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Technical Committee Meeting

December 6, 2006

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

December 6, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Location:

LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Room
2000 Quail Dr.
Baton Rouge, La.

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<http://lacoast.gov/reports/program/index.asp>

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Agenda Item

- 1. Report: Status of Breaux Act Program and Project Funds (LeBlanc) 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.** Ms. LeBlanc will discuss the construction program and the status of the CWPPRA accounts, to aid the Technical Committee in making today's funding decisions.
- 2. Decision: Request for Additional Phase II Increment 1 Funding for the West Lake Boudreaux Project (TE-46) (Clark) 9:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.** The Technical Committee will consider the request by the FWS and DNR for additional funding for the West Lake Boudreaux Project due to the increased costs of rock and hydraulic dredging after the 2005 hurricanes. Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$14.6 million was approved by the Task Force on February 8, 2006. It is anticipated that additional Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$1,916,859 is needed because rock and hydraulic dredging costs have increased as a result of the 2005 hurricanes.
- 3. Decision: Request Additional Phase II Increment 1 Construction Funds for the Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection Project (PO-30) (Parrish) 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** The Lake Borgne Shoreline Protection Project received Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$16.6 million from the CWPPRA Task Force on February 8, 2006. EPA and LDNR final project review efforts prior to bid solicitation (anticipated in early 2007) indicate pre-Katrina/Rita cost estimates for the authorized project should be made consistent with post-hurricane material costs and recent project awards. In order to avoid likely construction bid overruns in 2007, EPA is seeking an increase in Phase II Increment 1 funding in the amount of \$6,925,824.

4. Decision: Request for Phase II Authorization and Approval of Phase II Increment 1 Funding (O&M only) for the "Lake Borgne Segment" of the Lake Borgne/MRGO Shoreline Protection Project (PO-32) (Podany) 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. The 3rd Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act provided funds for construction of shoreline protection in the area of the MRGO. A portion of these funds are being utilized to build the Lake Borgne segment of the PO-32 CWPPRA project. A contract for this work was awarded by the Corps of Engineers in September 2006 and construction is scheduled to begin in January 2007. The work is being completed using designs and NEPA documents completed under CWPPRA Phase I. The project will build 18,820 feet of rock dike to protect 93 acres of marsh along the southern shoreline of Lake Borgne between Doullut's Canal and Jahncke's Ditch. The Corps is requesting Phase II authorization and Phase II Increment 1 funding (O&M only) for the Lake Borgne segment of the PO-32 project. Increment 1 cost, not including initial construction, is \$9,159,788 (fully funded). The 20-year O&M cost is \$13,799,013. It is proposed that the required O&M funds be provided by CWPPRA to maintain the project under the same procedures identified for CWPPRA projects constructed with CIAP funds.

5. Decision: Request for Phase II Authorization and Approval of Phase II Increment 1 Funding (Podany) 10:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. The Technical Committee will consider requests for Phase II authorization and approval of Phase II Increment 1 funding of projects on PPLs 9 through 15, for recommendation to the Task Force. Due to limited funding, the Technical Committee will recommend a list of projects to the Task Force for Phase II authorization and Increment 1 funding within available program construction funding limits. Each project listed in the below table will be discussed individually by its sponsoring agency, Technical Committee members, and the general public in the following format:

- a. Agency presentation on individual projects (5 minutes max)
- b. Technical Committee questions and comments on individual projects
- c. Public comments on individual projects (Comments should be limited to 1-2 minutes)

Following presentations and discussion on individual projects, the Technical Committee will rank all projects to aid in deciding which to recommend to the Task Force for Phase II authorization and approval of Increment 1 funding.

Agency	Project No.	PPL	Project Name	Construction Start Date	Phase II Total Cost	Phase II Incr. 1 Funding Request	Acres Benefitted Over 20 Years	Prioritization Score	30% Design Review Meeting Date	95% Design Review Meeting Date
NRCS	BA-27c(3)	9	Barataria Basin Landbridge, Phase 3 - CU 7	Aug-07	\$25,765,121	\$21,538,790	180	45.55	20 Aug 03 (A)	2 Sep 04 (A)
NMFS	AT-04	9	Castille Pass Channel Sediment Delivery	Jun-07	\$29,045,754	\$18,933,969	577	59.50	20 Jan 04 (A)	13 Oct 05 (A)
FWS	BA-36	11	Dedicated Dredging on Barataria Basin Landbridge - Fill Site 1	Aug-07	\$15,378,401	\$15,231,142	242	56.00	17 Dec 03 (A)	29 Jul 04 (A)
NMFS	BA-30	9	East Grand Terre Island Restoration	Aug-07	\$34,393,708	\$33,881,341	335	60.00	26 May 05 (A)	30 Nov 05 (A)
COE	TV-11b	9	Freshwater Bayou Bank Stab-Belle Isle Canal-Lock	Apr-07	\$28,571,202	\$25,676,625	241	39.50	27 Jun 02 (A)	22 Jan 04 (A)
NRCS	TE-43	10	GIWW Bank Restoration of Critical Areas in Terrebonne - Segments 1, 2, 6	Aug-07	\$15,968,228	\$13,175,993	132	40.25	21 Jan 03 (A)	26 Aug 04 (A)
FWS	PO-33	13	Goose Point/Point Platte Marsh Creation	Jun-07	\$19,137,181	\$18,989,923	436	53.00	20 Jul 06 (A)	8 Nov 06 (A)
COE	ME-21	11	Grand Lake Shoreline Protection - with Tebo Point	Aug-07	\$23,068,344	\$20,331,947	540	61.25	11 May 04 (A)	16 Aug 04 (A)
COE	PO-32b	12	Lake Borgne & MRGO Shoreline Prot - MRGO Segment**	Apr-07	\$34,637,092	\$31,924,591	173	36.50	11 Aug 04 (A)	29 Mar 05 (A)
NMFS	ME-18	10	Rockefeller Refuge	Jun-07	\$10,544,865	\$10,544,865	N/A	NA	28 Sep 04 (A)	20 Sep 05 (A)
EPA	TE-47	11	Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration	May-07	\$49,183,319	\$48,901,961	195	60.00	5 Oct 04 (A)	28 Sep 05 (A)
NRCS	TE-39	9	South Lake DeCade - CU 1	Aug-07	\$3,171,215	\$2,221,045	202	74.95	19 Jul 04 (A)	2 Sep 04 (A)

6. Discussion/Decision: Transitioning Projects to Other Authorities (LeBlanc) 11:40

a.m. to 11:50 a.m. The P&E Subcommittee will give a report to the Technical Committee on the process to transition projects to other authorities. Unanswered questions related to the transfer process will be discussed. The Technical Committee will be asked to approve the transfer process, as recommended by the P&E Subcommittee.

7. Discussion: Funding of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Transferable CWPPRA Projects (Clark) 11:50

a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Technical Committee will discuss issue of the CWPPRA Program funding all, part, or none of EIS/NEPA development for projects that maybe be potentially transferred to other authorities. The results of this discussion will be reported back to the Task Force.

8. Discussion: Status of Unconstructed Projects (Podany) 12:00 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

As directed by the Task Force, the Technical Committee will discuss the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects which may be experiencing project delays. The discussions will include individual project delays and potential solutions. The results of this discussion will be reported back to the Task Force.

9. Discussion: Long-Term O&M of CWPPRA Projects Including a Breakdown of O&M by Project Type (Podany) 12:10 p.m. to 12:20 p.m. As directed by the Task Force, the Technical Committee will discuss the funding of long-term O&M of CWPPRA projects. This discussion will include issues such as increases in O&M cost over time, breakdown of O&M cost by project type, and the cost/benefit of continuing O&M activities. The results of this discussion will be reported back to the Task Force.

10. Discussion: Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)-Wetlands Monitoring (Podany) 12:20 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Technical Committee will discuss the status and funding of the CRMS program to get a better understanding of the yearly funding requirements and program efforts.

11. Additional Agenda Items (Podany) 12:30 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.

12. Announcement: Priority Project List 17 Regional Planning Team Meetings (LeBlanc) 12:35 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.

January 9, 2007	Region IV Planning Team Meeting (Rockefeller Refuge)
January 10, 2007	Region III Planning Team Meeting (Morgan City)
January 11, 2007	Regions I and II Planning Team Meetings (New Orleans)
February 7, 2007	Coast-wide RPT Voting Meeting (Baton Rouge)

13. Date of Upcoming Task Force Meeting (LeBlanc) 12:40 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. The next Task Force meeting will be held January 31, 2007 at the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in Baton Rouge, LA.

14. Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings (LeBlanc) 12:45 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

2007			
January 9, 2007	10:00 a.m.	RPT Region IV	Rockefeller Refuge
January 10, 2007	9:00 a.m.	RPT Region III	Morgan City
January 11, 2007	9:00 a.m.	RPT Region II	New Orleans
January 11, 2007	1:00 p.m.	RPT Region I	New Orleans
January 31, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
February 7, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Coast-wide RPT Voting	Baton Rouge
March 14, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
April 11, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette
June 13, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
July 11, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
August 29, 2007	7:00 p.m.	PPL17 Public Meeting	Abbeville
August 30, 2007	7:00 p.m.	PPL17 Public Meeting	New Orleans
September 12, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
October 17, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
December 5, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge
2008			
January 30, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge

Adjourn

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REPORT: STATUS OF BREAUX ACT PROGRAM AND PROJECT FUNDS

Potential Construction Program Funding Requests for 6 Dec 06 Technical Committee Meeting					12/1/2006
	Total Request	TC?	Fed	Non-Fed	TC recommendation
Funds Available:					
Funds Available, 1 Dec 06 (including FY07 allocation)			\$55,305,846	\$9,759,855	
Total	\$65,065,701		\$55,305,846	\$9,759,855	
Agenda Item 1: Status of Breaux Act Funds					
Column left blank in case TC wants to "set aside" funds for construction cost increases			\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Agenda Item 2: Request for Additional Phase II Increment 1 Funds					
W Lake Boudreaux (TE-46)	\$1,916,859		\$1,629,330	\$287,529	\$0
Total	\$1,916,859		\$1,629,330	\$287,529	
Agenda Item 3: Request for Additional Phase II Increment 1 Funds					
Lake Borgne (PO-30)	\$6,925,824		\$5,886,950	\$1,038,874	\$0
Total	\$6,925,824		\$5,886,950	\$1,038,874	
Agenda Item 4: Request for Phase II Authorization and Phase II Increment 1 Funding (O&M only)					
"Lake Borgne Segment" of MRGO/Lake Borgne SP (PO-32)	\$9,159,788		\$7,785,820	\$1,373,968	\$0
Total	\$9,159,788		\$7,785,820	\$1,373,968	
Agenda Item 5: Request for Phase II Authorization and Phase II Increment 1 Funding					
Barataria Basin LB, Phase 3, CU 7	\$21,538,790		\$18,307,972	\$3,230,819	\$0
Castille Pass Sediment Delivery	\$18,933,969		\$16,093,874	\$2,840,095	\$0
Dedicated Dredging on Barataria Basin Landbridge - Fill Site 1	\$15,231,142		\$12,946,471	\$2,284,671	\$0
East Grand Terre Island Restoration	\$33,881,341		\$28,799,140	\$5,082,201	\$0
Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization - Belle Isle Canal - Lock	\$25,676,625		\$21,825,131	\$3,851,494	\$0
GIWW Bank Restoration in Critical Areas in Terrebonne (Segments 1,2,6)	\$13,175,993		\$11,199,594	\$1,976,399	\$0
Goose Point/Point Platte Marsh Creation	\$18,989,923		\$16,141,435	\$2,848,488	\$0
Grand Lake Shoreline Protection - with Tebo Point	\$20,331,947		\$17,282,155	\$3,049,792	\$0
Lake Borgne & MRGO Shoreline Protection - MRGO Segment	\$31,924,591		\$27,135,902	\$4,788,689	\$0
Rockefeller Refuge	\$10,544,865		\$8,963,135	\$1,581,730	\$0
Ship Shoal: Whiskey West Flank Restoration	\$48,901,961		\$41,566,667	\$7,335,294	\$0
South Lake DeCade - CU1	\$2,221,045		\$1,887,888	\$333,157	\$0
Total	\$261,352,192		\$222,149,363	\$39,202,829	
December 2006/January 2007 Approvals					
	\$279,354,663				\$0
Available Funds Surplus/Shortage					
					\$65,065,701

Non-Cash Flow (PPL 1 thru 8)

Brown Lake
Sabine Cycle 2
Penchant Basin
Grand Bayou
Lake Boudreaux
West Point a la Hache

Scheduled Const Start

Feb 2007
Jun 2007
Feb 2008
Mar 2008
May 2008
Unscheduled

Cash Flow Projects With Approved Phase II

Lake Borgne SP
Periodic Intro Demo
Terrebonne Bay Demo
Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou
West Lake Boudreaux
Barataria Barrier Island, CU 2
North Lake Mechant, CU 2

Scheduled Const Start

Feb 2007 Revised estimate being prepared
Apr 2007
Apr 2007
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Subject: RE: Additional Item for Technical Committee Agenda (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Caveats: NONE

Dan, all:

The Corps agrees with LDNR's concern.

Gay has put together a list of projects that are either: (1) non-cash flow projects that have approved funding, or (2) cash flow projects that have approved Phase II funding. These projects have not yet begun construction and scheduled construction start dates are shown. These projects may potentially require additional funds because of increases in construction costs post-K and post-R.

The Corps agrees that this item can be discussed further under Agenda Item 1 - Status of Breaux Act Program and Project Funds.

Travis: Please include this information in the binder under Tab 1.

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: RE: Additional Item for Technical Committee Agenda

The CWPRA community realizes that construction costs have increased due to the 2005 hurricanes. At next week's Technical Committee meeting, two projects are on the agenda to request additional construction funding. DNR is concerned that there are other projects that have Phase 2 approval, but have not yet been put out for bid, that will probably require additional construction funding during 2007, e.g. North Lake Mechant and Pelican Island. It would be beneficial for the Tech Committee to know how much the increases may be (at least ballpark estimates) before decisions are made on the Phase 2 requests in agenda item 4. The Tech Committee may want to consider setting aside a sufficient amount during agenda item 1. Feed the children we have before birthing more, as it were.

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