Atchafalaya River Basin Restoration and Enhancement Task Force

Update to CPRAB
April 21, 2021
ARBRE Task Force

- Created in 1998
- Non-federal sponsor for the USACE Atchafalaya Basin Floodway
- Manage and implement a state master plan for the Atchafalaya Basin
ARBRE Task Force

Louisiana’s Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast
committed to our coast

Effective June 1, 2017

Designing the Bayous
The Control of Water in the Atchafalaya Basin
1900-1998
Martin Reuss

Project Design Flood

State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
Atchafalaya Basin Program
Water in the Basin Committee
Recommendations to the Governor
Presented to Governor M.J. “Mike” Foster
August 2022

Senate Resolution No. 154
of the 2017 Regular Session

State of Louisiana Department of
Natural Resources

Emergent Method
January 2012

Adjmal Bayou
Belle River
Bonne Terre
Bonne Terre Bayou
Bonne Terre South Fork
Bonne Terre Spillway
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Lake Pontchartrain

Gulf of Mexico
Challenges to Overcome

- Severe and continued loss of habitats within the Basin
- Multiple stakeholder viewpoints and interests
- Need a consensus vision for Basin management
- No dedicated funding stream for the Basin protection/restoration
- Not elevated to critical status
• Diverse membership
• Focused on implementation
• Will inform future planning and projects
• Charged with recommendations by September 2021
1. Elevating critical issues facing the Atchafalaya Basin and the importance of its holistic management for navigation, flood control, and restoration;

2. Identifying and building support for new and recurring sources of funding, including working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reinvigorate the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System – Louisiana Project

3. Identifying shared goals and values for restoration and enhancement of the Basin, as illustrated by project types that would benefit both the Basin and the larger coastal program as managed by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and

4. Serving as a proactive means to build consensus and advise the Atchafalaya Basin Program on matters relating to implementation of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System – Louisiana Project.
Implementing Solutions

Identify the Issues
- provided by membership with many common items
- hydrology, sedimentation, invasives, water quality, land and resource use, landloss/subsidence

Identify the Potential Solutions
- methods to address one or multiple issues
- certain constraints or challenges may exist

Implementation Strategy
- where are the sticking points
- what removes those sticking points
Timeline

Initial Meeting
March 2021

Focus on implementation
May-June

Final Report
September 2021

Identify Problems and Solutions
April

Report Drafting
July-August
ARBRE Task Force

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 4 at 9:00

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