beneficially to create marsh
- Approximately 635 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$6,923,792



West Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation

- Located in Plaquemines Parish, near Lake Hermitage, in the outfall of the West Pointe a la Hache siphons
- Sediments will be hydraulically dredged from the Mississippi River and pumped via pipeline to create and nourish 352 acres of marsh
- Approximately 203 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$16,136,639



Pass a Loutre Restoration

- Located in Plaquemines Parish, on the Mississippi River Delta, on Pass a Loutre WMA and Delta NWR
- Pass a Loutre would be dredged for 6.5 miles to restore channel flow to historic levels to increase sediment delivery in the southeastern portion of the delta
- Sediment from the channel dredging would be used to create 465 acres of marsh and 12 crevasses would be constructed on Pass a Loutre WMA
- Approximately 1,305 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$26,591,033



Region 3

Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing

Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration – East Island

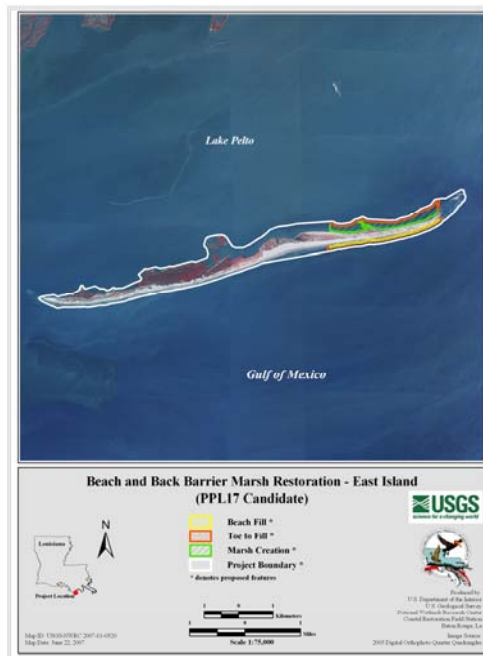
Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing

- Located in Terrebonne Parish, west of the Bayou Petite Caillou ridge and south of the Boudreaux Canal
- Approximately 257 acres of marsh would be created and 39 acres nourished with sediment dredged from a borrow site within Lake Boudreaux
- Approximately 53,450 LF of terraces would be constructed to flank the created marsh and existing marsh in the project area
- Approximately 231 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$20,431,032



Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration – East Island

- Located in Terrebonne Parish, on the eastern end of the Isles Dernieres
- Sediment would be hydraulically dredged from a nearby borrow site to create 160 acres of marsh on the bay side of East Island
- Sediment would also be placed along the Gulf shoreline to nourish the beach and provide sand to downdrift areas
- Approximately 92 acres of barrier island habitats would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$19,535,422



Region 4

East Cove Marsh Creation

East Cove Marsh Creation

- Located in Cameron Parish, in the southwestern portion of the Cameron-Creole Watershed, on Cameron Prairie NWR
- During normal maintenance dredging of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, sediment would be used beneficially to create marsh on Cameron Prairie NWR
- The project would be constructed during two maintenance dredging events to create/nourish a total of 604 acres of marsh in two disposal sites
- Approximately 509 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life
- The estimated fully funded cost is \$18,413,579



Demonstration Projects

- Contain technology that has not been fully developed for routine application in coastal Louisiana or in certain regions of the coastal zone.
- Contain new technology which can be transferred to other areas of the coastal zone.
- Are unique and are not duplicative in nature.

Demonstration Projects

- Demonstration Projects were nominated at the 4 Regional Planning Team meetings.
- Six (6) demonstration nominees were selected at the February 7, 2007 Coastwide voting meeting.
- The Technical Committee selected 3 candidate demos on March 14, 2007.

Proposed Demonstration Projects

Bio-Engineered Oyster Reef

Positive Displacement Pump Solution

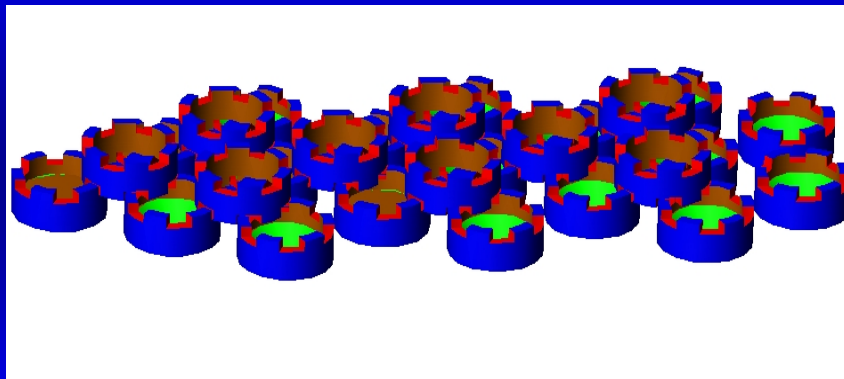
Sediment Containment System for Marsh
Creation

Bio-Engineered Oyster Reef

- Goals: Determine the effectiveness of an Oysterbreak in reducing beach erosion along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline in areas of poor load-bearing capacity
- Features: The Oysterbreak is a light-weight, modular shore protection device that uses accumulating biomass (oyster reef) to dissipate wave energy. The modular units are sized to achieve moderate initial wave energy reduction. As oyster growth increases, the structure's ability to reduce wave energy also increases. An oyster spat attractant is injected within the structural components of the device to promote oyster growth.
- Cost: The estimated fully funded cost is \$1,981,822

Bio-Engineered Oyster Reef

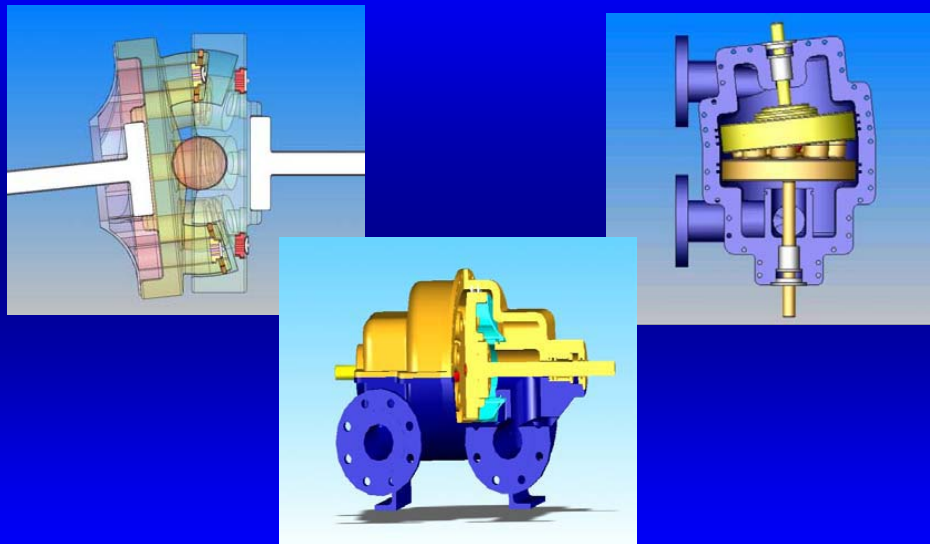
Oysterbreak Structure



Positive Displacement Pump Solution

- Goals: Determine the ability of a newly-patented positive displacement pump to pump a high-volume sediment slurry over great distances (5-10 miles).
- Features: This system uses a high-pressure jet to provide an increased suspended sediment load for the pump. The system can act as a passive, unmanned unit to pump sediment 24 hours a day. The system would serve as a replacement for conventional operations which require a dredge and booster pump to deliver sediment over large distances.
- Cost: The estimated fully funded cost is \$ 3,069,108.

Positive Displacement Pump



Sediment Containment System for Marsh Creation

- Goals: Demonstrate the effectiveness of a sediment containment system to strategically define areas of accumulation and improve sediment retention in small and medium freshwater diversions as well as contain fluid material delivered via hydraulic dredging to create marsh.
- Features: Sediment containment system will be used to isolate areas to increase sediment retention within the outfall area of a diversion. The system will also be used for containment of dredged material in a marsh creation application.
- Cost: The estimated fully funded cost is \$ 1,163,343.

Sediment Containment System



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Priority Project List Number 17

Candidate Projects



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**New Orleans
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The 17th Priority List Planning Process

I. Development of Supporting Information

A. COE staff prepares spreadsheets indicating status of all restoration projects (CWPPRA PL 1-16; Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Feasibility Study, Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities 1135, 204, 206; and State only projects). Also, indicate net acres at the end of 20 years for each CWPPRA project.

B. DNR/USGS staff prepares basin maps indicating:

- 1) Boundaries of the following projects types (PL 1-16; LCA Feasibility Study, COE 1135, 204, 206; and State only).
- 2) Locations of completed projects,
- 3) Projected land loss by 2050 with freshwater diversions at Caernarvon and Davis Pond and including all CWPPRA projects approved for construction through October 2006.
- 4) Regional boundary maps with basin boundaries and parish boundaries included.

II. Areas of Need and Project Nominations

A. The four Regional Planning Teams (RPTs) meet, examine basin maps, discuss areas of need and Coast 2050 strategies, and accept nomination of projects by hydrologic basin. Nominations for demonstration projects will also be accepted at the four RPT meetings. The RPTs will not vote at their individual regional meetings, rather voting will be conducted during a separate coast-wide meeting. At these initial RPT meetings, parishes will be asked to identify their official parish representative who will vote at the coast-wide RPT meeting.

B. One coast-wide RPT voting meeting will be held after the individual RPT meetings to present and vote for nominees (including demonstration project nominees). The RPTs will choose no more than two projects per basin, except that three projects may be selected from Terrebonne and Barataria Basins because of the high loss rates in those basins. A total of up to 20 projects could be selected as nominees. Selection of the projects nominated per basin will be by consensus, if possible. If voting is required, each officially designated parish representative in the basin will have one vote and each federal agency and the State will have one vote. The RPTs will also select up to six demonstration project nominees at this coast-wide meeting. Selection of demonstration project nominees will be by consensus, if possible. If voting is required, officially designated representatives from all coastal parishes will have one vote and each federal agency and the State will have one vote.

C. A lead Federal agency will be designated for the nominees and demonstration project nominees to assist LDNR and local governments in preparing preliminary project support information (fact sheet, maps, and potential designs and benefits). The Regional Planning Team Leaders will then transmit this information to the P&E Subcommittee, Technical Committee and members of the Regional Planning Teams.

III. Preliminary Assessment of Nominated Projects

A. Agencies, parishes, landowners, and other individuals informally confer to further develop projects. Nominated projects should be developed to support one or more Coast 2050 strategies. The goals of each project should be consistent with those of Coast 2050.

B. Each sponsor of a nominated project will prepare a brief Project Description (no more than one page plus a map) that discusses possible features. Fact sheets will also be prepared for demonstration project nominees.

C. Engineering and Environmental Work Groups meet to review project features, discuss potential benefits, and estimate preliminary fully funded cost ranges for each project. The Work Groups will also review the nominated demonstration projects and verify that they meet the demonstration project criteria.

D. P&E Subcommittee prepares matrix of cost estimates and other pertinent information for nominees and demonstration project nominees and furnishes to Technical Committee and Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

IV. Selection of Phase 0 Candidate Projects

A. Technical Committee meets to consider the project costs and potential wetland benefits of the nominees. Technical Committee will select ten candidate projects for detailed assessment by the Environmental, Engineering, and Economic Work Groups. At this time, the Technical Committee will also select up to three demonstration project candidates for detailed assessment by the Environmental, Engineering, and Economic Work Groups. Demonstration project candidates will be evaluated as outlined in Appendix E.

B. Technical Committee assigns a Federal sponsor for each project to develop preliminary Wetland Value Assessment data and engineering cost estimates for Phase 0 as described below.

V. Phase 0 Analysis of Candidate Projects

A. Sponsoring agency coordinates site visits for each project. A site visit is vital so each agency can see the conditions in the area and estimate the project area boundary. Field trip participation should be limited to two representatives from each agency. There will be no site visits conducted for demonstration projects.

B. Environmental and Engineering Work Groups and the Academic Advisory Group meet to refine project features and develop boundaries based on site visits.

C. Sponsoring agency develops Project Information Sheets on assigned projects, using formats developed by applicable work groups; prepares preliminary draft Wetland Value Assessment Project Information Sheet; and makes Phase 1 engineering and design cost estimates and Phase 2 construction cost estimates.

D. Environmental and Engineering Work Groups evaluate all projects (excluding demos) using the WVA and review design and cost estimates.

E. Engineering Work Group reviews and approves Phase 1 and 2 cost estimates.

F. Economics Work Group reviews cost estimates and develops annualized (fully funded) costs.

G. Environmental and Engineering Work Groups apply the Prioritization Criteria and develop prioritization scores for each candidate project.

H. Corps of Engineers staff prepares information package for Technical Committee and CPRA. Packages consist of:

- 1) updated Project Information Sheets;
- 2) a matrix for each region that lists projects, fully funded cost, average annual cost, Wetland Value Assessment results in net acres and Average Annual Habitat Units (AAHUs), cost effectiveness (average annual cost/AAHU), and the prioritization score.
- 3) qualitative discussion of supporting partnerships and public support; and

I. Technical Committee hosts two public hearings to present information from H above and allows public comment.

VI. Selection of 17th Priority Project List

A. The selection of the 17th PPL will occur at the Fall Technical Committee and Task Force meetings.

B. Technical Committee meets and considers matrix, Project Information Sheets, and public comments. The Technical Committee will recommend up to four projects for selection to the 17th PPL. The Technical Committee may also recommend demonstration projects for the 17th PPL.

C. The CWPPRA Task Force will review the TC recommendations and determine which projects will receive Phase 1 funding for the 17th PPL.

D. The CPRA reviews projects on the 17th Priority List and considers for Phase I approval and inclusion in the upcoming Comprehensive Master Coastal Protection Plan.

Irish Bayou Wetland Creation and Shoreline Protection

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Coastwide: Dedicated dredging to create, restore, or protect wetlands
- Coastwide: Maintenance of Gulf, bay and lake shoreline integrity
- Region1, Restore/Sustain Wetlands:#9, dedicated delivery of sediment for marsh building
- Region 1, Protect Bay and Lake Shorelines: #10, maintain shoreline integrity of Lake Pontchartrain to protect regional ecosystem values.
- Region1, Maintain Critical Landforms: #15, maintain Eastern New Orleans land bridge by marsh creation and shoreline protection.
- Mapping Unit Strategies: Region 1, East Orleans Land Bridge, #35, dedicated dredging; #36 maintain shoreline integrity.

Project Location:

Region 1, Pontchartrain Basin, Orleans Parish, East Orleans land bridge mapping unit, Norfolk Southern Railroad to Point aux Herbes south along Lake Pontchartrain to Bayou Chevee.

Problem:

The landfall of Hurricane Katrina in southeast Louisiana destroyed thousands of acres of marsh and other coastal habitats in the Lake Pontchartrain basin. The hurricane weakened the Lake Pontchartrain shore between the lake rim and interior marshes near Bayou Chevee. In some cases the storm removed large expanses of the shoreline and exposed interior marshes. Currently only a portion of the lakeshore is protected by a rock dike (PPL 5, PO-22). This dike was originally tied to the shoreline; however the interior marsh has eroded away. Continued shoreline erosion and future storms could create a direct path of open water connecting Lake Pontchartrain with Irish Bayou and the Bayou Sauvage NWR.

Goals:

The goals of the project are to reduce shoreline erosion and create marsh in order to prevent the lake shoreline from breaking into the interior marsh ponds.

Proposed Solution:

Construct 16,810 LF of new foreshore rock dikes and raise the height of 3,000 LF of existing rock dikes to be used for containment and to protect shoreline and interior marshes. Create 121 acres of marsh in shallow open water sites behind the rock shoreline protection.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit about 232 acres of brackish marsh and open water. Approximately 191 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

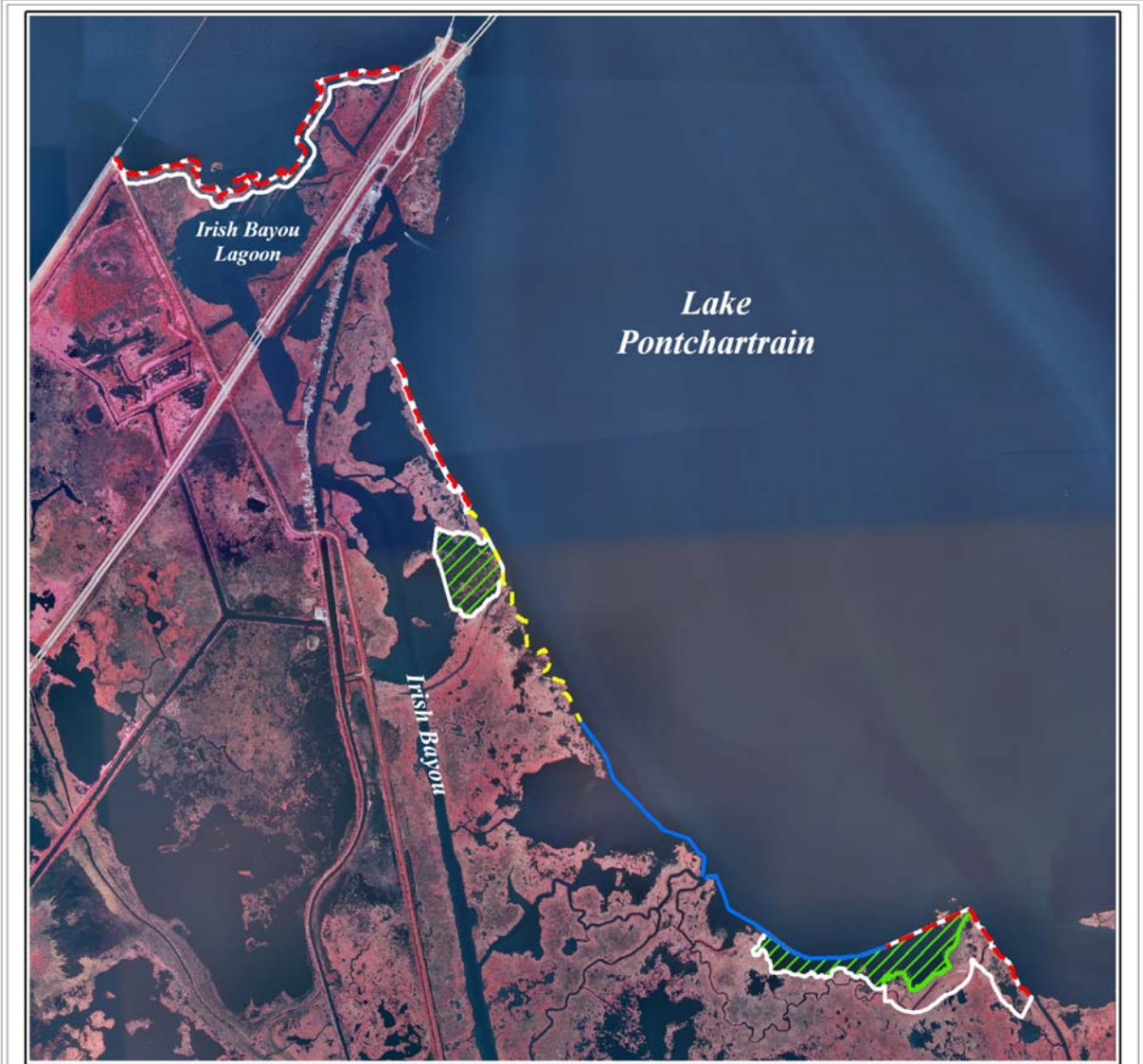
Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 19,647,483.

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
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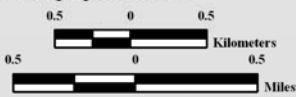


**Irish Bayou Wetland Creation and Shoreline Protection
(PPL17 Candidate)**



-  PO-22 Existing Rock Dike
-  Bayou Sauvage Shoreline Protection *
-  Shoreline Protection *
-  Marsh Creation *
-  Project Boundary *

* denotes proposed features



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Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Coastwide Strategy – Dedicated Dredging, to Create, Restore, or Protect Wetlands

Project Location:

Region 2, Barataria Basin, Jefferson Parish, adjacent to Bayou Dupont southeast of the Pen.

Problem:

There is widespread historic and continued rapid land loss in the project area due to altered hydrology, wind erosion, and subsidence. Wetlands in the project vicinity are being lost at the rate of -1.72% /year based on USGS data from 1988 to 2006.

Goals:

Project goals include 1) creating/nourishing marsh and associated edge habitat for aquatic species through pipeline sediment delivery from the Mississippi River, and 2) creating a ridge along a portion of the southwestern shoreline of Bayou Dupont. Specific phase 0 goals include creating 184 acres brackish marsh, nourishing 118 acres of brackish marsh and constructing about 15 acres of maritime ridge habitat.

Proposed Solution:

Approximately 184 acres of marsh would be created and 103 acres of existing marsh would be nourished via confined disposal of sediment dredged from the Mississippi River.

About 17 acres of ridge would be created along the bayou after the fill material consolidates to allow shaping up to a +6 ft crown, 30 ft wide. Approximately 10 acres of a bayou side marsh berm would be constructed during the ridge shaping. Containment dikes would be breached no later than three years after construction. The created marsh and ridge would be planted as well as intense Chinese Tallow control would be conducted for the ridge. Collectively, this would be the first step to restoring the banklines of Bayou Dupont.

Project Benefits:

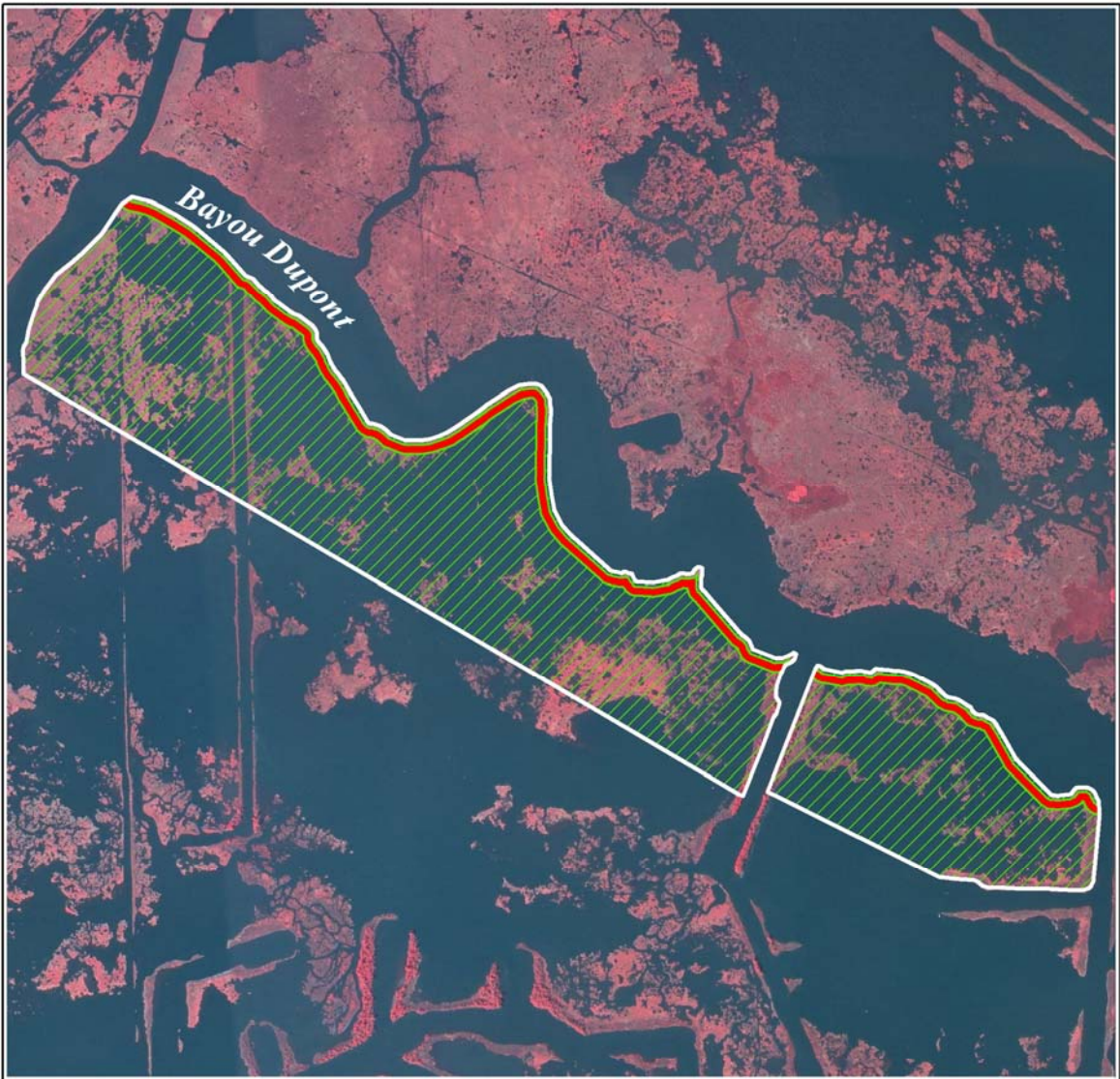
The project would benefit 317 acres of brackish fresh marsh and open water. Approximately 170 acres of brackish marsh and 17 acres of ridge would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 21,626,767.




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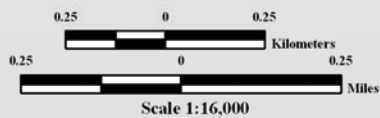


Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation (PPL17 Candidate)



-  Ridge Restoration *
-  Marsh Creation *
-  Project Boundary *

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Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Dedicated dredging to create marsh
- Maintain Caminada Bay shoreline integrity

Project Location:

Region 2, Barataria Basin, Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes, Chenier Caminada, north of Hwy 1.

Problem:

The marshes between Caminada Bay and Highway 1 are experiencing both bay margin erosion and interior loss. Bay shoreline erosion estimates based on 1998 and 2005 aerial photography suggest that erosion in this area ranges from five feet/year to in excess of 50 feet/year in some areas. Significant interior losses are occurring as well. It is anticipated that in the next 20 years, half of the existing marshes in the project area will be converted to open water. Continued loss in this area may lead to adverse impacts to adjacent developed areas along Chenier Caminada and Highway 1. Based on anecdotal information, it appears that recent wetland losses in this area may contribute to local flooding of Highway 1.

Goals:

- Maintain landform separating Caminada Bay, Chenier Caminada, and Highway 1 through the creation of 175 acres and nourishment of an additional 173 acres of saline marsh.
- Provide shoreline protection as needed to reduce bay shoreline erosion along 1,500 feet of critically eroding shoreline.

Proposed Solution:

This project would create 175 acres marsh in existing open water areas and nourish an additional 173 acres fragmented marsh. Additionally, extension of the existing shoreline protection will be considered to maintain a continuous marsh buffer between Highway 1 and Caminada Bay.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit at least 348 acres of saline marsh and bay rim. Approximately 163 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life. Additionally, the project would maintain the landform that separates the open waters of Caminada Bay from Chenier Caminada and the Highway 1 corridor.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 20,920,120 .




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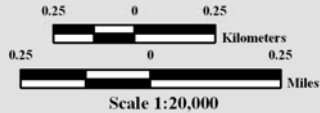


**Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection
(PPL17 Candidate)**



-  Shoreline Protection *
-  Marsh Creation *
-  Project Boundary *

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Caernarvon Outfall Management and Lake Lery Shoreline Restoration

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Region 2 - Restore and Sustain Marshes via Managing Outfall of Existing Diversions
- Coastwide – Dedicated dredging for wetland creation.
- Coastwide – Maintenance of bay and lake shoreline integrity.
- Coastwide - Vegetative Plantings

Project Location:

Region 2, Breton Sound Basin, St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes, Caernarvon mapping unit, marshes located north and south of Lake Lery.

Problem:

1) According to USGS-NWRC mapping, much of the wetlands surrounding Lake Lery were heavily damaged along with the Lake Lery shoreline due to Hurricane Katrina. Wind induced waves within Lake Lery could further damage the lakes shorelines and cause accelerated interior marsh loss. 2) Marshes north of Lake Lery have historically not benefited from the diversion as have those marshes to the south and west. Those marshes to the east have been deteriorating from increased salinities and a lack of freshwater from the diversion. After Katrina the two canals that transported the limited amount of freshwater eastward have been completely blocked with debris to a point where there is virtually no fresh water reaching those marshes. Furthermore, these same marshes were severely damaged from the storm and with the lack of fresh water from the diversion it is unlikely that they will be restored without some assistance.

Goals:

The goal of this project is to stop shoreline erosion and to promote accretion of marsh between the breakwater and the existing shoreline.

Proposed Solution:

This project would divert a portion of the river water by dredging an 850 LF conveyance channel from the Caernarvon Outfall Canal across the Caernarvon Canal to the marshes east of Bayou Mandeville. This project would also restore approximately 32,000 linear feet of the Lake Lery shoreline and plant the restored lakeward edge. Approximately 396 acres of interior marsh along the southern shoreline of Lake Lery would be created or nourished.

Project Benefits:

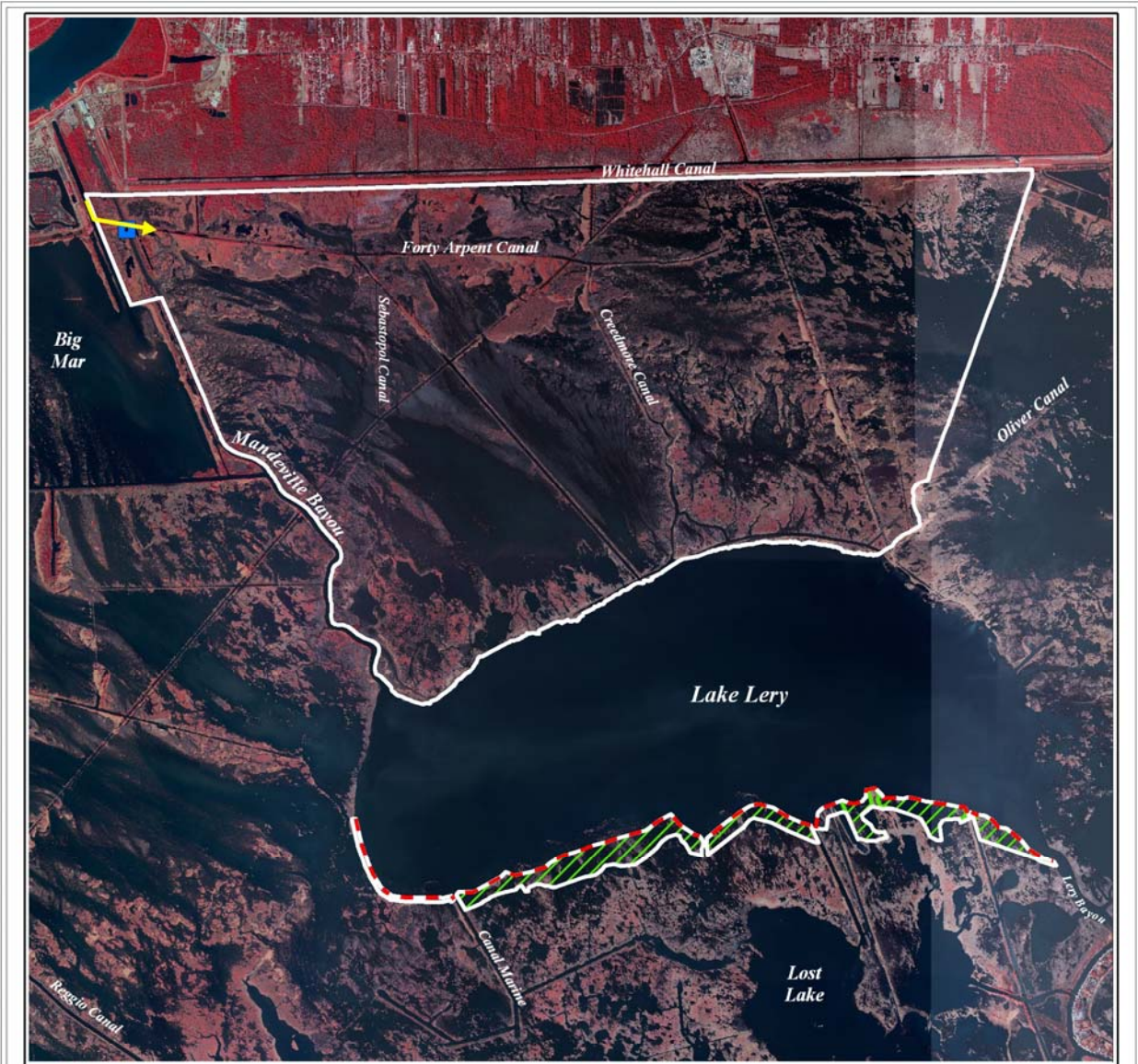
The project would benefit approximately 10,899 acres of intermediate marsh and open water. Approximately 652 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 25,137,149.

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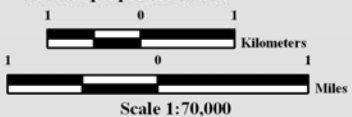
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**Caernarvon Outfall Management/Lake Lery Shoreline Restoration
(PPL17 Candidate)**



-  Plug *
 -  Diversion *
 -  Shoreline Restoration *
 -  Marsh Creation *
 -  Project Boundary *
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Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction

Coast 2050 Strategies:

- Regional Ecosystem Strategy-Restore and Sustain marshes
- Region Regional Strategy: #8 Construct most effective small diversions.

Project Location:

Region 2, Breton Sound Basin, Plaquemines Parish, East bank of the Mississippi River approximately 6.5 miles upstream of the Bayou Lamoque diversion structures.

Problem:

As a result of the leveeing of the Mississippi River for navigation and flood control, this area was cut off from the historic overbank flooding of the river. Isolating the wetlands from the Mississippi River has severely limited the amount of new land that can be created here by the river. Freshwater, sediment, and nutrients that could be helping to build new wetlands here and elsewhere are shunted off the edge of the continental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico.

Goals:

- Create approximately 640 acres of marsh
- Convert saline and brackish marsh to brackish and intermediate marsh
- Increase submerged aquatic vegetative cover
- Increase shallow water habitat
- Improve habitat interspersions

Proposed Solution:

Reintroduce Mississippi River water into the wetlands, restoring natural deltaic growth and habitats. An uncontrolled diversion with a capacity of approximately 10,000 cubic ft per second will be constructed.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit 5,227 acres of saline and brackish marsh and open water. Approximately 635 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$6,923,792.

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


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Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction (PPL17 Candidate)



-  Control Structure *
-  Diversion Channel Improvement *
-  Forebay *
-  Marsh Creation *
-  Project Boundary *

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West Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation

Coast 2050 Strategies:

- Dedicated dredging to create, restore, or protect wetlands
- Off-shore and riverine sand and sediment resources

Project Location:

Region 2, Barataria Basin, Plaquemines Parish, in the outfall area of the West Pointe a la Hache siphon

Problem:

As a result of leveeing of the Mississippi River for navigation and flood control, the West Pointe a la Hache wetlands were cut off from the historic overbank flooding of the river. Without continued sediment input, marshes couldn't maintain viable elevations due to ongoing subsidence. In addition, oil and gas canals disrupted hydrology and facilitated saltwater intrusion further degrading the marsh. Beginning in 1993, the siphons at West Pointe a la Hache were operated to reintroduce Mississippi River water, fine sediments, and nutrients into this area. However, land loss rates have continued to be high. An opportunity exists to create marshes directly in the outfall of the siphons using sediment from the nearby Mississippi River. The created marshes should benefit from the effects of the reintroduced Mississippi River water from the siphons.

Goals:

- Convert approximately 250 acres of open water habitat to intermediate marsh.
- Nourish approximately 102 acres of existing intermediate marsh with dredged material.
- Maintain 203 acres of created/nourished marsh over the 20 year project life.

Proposed Solution:

Dredge sediments from the Mississippi River to restore and nourish 352 acres of marsh habitat.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit 352 acres of marsh. Approximately 203 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

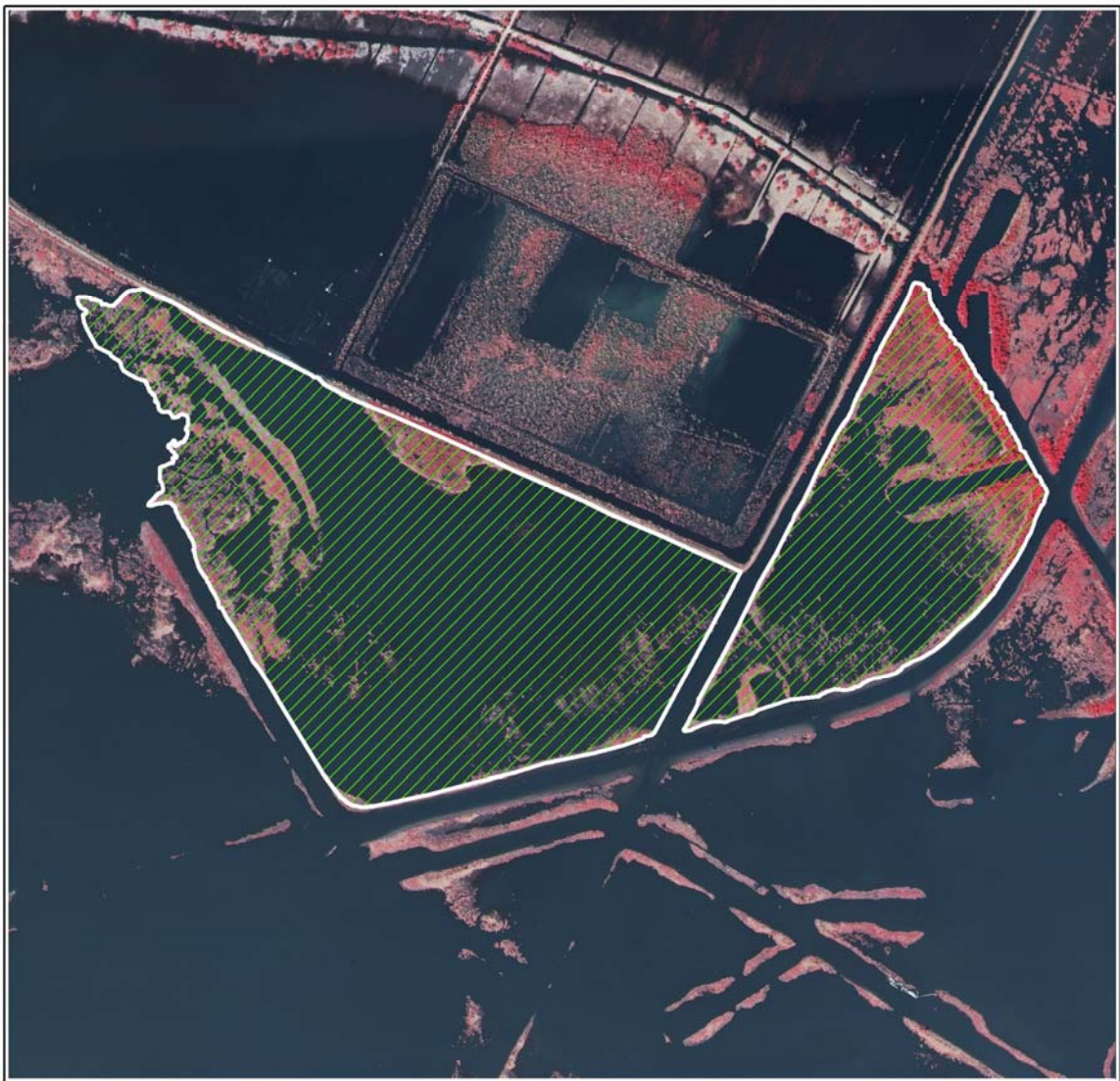
The total fully funded cost for the project is \$16,136,639

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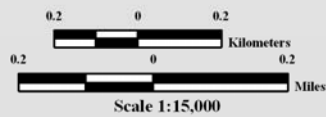
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West Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation (PPL17 Candidate)



-  Marsh Creation *
 -  Project Boundary *
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Pass a Loutre Restoration

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Regional Strategy – Continue building and maintaining delta splays

Project Location:

Region 2, Mississippi River Delta Basin, Plaquemines Parish, north and south of Pass a Loutre on the Delta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Pass a Loutre Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Problem:

Historically, Pass a Loutre was a major distributary of the Mississippi River at Head of Passes. This pass carried sediments that created and maintained in excess of 120,000 acres of marsh. Pass a Loutre is not a maintained navigation channel and over time has filled in considerably and carries much less flow than it did historically. As a result, much of the historic Pass a Loutre channel has silted in and is now very shallow and narrow. The decreased channel size has much less capacity to carry fresh water and sediments and marshes historically nourished by the channel are now being starved and are subsiding at an alarming rate. In addition, a hopper dredge disposal site located at the beginning of Pass a Loutre at Head of Passes has contributed to the infilling of the channel.

Goals:

The goal of this project is to restore an important distributary of the Mississippi River so that it will once again create new wetlands and nourish existing marsh. Dredged material will create marsh immediately and the increased fresh water and sediment carrying capacity of the channel will create marsh over time and increase the abundance and diversity of submerged aquatic vegetation.

Proposed Solution:

Pass a Loutre would be dredged for approximately 6.5 miles from Head of Passes to just east of Southeast Pass to restore channel flow to historic levels. Approximately 6.0M yd³ of material would be dredged and used to create approximately 465 acres of marsh on Delta NWR. Preliminary design includes a channel with a 300-ft bottom width and 30-ft depth. Several crevasses and cleanout of some existing crevasses are also proposed on Delta NWR and Pass a Loutre WMA.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit 26,849 acres of marsh and open water habitats. A total of 1,305 acres of marsh would be protected/created over the 20-year project life.

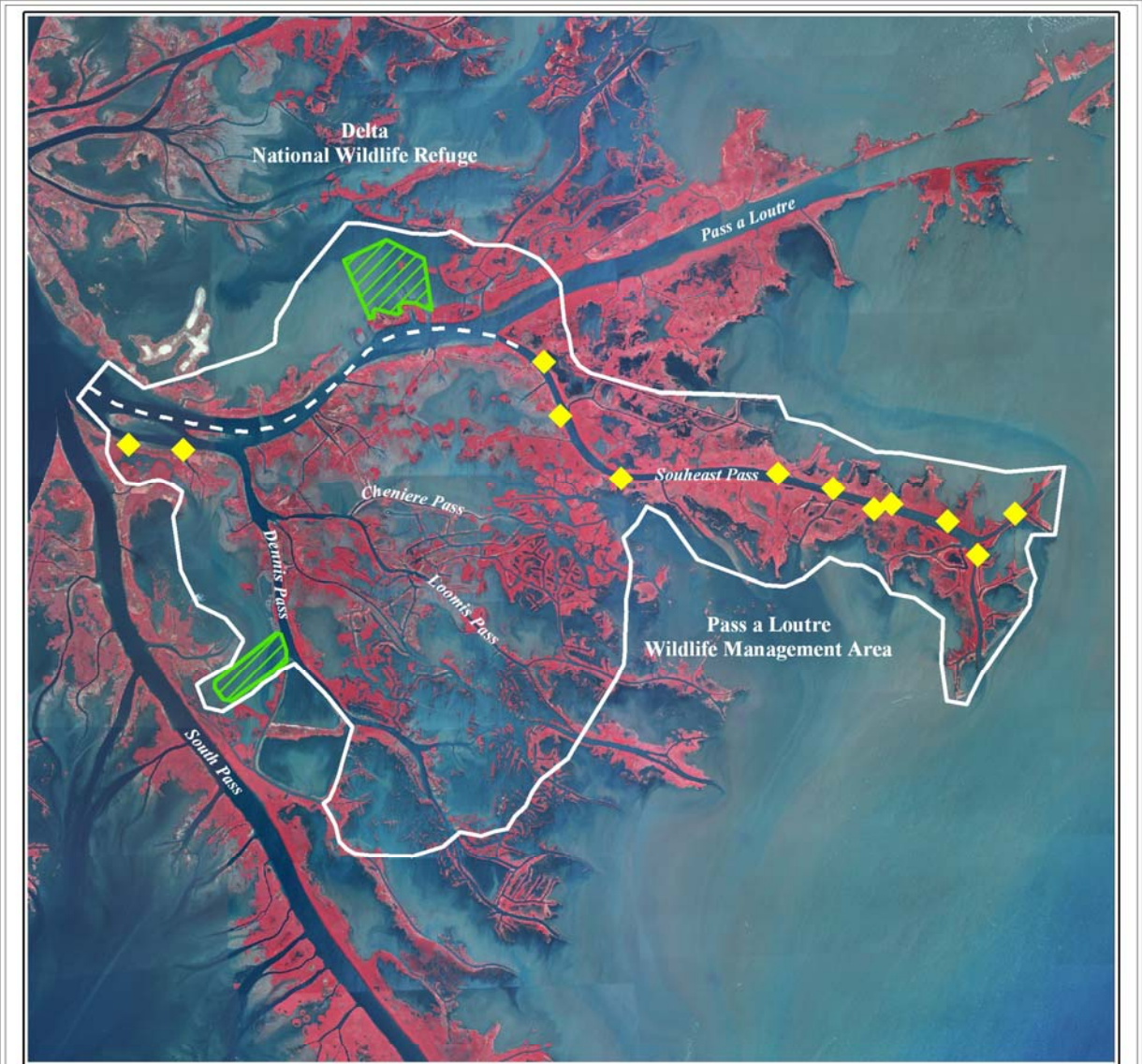
Project Costs:

The total fully-funded cost is \$26,591,033.

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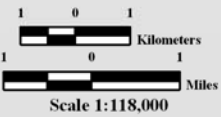
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**Pass a Loutre Restoration
(PPL17 Candidate)**



-  Crevasse *
 -  Dredged Channel *
 -  Marsh Creation *
 -  Project Boundary *
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Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Coastwide: Terracing and Dedicated Dredging, to Create, Restore, or Protect Wetlands
- Boudreaux Mapping Unit: Establish and protect ridge function and beneficial use of dredged material

Project Location:

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, within southeast Lake Boudreaux west of the Bayou Petite Caillou Ridge and Hwy. 56, and south of Boudreaux Canal.

Problem:

The interior marshes of Terrebonne Parish have experienced tremendous loss due to a variety of forces including subsidence, salt water intrusion, a lack of sediment supply, and oil and gas activities. The loss of these marshes has exposed significant infrastructure to open water conditions, and has made the area less suitable for fisheries and wildlife. The project would provide direct protection to the Petite Caillou Ridge and significant infrastructure including LA Hwy 56, which is currently subjected to wave energy entering from Lake Boudreaux. The 1978 to 2006 loss rate of the Boudreaux mapping unit is 2.8%/yr, with a subsidence rate of 1.1 to 2.0 ft/century.

Goals:

Project goals include 1) creating emergent marsh and associated edge habitat, 2) reduce the wave erosion impacting the Petite Caillou ridge, and 3) constructing terraces and secondarily promote conditions more conducive to the colonization of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) than currently exist.

Proposed Solution:

The project consists of both marsh creation and terracing by dedicated dredging to create habitat and provide buffer protection to the Petite Caillou Ridge and LA Hwy 56. Approximately 257 acres of intertidal brackish marsh will be created using material from Lake Boudreaux, in addition to the nourishment of 39 acres of existing marsh. In addition, approximately 53,450 linear feet of earthen terraces (3 ft height, 10 ft crown with 1:5 slopes) will be constructed with a marsh buggy to flank the existing and created marshes. Upon completion, the constructed areas will be vegetated with indigenous marsh species to predominantly include *Spartina alterniflora*.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit 712 acres of brackish marsh and open water. Approximately 231 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 20,431,032 .




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Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing (PPL17 Candidate)



-  Terrace Field * (see Note)
-  Marsh Creation *
-  Project Boundary *

* denotes proposed features
 Note: Terraces on map are a representative layout to be finalized by Engineering Workgroup. Tidal breaks will be inserted during the engineering phase.



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Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration - East Island

Coast 2050 Strategies:

Coastwide Common Strategies-Dedicated dredging for wetland creation, Vegetative planting, utilize offshore sand and sediment resources.

Regional Ecosystem Strategies- Restore and sustain marshes- #8. Dedicated delivery of sediment for marsh building by an feasible means; Restore barrier islands and Gulf shorelines-#12. Restore and maintain the Isles Dernieres and Timbalier barrier island chains.

Mapping Unit Strategies- #33. Protect bay/gulf shorelines

Project Location:

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, part of the Isles Dernieres, approximately 38 miles south of Houma, LA

Problem:

East/Trinity Island is part of the Isles Dernieres barrier island chain, one of the most rapidly deteriorating barrier shorelines in the U.S. These barrier islands ensure that the estuaries behind them are low energy environments capable of supporting wetlands and emerging deltas where Mississippi River water is reintroduced. These islands lack a stable subaerial backbarrier platform upon which the islands can migrate landward.

Goals:

- 1)provide a backbarrier platform to enable successful island migration;
- 2) extend the life of this barrier island by increasing its width;
- 3) create 160 ac of vegetated intertidal marsh using new dredged material and vegetative plantings;
- 4) protect the Terrebonne estuary and vegetated wetlands against the direct exposure to the Gulf of Mexico.
- 5) add sand to this sand-starved barrier island system

Proposed Solution:

Dredged material will be placed on the back side of the island creating additional backbarrier marsh and along the Gulf shoreline. The former will provide a stable backbarrier platform on which the island can migrate landward, while the latter will provide additional sand for redistribution by currents and waves along the entire island's Gulf beach.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit about 2,155 acres of barrier island habitat. Approximately 92 acres of marsh would be created/protected over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 19,535,422.

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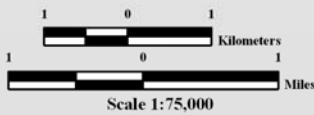
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**Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration - East Island
(PPL17 Candidate)**



-  Beach Fill *
 -  Toe to Fill *
 -  Marsh Creation *
 -  Project Boundary *
- * denotes proposed features



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East Cove Marsh Creation Project

Coast 2050 Strategy:

Regional Strategy: Use dedicated dredging or beneficial use of sediment for wetland creation or protection.

Project Location:

Region 4, Calcasieu-Sabine Basin, Cameron Parish, 1.5 miles north of Cameron, in the southwestern portion of the Cameron-Creole Watershed on the Cameron Prairie NWR.

Problem:

Former project area brackish marshes have converted to open water due to subsidence and saltwater intrusion from the Calcasieu Ship Channel. The Cameron-Creole Watershed Hydrologic Restoration project was implemented in 1989 to relieve the saltwater intrusion problem but has not succeeded in revegetating the area. Hurricane Rita in 2005 breached the watershed levee scouring the marsh and allowing higher Calcasieu Lake salinities to enter the watershed causing more land loss. Sediment and water level drawdowns are needed to restore shallow open water areas to marsh.

Goals

The project purpose is to recreate approximately 604 acres of marsh via beneficial use of maintenance dredged material from the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

Proposed Solution:

Place material beneficially from normal maintenance dredging of the Lower Calcasieu River from Mile Points 5 to 12 in two disposal areas in the southwest portion of the Cameron-Creole Watershed. The Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dredges approximately 1.88 million cubic yards of maintenance material every 2 years from this reach. The project would transport approximately 3.76 million cubic yards of dredged material to two open water areas, totaling 604 acres, to restore a net 509 acres of marsh in two cycles [Cycle 1 (East) equals 228 net acres; Cycle 2 (West) equals 281 net acres]. Following construction, retention levees would be degraded, man-made bayous (trenasses) constructed, and a 50-foot-wide perimeter of smooth cordgrass plantings installed for estuarine fisheries access and to achieve a functional marsh.

Project Benefits:

The project would benefit 604 acres of brackish and saline marsh and open water. Approximately 509 net acres of marsh would be created over the 20-year project life.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$18,413,579.

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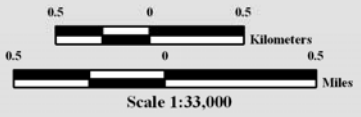
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**East Cove Marsh Creation
(PPL17 Candidate)**



-  Earthen Retention Dike *
 -  Earthen Weir *
 -  Marsh Creation *
 -  Project Boundary *
- * denotes proposed features



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DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Section 303(a) of the CWPPRA states that in the development of Priority Project List, “. . . [should include] due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration.”

The CWPPRA Task Force, on April 6, 1993, stated that: “The Task Force directs the Technical Committee to limit spending on demonstration projects to \$2,000,000 annually. The Task Force will entertain exceptions to this guidance for projects that the Technical Committee determines merit special consideration. The Task Force waives the cap on monitoring cost for demonstration projects.”

The CWPPRA Task Force, on April 12, 2006, passed a motion concerning the selection of demonstration projects. The Task Force agreed to consider funding, upon review, at least one credible demonstration project annually with estimates not to exceed \$2 million.

What constitutes a demonstration project:

1. Demonstration projects contain technology that has not been fully developed for routine application in coastal Louisiana or in certain regions of the coastal zone.
2. Demonstration projects contain new technology, which can be transferred to other areas of the coastal zone.
3. Demonstration projects are unique and are not duplicative in nature.

PPL 17 Demonstration Project Candidates

In a change from previous years, demonstration projects were nominated at the 4 Regional Planning Team (RPT) meetings. Regional Planning Teams selected six (6) demonstration project nominees at the February 7, 2007 Coastwide RPT voting meeting. Demonstration project nominees were reviewed by the Environmental and Engineering Workgroups to verify that they met demonstration project criteria. On March 14, 2007 the Technical Committee selected three (3) demonstration project candidates for detailed assessments by the workgroups.

The following proposed demonstration projects were evaluated as candidates for the 17th Priority Project List:

- Bioengineered Oyster Reef Demo
- Sediment Containment System for Marsh Creation Demo
- Positive Displacement Pump Demo

Bio-Engineered Oyster Reef Demonstration Project

Coast 2050 Strategy:

Region 4 Strategy 15: *Stabilizing Gulf of Mexico Shoreline in the Vicinity of Rockefeller Refuge.*

Project Location:

Region 4, Mermentau Basin, Chenier subbasin, Cameron & Vermilion Parishes, along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline

Problem:

The purpose of this project is to test a new, bio-engineered, product to address rapid shoreline retreat and wetland loss along the Gulf of Mexico Shoreline in areas with soils of low load bearing capacity. For example, at Rockefeller Refuge, the direct Gulf of Mexico frontage and extremely low soil load bearing capacity (250-330psf), coupled with an average shoreline retreat of 30.9 ft/yr present unique engineering challenges.

Goals:

The goal of this demonstration project is to evaluate the proposed technique as a cost effective technique for protecting areas of Coastal Louisiana's Gulf of Mexico Shoreline with poor load bearing capacities.

Proposed Solution:

The demonstration project would consist of an Oysterbreak, approximately 1000' long. The Oysterbreak is a light-weight, modular shore protection device that uses accumulating biomass (an oyster reef) to dissipate wave energy. The bioengineered structure is designed to grow rapidly into an open structured oyster reef utilizing specifically designed structural components with spat attractant (agricultural byproducts) and enhanced nutrient conditions conducive to rapid oyster growth. The Oysterbreak is constructed by placing modular units into an open interlocked configuration. The units are sized to be stable under storm wave conditions. The height and width of the Oysterbreak are designed to achieve a moderate initial wave energy reduction. As successive generations of encrusting organisms settle on the Oysterbreak, the structure's ability to dissipate wave energy increases.

Project Benefits:

If the Oysterbreak successfully prevents beach erosion, it will provide the CWPPRA program with another restoration tool for the Gulf of Mexico Shoreline in areas with soils of low load bearing capacity. Direct benefits for this project are approximately 4.5 acres (1,000 ft x 39 ft/yr x 5 yrs x 1 acre/43,560 sq ft) of wetlands will be protected. Secondary benefits include increased habitat diversity and complexity, increased nekton utilization, and recreational fishing benefits associated with natural oyster reefs.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 1,981,822.

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Sediment Containment for Marsh Creation Demonstration Project

Coast 2050 Strategy:

- Management of diversion outfall for wetland benefits
- Dedicated dredging to create restore or protect wetlands

Project Location:

Coastwide

Problem:

Small and medium freshwater diversions that flow into broad areas and small dredge projects require confinement and trapping features to form marsh because the materials entering the area are often too dilute or fine to result in any appreciable accumulation. A method to delineate smaller areas to concentrate sediments flowing across an area would improve suspended sediment retention efficiency and allow accumulations to occur within a more timely and cost-effective manner. A sediment trapping mechanism would also allow for taking advantage of finer materials that would otherwise largely flow through the target area or require costly construction of some form of containment.

Goals:

The overall goal of the project is to demonstrate the effectiveness of a sediment trapping system to strategically define areas of accumulation and improve the efficiency of passive sediment retention in small and medium freshwater diversions as well as mechanized introduction of fluid material to create marsh.

Proposed Solution:

The project will demonstrate the effectiveness of a sediment trapping system designed for dredge containment to facilitate both sediment retention and accumulation in freshwater diversion that are located in broad areas where sediments tend to dissipate and to demonstrate the ability of the system to perform in small dredge applications. The project will demonstrate that by isolating areas where accumulation can be concentrated accretion rates will be greatly enhanced and speed up marsh creation.

Project Benefits:

The project will benefit any area in coastal Louisiana by facilitating containment where suspended sediment load is adequate for potential marsh development but retention is low due to broad open water expanse or channelization. The project will also benefit small dredge projects by providing a cost-effective alternative to earthen containment, particularly in areas where construction of earthen containment may be problematic (e.g. flow lines and poor soils).

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 1,163,343.

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Positive Displacement Pump Solution (TurboPiston Pump) Demonstration Project

Coast 2050 Strategy:

Coast wide Strategies: Offshore and riverine sand and sediment sources

Potential Demonstration Project Location(s):

Coast wide, Region 2, Barataria Basin, Jefferson or Breton Sound Basin near Violet, Plaquemines Parish

Goals:

The goal of this demonstration project is to demonstrate the ability of a newly patented type of positive displacement pump that has the ability to pump a high volume of sediment slurry over distances of 5-10 miles without a booster pump while replacing the need for a dredge to supply sediment to the system. It allows for both high volume and high pressure simultaneously, unlike pumps currently utilized. By using high pressure water to jet the sediment bed during slow river flow periods this system can act as a passive unmanned source of sediment flow on a 24 hour, seven day a week delivery system schedule with no need to halt the process to avoid vessel traffic or crew schedules. This allows for higher productivity rates and lower costs to produce coastal marshes. The energy efficiency of the system is enhanced via its use of a positive displacement pump having mechanical and hydraulic efficiencies on the order 92 to 95% compared to 50 to 60% for standard dredge and booster pumps. It utilizes a high pressure jet to set upstream of the pump system inlet to increase the suspended sediment load delivered.

Proposed Solution:

A smaller prototype of the TurboPiston Pump would be utilized to demonstrate the potential capability to supply and to move sediments via pipeline over longer distances than current technology allows, without the need for additional booster pumps, in a relatively passive self controlled system.

Project Costs:

The total fully funded cost for the project is \$ 3,069,108. The 24" TurboPiston Pump would be provided by Louisiana Pump, Inc. at no cost to this project

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PPL17 Candidate Project Evaluation Matrix

Project Name	Region	Parish	Project Area (acres)	Average Annual Habitat Units (AAHU)	Net Acres	Prioritization Score	Total Fully Funded Cost	Fully-Funded Phase I Cost	Fully-Funded Phase II Cost	Average Annual Cost (AAC)	Cost Effectiveness (AAC/AAHU)	Cost Effectiveness (Cost/Net Acre)
Irish Bayou Wetland Creation and Shoreline Protection	1	Orleans	232	86	191	49.0	\$19,647,483	\$1,714,265	\$17,933,218	\$1,412,331	\$16,422	\$102,866
Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation	2	Jefferson	317	121	187	44.0	\$21,626,767	\$2,013,881	\$19,612,886	\$1,579,559	\$13,054	\$115,651
Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection	2	Lafourche / Jefferson	348	101	163	45.3	\$20,920,120	\$1,649,967	\$19,270,153	\$1,516,609	\$15,016	\$128,344
Caernarvon Outfall Management/Lake Lery Shoreline Restoration	2	Plaquemines / St. Bernard	16,260	302	652	52.5	\$25,137,149	\$2,665,993	\$22,471,156	\$1,955,719	\$6,476	\$38,554
Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction	2	Plaquemines	5,227	989	635	71.0	\$6,923,792	\$1,359,699	\$5,564,093	\$541,255	\$547	\$10,904
West Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation	2	Plaquemines	352	126	203	50.3	\$16,136,639	\$1,620,740	\$14,515,899	\$1,254,322	\$9,955	\$79,491
Pass a Loutré Restoration	2	Plaquemines	26,849	800	1,305	62.5	\$26,591,033	\$2,148,661	\$24,442,372	\$2,092,202	\$2,615	\$20,376
Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing	3	Terrebonne	712	127	231	44.8	\$20,431,032	\$2,128,140	\$18,302,892	\$1,584,535	\$12,477	\$88,446
Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration - East Island	3	Terrebonne	2,155	247	92	60.0	\$19,535,422	\$1,972,121	\$17,563,301	\$1,503,061	\$6,085	\$212,342
East Cove Marsh Creation	4	Cameron	604	210	509	53.5	\$18,413,579	\$1,076,681	\$17,336,898	\$857,414	\$4,083	\$36,176

dated: August 15, 2007

Eng/Env WG Review of PPL 17 Demonstration Projects

(Parameter grading as to effect: 1 = low; 2 = medium; 3 = high)

Demonstration Project Name	Total Fully Funded Cost	Parameter (P _n)						Total Score
		P ₁ Innovativeness	P ₂ Applicability or Transferability	P ₃ Potential Cost Effectiveness	P ₄ Potential Env Benefits	P ₅ Recognized Need for Info	P ₆ Potential for Technological Advancement	
Bioengineered Oyster Reef	\$1,981,822	3	2	2	2	3	2	14
Sediment Containment System for Marsh Creation	\$1,163,343	3	3	2	2	2	2	14
Positive Displacement Pump	\$3,069,108	3	3	2	1	2	2	13

Demonstration Project Parameters

(P₁) *Innovativeness* - The demonstration project should contain technology that has not been fully developed for routine application in coastal Louisiana or in certain regions of the coastal zone. The technology demonstrated should be unique and not duplicative in nature to traditional methods or other previously tested techniques for which the results are known. Techniques which are similar to traditional methods or other previously tested techniques should receive lower scores than those which are truly unique and innovative.

(P₂) *Applicability or Transferability* - Demonstration projects should contain technology which can be transferred to other areas of the coastal zone. However, this does not imply that the technology must be applicable to all areas of the coastal zone. Techniques, which can only be applied in certain wetland types or in certain coastal regions, are acceptable but may receive lower scores than techniques with broad applicability.

(P₃) *Potential Cost Effectiveness* - The potential cost-effectiveness of the demonstration project's method of achieving project objectives should be compared to the cost-effectiveness of traditional methods. In other words, techniques which provide substantial cost savings over traditional methods should receive higher scores than those with less substantial cost savings. Those techniques which would be more costly than traditional methods, to provide the same level of benefits, should receive the lowest scores. Information supporting any claims of potential cost savings should be provided.

(P₄) *Potential Environmental Benefits* - Does the demonstration project have the potential to provide environmental benefits equal to traditional methods? somewhat less than traditional methods? above and beyond traditional methods? Techniques with the potential to provide benefits above and beyond those provided by traditional techniques should receive the highest scores.

(P₅) *Recognized Need for the Information to be Acquired* - Within the restoration community, is there a recognized need for information on the technique being investigated? Demonstration projects which provide information on techniques for which there is a great need should receive the highest scores.

(P₆) *Potential for Technological Advancement* - Would the demonstration project significantly advance the traditional technology currently being used to achieve project objectives? Those techniques which have a high potential for completely replacing an existing technique at a lower cost and without reducing wetland benefits should receive the highest scores.



ATTENDANCE RECORD




DATE(S) August 29, 2007 7:00 P.M.	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT	LOCATION Abbeville Courthouse Abbeville, Louisiana Courtroom #1, 2nd floor
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ATTENDANCE RECORD



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PURPOSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Notes from PPL 17 Public Meetings, Wednesday, 29 August 2007, Abbeville Courthouse, Abbeville, LA, 7:00 pm and Thursday, 30 August 2007, New Orleans District Assembly Room.

1. Ms. Melanie Goodman, US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Restoration Branch, Coastal Wetlands Restoration, Planning, and Protection Act (CWPPRA), Senior Project Manager and Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee, Chairwoman: Opened the meetings at 7:00 pm. Ms. Goodman introduced herself and announced that information on all the PPL 17 candidate projects and demonstration projects were available in a packet at the front of the room, and explained the details of how the meeting would be conducted. Ms. Goodman introduced Mr. Kevin Roy, US Fish and Wildlife Service, CWPPRA Environmental Workgroup Chairman and explained that he would briefly discuss all of the candidate PPL 17 projects and candidate demonstration projects, including project features, benefits, and fully funded costs estimates that resulted from evaluations. Ms. Goodman then explained that the floor would be open for public comments after the all projects were presented to allow for individuals to provide support, objection or raise issues about the candidate projects to the CWPPRA Technical Committee and Task Force for decision making purposes.
2. Mr. Roy provided a general overview of what the CWPPRA Engineering, Environmental and Economic Workgroups, along with the Academic Advisory Group accomplished during the PPL 17 candidate project evaluation process, explaining that 20 projects were initially nominated at a Coast Wide Voting meeting in January 2007 and 10 candidate projects were selected by the Technical Committee for Phase 0 evaluation. Mr. Roy explained that Wetland Value Assessments, conceptual designs, fully funded cost estimates based on 20-year project life and prioritization scores were prepared for each candidate project. Mr. Roy also explained that 6 demonstration projects were nominated during the Coast Wide voting meeting and that three candidates were selected by the Technical Committee
3. Mr. Roy presented the ten PPL17 candidate projects and 3 demonstration projects using PowerPoint slides, which included project specific information and a project map for each candidate project.
4. Mr. Roy and Ms. Goodman explained the remaining steps in the PPL 17 selection process and recommended that interested parties provide comments to Technical Committee on September 12th, or provide written comments by September 5th.
5. Comments received during the two public meetings related to the PPL 17 projects and procedures are consolidated by region and project as follows:

REGION I

1. Irish Bayou Wetland Creation and Shoreline Protection Project

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Ms. Wynecta Fisher, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish Government: The project will help protect the city and Bayou Sauvage.

Mr. Billy Marchal, Flood Protection Alliance: The project is a no brainer, it protects the marsh and hurricane evacuation route.

Mr. James Harris, USFWS Refuge Manager, South East Region: Not only will it help the refuge but the project protects New Orleans.

Mr. Bill Kappel, Coastal Environments Incorporated, on behalf of Mr. Lee Richardson, Lake Katherine Homeowner's Association: I am a resident and support the project fully as it contributes to stability in the area.

REGION II

2. Bayou Dupont Marsh and Ridge Creation Project

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mr. John Hebert, Algiers and Waggaman landowner. The Jefferson and Orleans, land bridge project would slow down storm surges coming into Algiers and the Harvey Canal.

Mr. Jason Smith, Jefferson Parish, Department of Environmental Affairs, Marine Fisheries Advisory Board Coordinator. There is not much marsh left in the project area, we need to reestablish the ridge, it protects Orleans and Jefferson parishes.

Mr. Pete Chocheles, Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO), Jefferson Parish Port District. The Bayou Dupont Ridge acts as a barrier against storm surge, and he strongly supports the project.

Mrs. Marnie Winter, Director, Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs. The Bayou Dupont project is the Parish's top priority for PPL 17. It is innovative, as it is the first project that would use river sediment to create ridge habitat and there is strong land owner support. A letter from Mayor Kerner is forth coming.

Mrs. Marietta Green, Land Manager, Madison Land Company. She is a land owner in the area and has worked with the CWPPRA program for 17 years. The project would provide a lot of storm surge protection. She asked that the Technical Committee and Task Force give full support to the project.

Mr. Chris Areas, Resident South of Lafitte, in lower Jefferson Parish. Supports the project and knows landowners that support the project. Suggested that we take a historic picture of the project area and overlay today's photo to show what has been lost. This project is a start, but we need to rebuild the lower marshland.

Vickie Duffourc, Bayou Signet Boaters Association, SCI/Jefferson Parish. The project would restore a natural ridge that makes up the skeletal framework in the middle of the Barataria Basin. It would demonstrate how to build ridges and their relative success. The project would also restore Bayou Dupont. If material would be dredged from the bayou, it would open channel and divert fresh water down to the lower basin where it is needed.

3. Bayou Thunder Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mr. Jason Smith, Jefferson Parish, Department of Environmental Affairs, Marine Fisheries Advisory Board Coordinator. Supports the project. The area has high erosion rates. He realizes that an elevated highway is being built in the area, but there is an unprotected area where marsh creation is needed.

Mr. Pete Chocheles, Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO), Jefferson Parish Port District, agrees with comments made by Mr. Smith, highly recommends project.

4. Caernarvon Outfall Management and Lake Leary Shoreline Restoration

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mr. Chris Areas, Resident South of Lafitte, in lower Jefferson Parish. Supports the project, is land owner in Caernarvon area, which was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina, as can be seen in the area. The Caernarvon diversion helped the area tremendously. This project would help distribute water where it is needed. He suggested dredging 15 or 20 finger canals to provide better flow and a conduit to push water over more areas. Thanked the CWPPRA Program Team for your hard work.

Mr. John Hebert, Algiers and Waggaman Landowner. He fishes in the area, and agreed that there should be more finger outlets for the diversion to distribute water into the marshes. The diversion is working and that would allow the diversion to run harder (at increased capacity).

5. Bohemia Mississippi River Reintroduction Project

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mrs. Michelle Ulm, asked what Mississippi River Mile the project would be located near. No one could provide the answer. (NOTE: The proposed project site is located at the Nestor Canal, Mile 39.8-L Above Head of Passes(East Bank))

Mr. Billy Marchal, Flood Protection Alliance. He thinks the diversion would be too small by a factor of 3 or 4. The coast is dying a death of a 1000 cuts.

6. West Point a la Hache Marsh Creation

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mr. John Hebert, Algiers and Waggaman Landowner. He fishes and hunts in the area, as can be seen by the open water area fingers in the service canals. Need more than the siphon, this is critically needed.

Mr. George Seymour, Algiers Resident. The area took a phenomenal hit from Katrina, needs lots of help, we need to pump in sediment.

Mr. Chris Areas, Resident South of Lafitte, in lower Jefferson Parish. He also strongly supports this project. It is a stepping stone for the area.

7. Pass a Loutre Restoration

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mr. Todd Baker, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). The project has a large price tag, but acreage wise, it provides the most bang for the buck. The project is located on USFWS and LDWF property and fits in with both agency management plans for these public lands. Opens up a natural system that historically created 60,000 acres of deltaic marsh. The pass has closed off over time by natural and man induced processes. In addition

to direct marsh creation, deltaic land would continue to build over time as a result of the open channel and crevasses.

Mr. James Harris, Southeast Louisiana Refuges, Delta Wildlife Refuge. He fully supports the project. The bird's foot delta is a tremendous resource. These are resources that are available to the public to use and enjoy. The project has technical merits. There are lingering issues that affect future potential projects in the delta. The LDNR evaluated all 10 projects for consistency with the states master plan. This is the only one that they determined would not be consistent, not because it isn't in the plan but because the state wants to abandon the delta. If that is LDNRs intent, that intent needs to be clearly stated so that the Task Force and agencies involved can address and plan accordingly in the future.

Dr. John Lopez, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation. Of the other projects east of the Pontchartrain Basin, Irish Bayou, Caernarvon and Bohemia , this project in a negative sense, project has good merit. It supports maintaining the bird foot delta. However, the problem the project would be solving is caused by the Corps of Engineers, because it is cheaper to dispose dredge material into the pass than long distance dumping. He thinks this is a navigation problem that should be supported by other funds from other authorities that created the problem.

REGION III

8. Southeast Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing Project

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mrs. Leslie Suazo, Coastal Restoration and Preservation Director, Terrebonne Parish. Stated that the Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management Committee (TPCZM) discussed and decided to support the South East Lake Boudreaux Project as their priority. This project was a PPL 14 candidate. The project was impacted by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. The USFWS and other CWPPRA projects on Lake Boudreaux along with efforts made by the Conservation District are addressing the northern part of the lake. However, this project is integral to the entire basin restoration. Mrs. Suazo provided resolutions from the Terrebonne Parish Council and the TPCZM committee resolutions supporting this project and the East Island project.

9. Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration - East Island

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mrs. Leslie Suazo, Coastal Restoration and Preservation Director, Terrebonne Parish. Stated that the Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management Committee (TPCZM) discussed and decided to support the East Island Project as their second priority. Mrs. Suazo provided resolutions from the Terrebonne Parish Council and the TPCZM committee resolutions supporting this project and the Southeast Lake Boudreaux Project.

REGION IV

10. East Cove Marsh Creation

Abbeville Meeting:

No Comments were received.

New Orleans Meeting:

No Comments were received.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

1. Bio Engineered Oyster Reef

New Orleans Meeting:

No Comments were received.

Abbeville Meeting:

Mr. Sherrill Sagera, Vermilion Parish Coastal Advisory Board. Asked if the planned demonstration project would be stable and if would say in place. He said it would be a good project to do. His only concern is buoyancy until it the project sets up.

2. Positive Displacement Pump Solution

Abbeville Meeting:

Mr. Mike Carlos, Program Manager, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Asked if demonstration projects are limited to \$2 million. Mr. Roy answered that yes as a general rule. However, this project is outside the historical rang. Mr. John Jurgensen, Natural Resources Conservation Service stated that there isn't a fixed cap, but the goal is to keep projects within \$1 million and that guidelines say \$2 million. The Task Force could approve more, but it is not likely.

Mr. Tom Hess asked if a demonstration project would be funded this year, or if it is possible for one not to. Mr. Roy said it is possible, but there is a good chance that one won't be funded. People have spoken out in the past about demonstration projects not being funded. Mr. Sagera added that demonstrations are true studies and that to eliminate demonstration projects from the CWPPRA process would be bad for the program.

New Orleans Meeting:

Mr. John Hebert, Algiers and Waggaman Landowner. Commented that there is a problem with the cost of this project. He said he thinks this is a private enterprise trying to cash in on our coastal problems. Engineering wise, the project would be a maintenance problem with the pump breakdown and that siphons and uncontrolled diversions don't have those mechanical concerns.

3. Sediment Containment System for Marsh Creation

New Orleans Meeting:

No Comments were received.

Abbeville Meeting:

No comments made.

Bayou Dupont Marsh Creation and Ridge Restoration Project (R2- BA 4)

- Timothy P. Kerner, Mayor, Town of Jean Lafitte
- Edward Perrin, Land Owner
- Louis Parria, Land Owner
- Floyd Adam, Land Owner
- Shelby and Dwight Adam, Land Owners
- Adrian Ruttley, Land Owner
- Woody Crews, Chair, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Jefferson Parish Marine Advisory Board, Wetlands Committee
- Aaron Broussard, Jefferson Parish president
- Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish
- Jason Smith, Coastal Programs Supervisor Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs
- Tracy Kuhns, Executive Director of Louisiana Bayoukeeper, Inc.
- Vickie Duffourc, President of Bayou Segnette Community and Boaters Assoc.

Irish Bayou Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration Project (R1-PO 4)

- Kenneth L. Odinet, District 103 Representative
- Norbert C. White, concerned citizen
- Walker Saik, concerned citizen
- Louise Saik, concerned citizen
- Donna Marak Riess, concerned citizen
- John V. Baus, Jr., concerned citizen
- Sandra Davis, concerned citizen
- Gregory D. Tilton, MD, concerned citizen
- Lisa Ludwig, concerned citizen
- Carol Jane Barbir, concerned citizen
- Col. Terry J. Ebbert, Director of Homeland Security for the City of New Orleans
- C. Ray Nagin, Mayor of New Orleans
- Mr. and Mrs. William Hope, concerned citizens
- Kim B. Stovall, concerned citizen
- Lissa A. Lyncker, biological science graduate student at Univ. of New Orleans
- Lisa Stafford, concerned citizen
- Lake Bullard Homeowners Association, concerned citizens
- Margrett Butler, concerned citizen
- Maria T. Rivas, concerned citizen
- Barry M. Walton, concerned citizen
- Micaela Weaver, concerned citizen
- Shederick Warren, concerned citizen
- Halston Hayes, concerned citizen
- Patricia Weaver, concerned citizen
- Connie Baker, concerned citizen
- Marian Wallis, concerned citizen
- Phil Julien, concerned citizen
- Andrea Durdes-Wescott, concerned citizen
- Charlene Pazore, concerned citizen
- Sue Cappella, concerned citizen
- Michael Murphy, concerned citizen
- Guerry O. Holm, Jr., concerned citizen
- Dan Favre, concerned citizen
- J. Collen Morgan, concerned citizen
- Hope Herron, concerned citizen
- Vaughn C. Breuman, concerned citizen
- Craig M. Cortello, concerned citizen
- Jordan Schneicler, concerned citizen
- Jennifer Pipitone, concerned citizen
- Monica Pasos, concerned citizen

Irish Bayou Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration Project (R1-PO 4) cont.

- Robert Vitrano, concerned citizen
- Joyce Atkins, concerned citizen
- Lisa S. Rubeinl, concerned citizen
- Pamela M. Davis, concerned citizen
- Sharon Hillard, concerned citizen
- Michelle Duroncelet, concerned citizen
- Serda A. Anderson, concerned citizen
- Louis Martinez, Jr., concerned citizen
- Herbert Roy Williams III, concerned citizen
- Kenya J. H. Smith, concerned citizen
- David Robinson-Morris, concerned citizen
- Cheryl Mendy, concerned citizen
- Tyrone Smith, concerned citizen
- Heather Szapary, concerned citizen
- Jennifer Day, concerned citizen
- Katherine Dolese, concerned citizen
- Meridith Hathorn, concerned citizen
- Nathan Champagne, concerned citizen
- Telley S. Madina, concerned citizen
- Tonya Durden, concerned citizen
- Reginald Jackson, concerned citizen
- Shantrice N. Dial, concerned citizen
- Stacey L. Jackson, concerned citizen
- Barry Q. Moore, concerned citizen
- Malaina Jones-Moore, concerned citizen
- Corliss B. Guidry, concerned citizen
- M. Von Nkosi, concerned citizen
- Tiffany Caju, concerned citizen
- Corcherrie Washington, concerned citizen
- Jeanette Delery, concerned citizen
- Nora Ann Winbush, concerned citizen
- Belinda Little-Wood, concerned citizen
- Tracey Jackson, concerned citizen
- Chase Story, concerned citizen
- Daphne Cola, concerned citizen
- Ernest Gethers, concerned citizen
- Alvin G. Porter, concerned citizen
- Patricia A. Smith, concerned citizen
- Carrie Q., concerned citizen

Irish Bayou Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration Project (R1-PO 4) cont.

- Leo F. Richardson II, Board Member/Executive Director of Lake Catherine Civic Association, Inc.
- Audrey Charlot, Associate Broker at Latter and Blum Inc./Realtors
- Rose. M. Powell, concerned citizen
- **Chris Schieble, Research Associate III at Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of New Orleans**

Orleans Landbridge Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection Project (R1-PO 5)

- LaMya Reed, concerned citizen
- Alastair Miller, concerned citizen
- Destiny, concerned citizen
- Tayonna Brumfield, concerned citizen
- Devin, concerned citizen
- Larry Barabino, concerned citizen
- Rie Morgan, concerned citizen
- Bijon Patterson, concerned citizen
- Alexis, concerned citizen
- Glenn Jones Jr., concerned citizen
- Moesha, concerned citizen
- Kiona Montgomery, concerned citizen
- Taylor Conway, concerned citizen
- Harry Dilosa III, concerned citizen
- Dean Morgan, concerned citizen
- Troy Petite, concerned citizen
- Derriel, concerned citizen
- Demi Dijon Durden, concerned citizen
- Charles, concerned citizen
- Haili, concerned citizen
- Kerryon Smith, concerned citizen
- Careyan Stockman, concerned citizen
- Breland Burrell, concerned citizen
- Jalea, concerned citizen
- Dana Paten, concerned citizen
- Qincy, concerned citizen
- Kenneth, concerned citizen
- Dwan Anser, concerned citizen
- Sean Stewart Jr., concerned citizen
- Deja Harrison, concerned citizen
- Chavis Brissette, concerned citizen
- Christopher Fortin, concerned citizen
- Dominique March, concerned citizen
- Renia Johnson, concerned citizen
- Arrienne Johnson, concerned citizen
- DaBreyll Williamson, concerned citizen
- Perre Barbarin, concerned citizen
- Payton Jacobs, concerned citizen
- Tyree Broussard, concerned citizen
- Rashad Bailey, concerned citizen

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Orleans Landbridge Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection Project (R1-PO 5)

- Kacey, concerned citizen
- Na'sheicka Thomas, concerned citizen
- Thomas Blair, concerned citizen
- Calci Dyer, concerned citizen
- Maiya Caldwell, concerned citizen
- Dorrian Stewart, concerned citizen
- Kyrise Lamar Mason, concerned citizen
- Wesley Manning, concerned citizen

PPL 17 Written Public Comments

Pass a Loutre Restoration Project (R2- MR 2)

- Ken Litzenberger, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Project Leader

PPL 17 Written Public Comments

South Lake Boudreaux Marsh Creation and Terracing Project (R3-TE 12)

- Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee

PPL 17 Written Public Comments

Beach and Back Barrier Marsh Restoration – East Island Project (R3-TE 8)

- Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2007

PROJECT DEAUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

For Decision:

The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force for the proposed deauthorizations of the following projects

- a. Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Project (BA-25b)
- b. Labranche Wetlands Terracing, Planting and Shoreline Protection Project (PO-28)
- c. Bonnet Carre Spillway Project (PO-26)
- d. Myrtle Grove Siphon Project (BA-24)



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Honorable David Vitter
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Dear Senator Vitter:

The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (the Task Force) has initiated procedures to deauthorize the Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Project (BA-25b) due to reasons stated below.

The purpose of this 5th Priority Project List project, located in Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, and St. James Parishes, was to reintroduce freshwater into the Terrebonne and Barataria Basins by; installing a receiving intake structure at the point of the diversion in the Mississippi River, a pump/siphon system with a combined discharge capacity of 1,000 cfs, a discharge settling pond/sediment basin in Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville, modifying existing structures, dredging and stabilizing the banks along Bayou Lafourche. The original estimated fully funded cost estimate for the project was \$11,200,000.

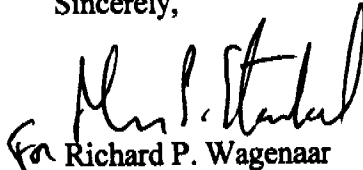
Due to uncertainty of coastal wetland restoration benefits and project cost effectiveness, and because the State of Louisiana wishes to pursue the project under their own discretion, the Task Force is recommending that the project be deauthorized from the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA).

The Task Force is soliciting comments regarding the proposed deauthorization of this project. Comments should be sent to the address shown below no later than August 15, 2007.

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If you have any other comments or questions, please contact Ms. Melanie Goodman,
Acting CWPPRA Program Manager, (504) 862-1940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. Wagenaar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Richard P. Wagenaar
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This letter was sent to the following addressees: Honorable Mary Landrieu, United States Senate, Federal Courthouse, 707 Florida Street, Room 326, Baton Rouge, LA 70801; Honorable David Vitter, United States Senate, One American Place, Suite 2030, Baton Rouge, LA 70825; Honorable Charlie Melancon, Representative in Congress, 404 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Senator "Jody" Amedee, Louisiana Senate, 2109 S. Burnside Ave., Suite A, Gonzales, LA 70737; Senator Joel T. Chaisson, II, Louisiana Senate, P.O. Box 1255, Destrehan, LA 70047; Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr., Louisiana Senate, P. O. Box 3893, Houma, LA 70361-2016, Senator D. A. "Butch" Gautreaux, Louisiana Senate, 1103 Eighth Street, Morgan City, LA 70380, Representative Robert R. "Bobby" Faucheux, Jr., Louisiana House of Representatives, P. O. Box 1960, LaPlace, LA 70069-1960.

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Dear Senator Vitter:

The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (the Task Force) has initiated procedures to deauthorize the LaBranche Wetlands Terracing, Planting and Shoreline Protection Project (PO-28) due to reasons stated below.

The purpose of this 9th Priority Project List project, located in St. Charles Parish, was to reduce emergent marsh loss along the Lake Pontchartrain shoreline by restoring and creating 489 acres through marsh terracing, shoreline protection and vegetative planting. The fully funded cost estimate for the project was \$821,752.

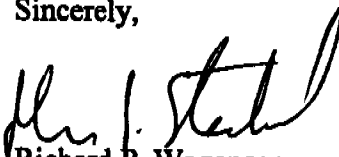
Due to lack of landowner support for the project, the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the Federal and local sponsors, suspended work on the subject project, modified their cost share agreement, and returned unused Phase I funds to the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) program to close out the project in October 2003. As such, the project is being deauthorized by the CWPPRA program as a final administrative formality.

The Task Force is soliciting comments regarding the proposed project transfer. Comments should be sent to the address shown below no later than August 15, 2007.

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August 24, 2007

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**RE: *LaBranche Wetlands Terracing, Plantings, and Shoreline Protection Project
(CWPPRA Project, State Number PO-28, Federal Number PPO-7a)***

Dear Ms. Goodman:

This letter is to express my objection to the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force's deauthorization of the LaBranche Wetlands Terracing, Planting and Shoreline Protection Project (PO-28).

I am strongly in favor of funding this project. This project is critical to the future existence of one of America's most precious conservation wetlands. Please don't let this important area wash away by not funding Project PO-28.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Gary L. Smith, Jr.
State Representative
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Dear Senator Vitter:

The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (the Task Force) has initiated procedures to deauthorize the Opportunistic Use of the Bonnet Carre Spillway Project (PO-26) due to reasons stated below.

The purpose of this 9th Priority Project List project, located in St. Charles Parish, was to decrease salinities, add nutrients and some sediment to Lake Pontchartrain and the surrounding wetlands, especially the Labranche wetlands. The fully funded cost estimate for the project was \$188,383.

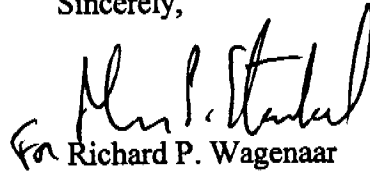
The project is being recommended for deauthorization by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee due to the uncertainty of benefits, the lack of local stakeholder support to increase the flow into Lake Pontchartrain and the unavailability of funds to consider alternatives.

The Task Force is soliciting comments regarding the proposed deauthorization of this Project. Comments should be sent to the address shown below no later than August 15, 2007.

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Dear Senator Vitter:

The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (the Task Force) has initiated procedures to deauthorize the Myrtle Grove Siphon Project (BA-24) due to reasons stated below.

The purpose of this 5th Priority Project List project, located in Plaquemines Parish, was to reestablish seasonal flooding of the Mississippi River by discharging an estimated 2,100 cubic feet of water per second. The fully funded cost estimate for the project was \$15,525,950.

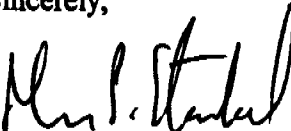
The Task Force Authorized a large scale diversion project, Delta Building Diversion at Myrtle Grove, (BA-33) at the same location as the subject project. The U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the federal and local sponsors, suspended work on the subject project, modified their cost share agreement, and returned unused funds to the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) program to close out the project in December 2003. As such, the project is being deauthorized by the CWPPRA program as a final administrative formality.

The Task Force is soliciting comments regarding the proposed deauthorization of this Project. Comments should be sent to the address shown below no later than August 15, 2007.

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Attention: PPPMD-Restoration Branch, Ms. M. Goodman
Post Office Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

If you have any other comments or questions, please contact Ms. Melanie Goodman,
Acting CWPPRA Program Manager, (504) 862-1940.

Sincerely,


For Richard P. Wagenaar
Colonel, U.S. Army
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2007

**PROJECT TRANSFER REQUEST: BAYOU LAMOQUE FRESHWATER
DIVERSION (BS-13)**

For Decision:

The State has requested that this project be transferred from the CWPPRA program to the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) because it is a Tier 1 project in the State's Draft Coastal Impact Assistance Plan, and the State is currently designing the project to be executed under that plan. The Technical Committee will vote on recommendation to the Task Force for the requested project from CWPPRA to CIAP.



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Planning, Programs, and Project
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Office-Restoration Branch

Honorable David Vitter
United States Senate
One American Place
Suite 2030
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70825

Dear Senator Vitter:

The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force (the Task Force) has initiated procedures to transfer the Bayou Lamoque Freshwater Diversion Project (BS-13) due to reasons stated below.

The purpose of this 15th Priority Project List project, located in Plaquemines Parish, was to modify the existing Bayou Lamoque freshwater diversion by removing gates and mechanical operating systems to create an uncontrolled diversion. The project included placing gaps in natural levee ridges and spoil banks on Bayou Lamoque at strategic locations to facilitate distribution of diverted water and to promote the accretion of new wetlands through the deposition of diverted river sediments. The fully funded cost estimate for the project was \$1,205,354.

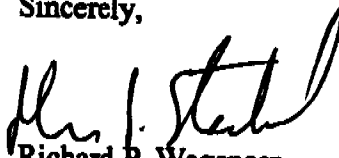
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The Task Force is soliciting comments regarding the proposed project transfer. Comments should be sent to the address shown below no later than August 15, 2007.

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2007

**RACCOON ISLAND SHORELINE PROTECTION/MARSH CREATION
PROJECT (TE-48)**

For Decision:

NRCS and DNR are requesting approval to transfer \$319, 255 from the construction budget of Phase A (breakwaters) to the E&D budget of Phase B (marsh creation).

State of Louisiana



KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF COASTAL RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT

August 8, 2007

Mr. Britt Paul, P.E.
Assistant State Conservationist
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

Re: Local Sponsor Concurrence to Funds Transfer within Budget of Raccoon Island Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation (TE-48) Project.

Dear Mr. Paul:

LDNR concurs with the NRCS request to transfer \$319,255 based on utilizing the original borrow area as detailed in the attached funds breakdown dated August 2, 2007. This amount will be transferred from anticipated surplus construction funds of the TE-48 Breakwaters Phase "A" to complete Phase 1 Engineering and Design work for the Marsh Creation Phase "B" of same project.

In accordance with CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures, we request that you forward this letter of concurrence along with the revised project budget to the Technical Committee for further authorization. Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss this topic further, please contact me 225-342-6871 or chris.knotts@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E.
Director

Attachment

cc: Loland Broussard, NRCS
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September 12, 2007

GIWW BANK RESTORATION OF CRITICAL AREAS (TE-43)

For Decision:

NRCS and DNR are requesting that the Technical Committee review the GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) Change in Project Scope Report and recommend approval of the scope change to the Task Force.

Gallagher, Anne E MVN-Contractor

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Subject: Project Scope Change Report to Technical Committee regarding TE-43 GIWW Bank Restoration in Critical Areas of Terrebonne

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Attachments: TE-43 TC Report Final 8-29-07.doc



TE-43 TC Report
Final 8-29-07....

CWPPRA Technical Committee,
As discussed at the last Technical Committee meeting and per the SOP section 6 (e) (3). NRCS and DNR are requesting the Technical Committee to review the attached report and recommend approval of the scope change to the Task Force for the above referenced project. If it is possible, we would like to add this as an agenda item for the upcoming meeting. If it is too late we would like to have it considered under "additional agenda items".

Thanks,

Britt

<<TE-43 TC Report Final 8-29-07.doc>>

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GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) Change in Project Scope

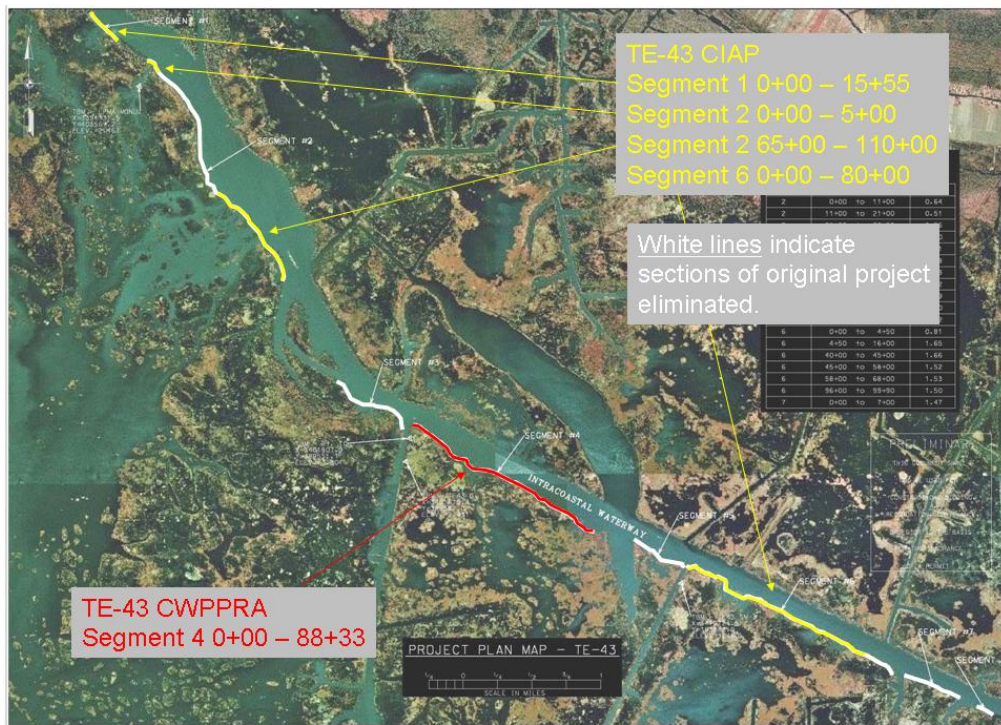
Report to the Technical Committee

The original GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas (TE-43) project consisted of 41,000 linear ft of bankline protection. The Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) adopted approximately 14,500 linear ft of the most critical area of the project where the bankline has already breached into the adjacent floating marshes. The NRCS-DNR project team has also determined that 17,500 linear ft of the original project can be eliminated because the bank appears to be relatively stable. Therefore, NRCS and LDNR have agreed to a change in project scope with the revised project consisting of 8,800 ft of the original project to complete the protection of the bankline determined by the project team to be most critical.

The following table provides a comparison of the original and revised projects.

	Original Project	Revised Project
Fully-funded cost	\$29,987,641	\$13,089,417 (2006 estimate)
Net Acres @ Year 20	366	79
AAHUs	183	39.4
Prioritization Score	36.35	36.35

Using the 2006 cost estimate, the Prioritization Score has been updated and concurrence received from LDNR on August 23, 2007. Prior to upcoming the Phase II funding submittal, an updated cost estimate will be prepared and the Prioritization Score updated, if needed.



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STATUS OF UNCONSTRUCTED PROJECTS

For Discussion/Decision:

As directed by the Task Force, the P&E Subcommittee will report on the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects that are, experiencing project delays. Discussions will include the status on milestones and decisions will be on directions to take on the following projects as outlined below:

- a. West Point a la Hache Outfall Management Project: project update and status on change project scope.
- b. Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration Project: update on revised WVA milestone, request for construction approval.
- c. Periodic Introduction of Sediment and Nutrients at Selected Diversion Sites
- d. Mississippi River Sediment Trap Project
- e. Benney's Bay: Induced Shoaling Issue

West Point a la Hache (BA-04c)

Status Report for September 12, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting

- By the end of September, a draft revised WVA will be submitted to LDNR for Project Team Review. Upon concurrence between NRCS and LDNR, draft revised WVA will be sent to EnvWG for review.
- A Scope of services for Engineering and Design has been prepared by LDNR and reviewed by NRCS. LDNR is initiating contracting for said Scope.

Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration (CS-09)

Status Report for September 12, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting

- By September 12, a draft revised WVA will be submitted to LDNR for Project Team Review. Upon concurrence between NRCS and LDNR, draft revised WVA will be sent to EnvWG for review.
- Public Notice period for permit modification ended on August 20, 2007. No comments were received. USACE is waiting to issue permit after internal Corps review of the containment cells. The expected date of issuance of permit should be no later than September 30, 2007.
- All necessary landowner easements have been executed.
- Coordination for pipeline crossings is ongoing.
- Plans and specifications are anticipated to be complete by November 12, 2007. LDNR and NRCS review should be completed by December 15, 2007. Final version ready for contracting should be completed by January 15, 2008.

Status Review - Unconstructed CWPPRA Projects
August 29, 2007

1. Project Name (and number): Periodic Introduction of Sediment and Nutrients at Selected Diversion Sites Demonstration (MR-11)

2. PPL: 9

3. Federal Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers

4. Date of Construction Approval / Phase Two Approval: 2000

5. Approved Total Budget: \$1.50 million

6. Expenditures: \$31,725

7. Unexpended Funds: \$1,471,092

8. Estimate of anticipated funding increases, including O&M:

9. Potential changes to project benefits:

10. Brief chronology of project development and issues affecting implementation:

2000

Jan 2000	The project was approved by CWPPRA Task Force on PPL 9.
Apr 2000	Development of the draft project work plan was initiated.

2001

Mar 2001	Kick-off meeting was held and work plan approved.
Jun 2001	Potential demonstration sites considered. Naomi Siphon decided as best place to try demo.
Oct 2001	Site visit to Naomi Siphon.

2002

May 2002	Draft cost sharing agreement developed.
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2003

Apr 2003	Hydraulics report finished indicating Naomi not adequate to carry sediment.
May 2003	Determine to consider the possibility of demo at Caernarvon.
Jun 2003	Began talking to stakeholders: LADNR, Caernarvon Advisory Board, Pulsing Study Team.

2004

	Developed scope of sediment delivery via Caernarvon
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2005
Mar 2005 Hydraulics team determined sediment capacity of Caenarvon outfall canal.
Jun 2005 Waterways located possible sediment sources. Costs engineering developed alternatives for sediment delivery.
Aug 2005 Preliminary report drafted with tentatively selected plan.
Aug 2005 Project stalled due to Katrina workload

2006
Nov 2006 Began discussion to ensure consistency with this project and 4th Supplemental project Modification to Caenarvon

2007 Need to close out Preliminary Design Report with LADNR.

11. Current status/remaining issues:

USACE is working on closing out the report. The close out report will document the limited impact of the project due to high dredging costs and budget constraints.

12. Projected schedule:

Preliminary Design Report should be complete by November 2007.

13. Preparer: Joan Lanier, USACE, 504-862-1814

Benneys Bay Sediment Diversion (MR-13)
Status Report - September 6, 2007

Project Managers: Miller (Corps)/ Beall (DNR)

Purpose: A 50,000 cfs controlled sediment diversion near mile 7.5 AHP in the Mississippi River is proposed. This site was chosen to divert river water because it is located at the trailing end of a sandbar where sediment capture and diversion into the bay would be maximized. The river water conveyance channel would be approximately 1,200 feet wide and 25 feet deep and slope up to the existing bottom depth of the receiving area (-2 ft) in Benneys Bay. Dredged material generated during construction of the channel would be placed in shallow open water to create about 100 acres of marsh. The construction material would be pumped through hydraulic pipelines (both floating and shore pipe) and would require two temporary construction access corridors to route the pipeline. To aid in sub-delta growth, bifurcation channels would be dredged approximately every five years on state waterbottoms within the outfall area. Two facilities require relocation prior to channel construction: a 16-inch crude oil pipeline owned by Shell and electric power lines owned by Entergy. In addition, approximately 1,200 feet of foreshore dike would need to be removed from the riverbank at the mouth of the diversion channel. Three-dimensional computer modeling estimates that the diversion would cause induced shoaling downstream in the Mississippi River in both the navigation channel and the Pilottown Anchorage Area. Induced shoaling associated with the sediment diversion would be removed from the river through maintenance dredging actions paid for with CWPPRA project funds. All of the maintenance dredged material would be used beneficially to create wetlands in Benneys Bay or West Bay. A rock scour lining will be installed across the mouth of the diversion to maintain channel slopes and depths

Current Status: The project design team has completed a draft 95% design report and draft plans and specifications. The information has been reviewed at the LDNR and some minor comments on the design report remain unresolved. However, a larger issue – the problem of induced shoaling in the Mississippi River - is impacting the completion of the final design review milestone. Modeling indicates that construction of the proposed river diversion will cause substantial shoaling in the river. Costs to remove the material from the channel are the responsibility of the project. In the past LDNR has sought to limit the O&M budget for dredging to \$10 million but that would not cover the estimated 20 years of required maintenance.

NEXT ACTIONS: Resolve induced shoaling issue. Work with LDNR on how to proceed with the project and how to handle larger programmatic issue of delta management. The project ranks very high on the prioritization list and can be consistent with the State's Master Plan for Coastal Protection and Restoration through the Mississippi River Delta Management. The USACE would like to complete the 95% design review and let the project compete for construction funds. DNR's position is that completing 95% design review is dependent on working through the induced shoaling issue. A project status report is set for Technical Committee in September.

Approval Level: Phase I approved in Aug 2001; 30% design review September 2002; 95% review - on hold pending induced shoaling issue resolution.

Sediment Trap Below Venice and the Head of Passes
Status Report
September 6, 2007

Project Managers:

Lanier (Corps)/ Beall (DNR)

Purpose:

A proposed sediment trap between Miles 1 and 5 AHP would capitalize on the river's natural deposition of material in this area. The size and location of the 4 mile x 1500 ft x 20 ft deep sediment trap was determined through modeling to maximize capture of sediments. The project could provide material to recreate emergent wetlands in the extensive open water areas on both sides of the river in the delta. Construction of the project will reduce downstream maintenance requirements in the navigation channel.

- USACE/LDNR team will identify alternative sites for marsh creation.

Current Status:

Alternatives map & acreage data submitted to LDNR in Nov 2003.

Plan reformulation meetings held Nov 02, Feb 03, May 03, July 03, August 03

Task Force approved Phase I funding with direction that additional environmental alternatives be developed.

Kickoff/alternatives scoping meeting held in Sept 2002.

Study report completed in Dec 2001.

Detailed Phase I cost estimate was prepared in April 02.

NEXT ACTIONS:

Seek LDNR position on how to proceed. LDNR to submit a letter to Corps asking for written confirmation that they can dredge outside the channel with Ops maintenance funding.

As of September 6, 2007 letter from LDNR has not been received.

Project status to be given to Technical Committee on September 12, 2007

Approval Level: Phase I approved by TF in Aug 02

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IMPACTS OF CONVERTING PPL 1-8 TO CASH FLOW

For Discussion/Decision:

The P&E presented an overview of the impacts of converting PPL 1-8 projects to cash flow procedures on cost share and land rights agreements at the last Technical Committee and Task Force meetings. A summary of the estimated potential construction and long-term O&M and Monitoring funds tied up in PPL 1-8 that could be used to fund projects that are eligible for construction in the near term was also provided. A completed analysis of Construction and long term O&M and Monitoring funds will be presented to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will consider and vote on whether or not they will recommend to the Task Force to convert PPL 1-8 to cash flow procedures, weighing the impacts on cost share and land rights agreements; the total amount of funds that could be available to fund construction of eligible projects; whether or not unexpended construction funds from unconstructed projects would be included and if those projects would then be subject to the standard operating procedures for cash flow projects (i.e., 30% and 95% design review and Phase II approval and funding requirements).

SUMMARY OF PPL 1-8 FUNDS THAT COULD BE USED TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF CASH FLOW PROJECTS:

The following spreadsheets provide project specific details of unexpended PPL 1-8 funds and potential amounts that could be used to fund construction for cash flow projects that are eligible for Phase II. Separate spreadsheets are provided for Construction, O&M and Monitoring Funding Categories. A summary of the total funds for all three categories is provided below.

Total Unexpended PPL 1-8 Funds

Construction	\$21,542,342
O&M	\$31,642,415
Monitoring	\$14,359,656
Total	\$67,544,413

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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**ANNOUNCEMENT: DATE AND LOCATION OF UPCOMING TASK FORCE
MEETING**

Announcement:

The next Task Force meeting will be held October 25, 2007 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office, 7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana in the District Assembly Room.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

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ANNOUNCEMENT: SCHEDULED DATES OF FUTURE PROGRAM MEETINGS

Announcement:

2007			
October 25, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
2008			
January 16, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
February 13, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
February 19, 2008	1:00 p.m.	RPT Region IV	Rockefeller Refuge
February 20, 2008	9:00 a.m.	RPT Region III	Morgan City
February 21, 2008	9:00 a.m.	RPT Region II	New Orleans
February 21, 2008	1:00 p.m.	RPT Region I	New Orleans
March 5, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Coast-wide RPT Voting	Baton Rouge
April 16, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
May 21, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette
September 10, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
October 15, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
November 18, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	Abbeville
November 19, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	New Orleans
December 3, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
2009			
January 21, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge

* Dates in **BOLD** are new or revised dates.