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## **CPRA Requests Clarity on GOMESA Funding for Louisiana**

**BATON ROUGE, LA.— Oct. 20, 2017** — This morning, Governor John Bel Edwards' Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities, Johnny Bradberry, who also serves as Chair of the state's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, issued a letter to Louisiana's Congressional Delegation requesting assistance in getting Federal clarity on Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding allocations. The letter follows an announcement earlier this week at the Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> CPRA Board meeting, that Louisiana will only get about half of the \$176 million maximum in offshore oil revenue sharing that was projected under the federal GOMESA, the letter outlines several areas of concern for the state pertaining to Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act Phase II disbursements. [Click here for letter](#)

“Louisiana’s Congressional delegation was not only the leading force getting GOMESA passed into law, but has been steadfast in its efforts to defend the law from political challenges over the years,” Bradberry writes, highlighting the criticality of continuing revenue sharing payments from oil and natural gas leasing and production in the Gulf of Mexico.

In closing, Bradberry calls for federal intervention, “if indications are that Phase II GOMESA payments will be a \$60-70 million funding stream rather than a \$100+ million funding stream, the state would respectfully ask for your help to revisit and pursue other federal opportunities that could also provide assistance for coastal protection and restoration going forward.”

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*Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is the single state entity with authority to develop, articulate, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal Master Plan of unified vision, to reduce tropical storm surge flood impact, to restore our bountiful natural resources, to build land to protect our nation's critical energy infrastructure, and to secure Louisiana's coast now and for future generations.*