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## **CPRA Releases Draft Fiscal Year Annual Plan 2020**

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The Louisiana [Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority](#) (CPRA) released its draft Annual Plan Fiscal Year 2020 to the public today at its monthly board meeting in Baton Rouge. 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 FY20 Annual plan includes progress on 76 active projects accounting for \$783 million in projected expenditures.

“The Annual Plan is the vehicle by which we communicate to the people of Louisiana and the Legislature, which projects and programs outlined in the Master Plan will be able to move forward in the coming fiscal year,” said Chip Kline, Interim Chairman of the CPRA Board. “In FY20 you are going to see where the state intends to spend its first significant Phase II GOMESA revenues, how we are continuing to mobilize *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill funding for large and small projects alike, and what we think the following FY21 and FY22 fiscal years might bring in terms of revenues and expenditures. If the Master Plan is the vision, the Annual Plan is where that vision becomes reality.”

The FY20 plan outlines \$783 million in projected expenditures with 89% for project-associated costs for six projects in planning, \$10.8 million, 32 projects in engineering and design, \$141 million, and 38 projects in construction, \$505 million. The plan also includes \$38.5 million for 154 projects in operation, maintenance and monitoring.

“CPRA is proud to once again have the bulk of its Annual Plan expenditures earmarked for construction projects and only 4% identified for operating costs,” remarked Michael Ellison,

executive director of CPRA. “This efficiency helps us make sure that projects that are important to local communities and identified in the Master Plan move forward as quickly as possible.”

Bren Haase, the deputy executive director of CPRA remarked, “through the projects we aim to get in construction in FY20 we hope to have a positive impact on more than 8,600 acres of marsh and more than 162 miles of levee. We are also going to be advancing a series of projects in engineering and design in FY20 that will offer benefits to approximately 117,000 acres of marsh and more than 18 miles of levee when finally completed.”

The Draft Annual Plan will be open for public comments from Jan. 16 to March 9. CPRA will hold three public hearings on Jan. 29 in Lake Charles, Jan. 30 in New Orleans and Jan. 31 in Houma. In 2018, the Louisiana State Legislature transferred the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program from the Department of Natural Resources to CPRA. As a result the CPRA will add two additional public hearings to present the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, which is now included with CPRA’s Annual Plan, on Feb. 5 in Bayou Sorrel and on Feb. 6 in Henderson.

To view the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Plan, click [here](#).

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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.*