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**CPRA to host first of three public hearings for Draft Annual Plan Fiscal Year 2020**

**BATON ROUGE, La.** – The [Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority](#) (CPRA) will present the Draft Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 at a public hearing tomorrow at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Southwestern coastal parish officials and residents are invited to attend the open house at 5:30 p.m. and presentation at 6:00 p.m. Public comment will be taken into record immediately following the formal presentation.

The Annual Plan is the document by which the CPRA details how it aims to implement the vision of the Coastal Master Plan in the coming fiscal year based on the outlook of projected revenues and expenditures. The draft Annual Plan includes progress on 76 active projects accounting for \$783 million in projected expenditures in fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020). The plan also outlines projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

“If the Master Plan is the vision, the Annual Plan is where that vision becomes reality,” said CPRA Executive Director Bren Haase.

The plan outlines \$783 million in projected expenditures, with 89 percent reserved for project-associated costs. This figure includes \$10.8 million for six projects in planning, \$141 million for 32 projects in engineering and design and \$505 million for 38 projects in construction. The plan also includes \$38.5 million for 154 projects in operation, maintenance and monitoring.

For the southwest region, the FY20 plan lays out twelve active projects, six in construction and six in engineering and design. This work is in addition to work already completed in the region as well as the current work underway. Southwest region parish factsheets are posted [here](#), and the project map can be found [here](#).

A copy of the full annual plan is available online at the [CPRA web site](#).

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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.*