Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (Breaux Act)
Priority Project List 17
Regional Planning Team (RPT) Coast-wide Voting Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA – February 7, 2007, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

AGENDA

Meeting Purpose: The Regional Planning Teams (RPTs) met on January 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2007 to accept nominations under PPL17. The CWPPRA Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Subcommittee Chairman will chair this coast-wide voting meeting. RPTs will select PPL17 nominees at this coast-wide voting meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions (LeBlanc), 9:30 – 9:35 a.m.

2. Explanation of Procedures for Today’s PPL17 Coast-wide Voting Meeting and Announcements (LeBlanc), 9:35 – 9:45 a.m.

3. Coast-wide Voting by Basin (LeBlanc)*, 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
The RPTs will choose two PPL17 project nominees per basin (except for three nominees each for Barataria and Terrebonne Basins) and six demonstration projects. Additional projects may not be nominated at this meeting, nor will any significant changes to projects proposed at the January RPT meetings be allowed. Additional public comments will not be accepted at this meeting (public comment was solicited at the January RPT meetings and additional written comments were forwarded to the P&E Subcommittee Chairman for dissemination to the CWPPRA agencies).

   Region 4 – Mermentau Basin
   Region 4 – Calcasieu-Sabine Basin
   Region 3 – Teche-Vermilion Basin
   Region 3 – Atchafalaya Basin
   Region 3 – Terrebonne Basin
   Region 2 – Barataria Basin
   Region 2 – Breton Sound Basin
   Region 2 – Mississippi River Delta Basin
   Region 1 – Pontchartrain Basin
   Coastwide Demonstration Projects

4. Adjourn (LeBlanc), 12:30 p.m.

* Note: “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.” [PPL 17 Selection Process, Section II (B)]. The voting process will be a ranked vote. Each agency and parish representative will be given a specific number of votes (matching the number of competing projects in that basin); they are to award their highest ranking PPL 17 project nominee the highest number of points, the next highest one less, and so forth, to the lowest nominee that receives 1 point. The points (votes) for each project will be totaled. The two nominees per basin (three in Barataria and Terrebonne) and the six demonstration projects receiving the highest number of points will be reported to the Technical Committee for their selection of PPL 17 candidate projects on March 14th, 2007.