



FY2020 Annual Plan Comments

Comments are due no later than March 9, 2019, to the following mail or email address:

- Email to coastal@la.gov
- Mail to CPRA, attn: FY2020 Annual Plan Comments, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

General Comments

- **Vital Restoration Projects Advance:** There are a significant number of vital, priority projects funded and advancing through the Annual Plan. Given the urgency of our crisis, we have tremendous opportunity and responsibility right now in coastal Louisiana to move these projects forward.
 - The \$2.5 billion coastal protection and restoration budget over the next 3 years, of which \$1.8 billion for projects in construction, is a sign that our state is taking this crisis and its urgency seriously and stepping up with major action.
 - We are nearing the \$1 billion expended annual on restoration and protection projects, an important milestone in our state's coastal program. We would like to continue to encourage the state to maximize and leverage all available coastal dollars through both traditional and alternative financing and delivery methods.
- **Time is of the Essence/Lead with Science:** With the Gulf of Mexico inching closer every day, the threat to millions of people across our state, fish and wildlife, as well as businesses and infrastructure is ever increasing. It is absolutely critical the state prioritize science in planning and put available funding toward the best, most powerful coastal projects as quickly as possible to match the urgency of our crisis.
- **Dedication of GOMESA Dollars:** In the next 12 months alone, over \$120 million in GOMESA revenues will be expended. This represents a critical investment to help protect over 2 million Louisianians who live and work along our coast, including in the Bayou Region, where we have contributed our own dollars to better protect our communities.
 - See below for more/specific expenditures in the Bayou Region.
 - \$22 million in GOMESA revenues will be used to build or improve levees and critical components of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes through the North Lafourche, South Lafourche, and Terrebonne Levee Districts.
 - \$10 million for levee repair work in Grand Isle
 - \$35 million for a critical pump station in Bayou Lafourche that will provide freshwater to the marshes in Lafourche Parish
 - \$57.4 million for the Houma Navigation Canal Lock Complex in Terrebonne Parish over three years
- **Dedication of Surplus Dollars to Coastal:** While we understand the process of recognizing the budget surplus, we would like to commend the current administration for dedicating \$65 million of surplus dollars so far to the coastal program, including:
 - \$15 million returned to the coastal trust fund previously swept
 - \$40 million to use for the Westshore- Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project which unlocks over \$760 million in federal funds, a great example of maximizing and leveraging all coastal dollars available
 - \$10 million in additional funds to increase the footprint of existing coastal projects

Parish Specific Comments

We are highly appreciative of the following regional projects listed in the plan for FY20, FY21, FY22:

Terrebonne

- **Morganza to the Gulf (TE-0064)**
 - STATE and Surplus - \$5,500,000 via TLCD
- **LaCache Pump Station**
 - Surplus- \$2,000,000 via TLCD
- **Increase Atchafalaya Flow to Terrebonne (TE-0110)**
 - Design and Engineering- \$15,990,381
- **Houma Navigation Canal Lock Complex (TE-0113)**
 - Design, Engineering and Construction- \$208,479,786
- **Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment (TE-0117)**
 - CWPPRA- \$91,646
- **Terrebonne Basin Ridge and Marsh Creation – Bayou Terrebonne Increment (TE-0139)**
 - Design and Engineering: \$42,950,000
- **Terrebonne Basin Barrier Island and Beach Nourishment (TE-0143)**
 - Via NFWF: \$162,000,000
- **Bayou DeCade Ridge and Marsh Creation (TE-0138)**
 - CWPPRA - Estimated Cost \$34.4 million
 - NOTE: The project completed Phase 1 and was recommended for Phase 2 funding in December. Phase 2 funding has not been approved due to the Government Shutdown. When shutdown is over, it is anticipated that the CWPPRA Task Force will approve Phase 2 funding
- **NRDA REC USE PROJECTS**
 - **Island Road Fishing Piers (TE-0144)** CPRA - Estimated Cost \$3,000,000
 - **Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA Enhancements (TE-0146)** CPRA - Estimated Cost \$5,012,000

Lafourche

- **Levee Improvements for Gheens Community (NLLD)**
 - GOMESA- Total Cost \$1,000,000
- **Little Bayou L’Bleu Structure (SLLD)**
 - GOMESA – Total Cost \$1,300,000
- **Caminada Headland Beach and Dune Restoration (BA-0045)**
 - Surplus - Total Cost \$86,840
- **Morganza to the Gulf (TE-0064)**
 - STATE and Surplus - \$5,500,000
- **Cut-Off/Pointe Aux Chene Levee (TE-0078)**
 - CDBG - \$800,000
- **E-North & E-South Levee Lift (SLLD)**
 - Surplus – Estimated Cost \$500,000
- **Caminada Headlands Back Barrier Marsh Creation (BA-0171)**
 - CWPPRA - \$26,510,851
 - We would like to see this project combined with the proposed Caminada Headlands Back Barrier Marsh Creation Increment II to capitalize on construction and mobilization efficiencies by constructing the two projects at the same time.
- **East Leeville Marsh Creation and Nourishment (BA-0194)**
 - CWPPRA - \$177,600
- **Sediment Diversion Implementation and Program Management for Mid-Barataria and Mid-Breton (LA-0276)**
 - NFWF: \$7,796,951
- **North Catfish Lake Marsh Creation (TE-0112)**
 - CWPPRA - \$111,000
- **Terrebonne Basin Barrier Island and Beach Nourishment (TE-0143)**
 - Via NFWF: \$162,000,000
- **Grand Bayou Freshwater Reintroduction (TE-0145)**
 - RESTORE MATCHING– Estimated Cost \$412,722
- **Hollywood Canal Closure Structure (NLLD)**
 - GOMESA – \$6,527,500
- **Reach L (SLLD)**
 - GOMESA - \$6,000,000
- **40 Arpent Canal Levee – Lockport Co. Canal to Butch Hill Station (NLLD)**
 - GOMESA - \$6,450,000
- **Larose to Golden Meadow (SLLD)**
 - Surplus funds: \$5,143,400