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CPRA Board Announces Public Comment Period for Projects Selected Under the First \$20M Installment of the RESTORE Act CPRA-Parish Matching Program

BATON ROUGE, LA — February 21, 2018 — - Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) has released for public feedback its project selections for the first \$20 million installment of its 15-year, \$100 million Parish Matching Opportunities Program under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). In order to meet the Federal requirements for this funding, these projects are subject to a 45 day public comment period and will be incorporated as an amendment ([the RESTORE Parish Matching Amendment](#)) to the State's First Amended RESTORE Plan. Additional rounds of funding will be announced in the future.

The RESTORE Parish Matching Amendment proposes to update and amend the State's First Amended RESTORE Plan to describe the projects CPRA has selected for funding under the first \$20 million installment of the CPRA-Parish Matching Opportunities Program. As provided in the State's First Amended RESTORE Plan, CPRA has elected to allocate up to \$100 million of its Spill Impact Component funds to the Parish Matching Program over a 15 year period. This program will nearly double the amount of funds the parishes receive over that same time period under the RESTORE Act Direct Component. On December 13, 2017, the CPRA Board approved six projects for inclusion in the Parish Matching Amendment, representing a total parish investment of \$6.1 million:

- Cameron Parish – Construction of the Rockefeller Shoreline Stabilization Project (\$6.67M);
- Lafourche Parish – Engineering and Design of the Grand Bayou Freshwater Reintroduction Project (\$412,722);
- St. Bernard Parish – Construction of the Lake Lery Marsh Creation Project (\$2.78M);
- St. Charles Parish – Construction of the Paradis Canal Gate (\$2.54M);
- Tangipahoa Parish – Engineering and Design and Construction of the Manchac Landbridge Shoreline Protection Project (\$3M); and
- Vermilion Parish – Engineering and Design and Construction of the Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection Project (\$4.59M).

To participate in this program, an eligible parish had to dedicate some of its Direct Component RESTORE funds towards a project proposed for the matching program and agree to include the project in its parish RESTORE Act Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plan. Projects were selected based on selection criteria listed in the First Amended RESTORE Plan that took into account various factors including: consistency with the Coastal Master Plan; the ability to restore and protect habitats or the ability to reduce economic losses from storm surge; the relative merits of the project including scope of project benefits; synergy with other integrated coastal protection and restoration efforts; feasibility and/or constructability; and, the funds made available by the parish for the proposed activity.

The RESTORE Parish Matching Amendment with the project selections for the CPRA-Parish Matching Opportunities Program is available for review and download [here](#) for a minimum of forty five (45) days. The projects shall be adopted as an amendment to the State's First Amended RESTORE Plan only after consideration of all meaningful input from the public, including broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations.

Public comments on these projects will be accepted until Monday, April 9, 2018, and may be submitted:

Via email to: coastal@la.gov, or

CPRA

Public Comments,
150 Terrace Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

[RESTORE Parish Matching Amendment](#) (open for public comment until April 9, 2018)

[The State of Louisiana First Amended Restore Plan](#)

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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 protection and restoration Master Plan of unified vision to reduce hurricane 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.