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MR. HAASE:

well, hello everybody who's logged onto the virtual meeting here this evening so far. We have just a -- a minute or two and then we'll get started, but I wanted to let you know that we're here and ready to go. So give us a minute or two, and we will get things kicked off.

(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

All right. Well, good evening, everybody. My name is Bren Haase. I'm the Executive Director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. We appreciate you being with us this evening in this most unusual of circumstances to -- to hear some information about the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Plan.

I'm going to turn this over to Rachel Haney here in just a minute to go over kind of the -- the ground rules or the ways in which you can make public comment, both here this evening, but also via mail or -- or email at a subsequent time period, so -- and then I'll come back and we'll run through a

1 presentation. And, certainly, we're interested to
2 hear from you and your comments on the Draft Plan.

3 I will say that we do not intend to answer
4 questions this evening, so if you can phrase your
5 comment in the form of a statement or a comment, that
6 would -- that would be helpful.

7 So, with that, I'm going to turn it over to
8 Rachel, and then I'll be back with you shortly.

9 MS. HANEY:

10 Okay. Good evening, everyone. I'm going to
11 quickly go over some virtual meeting guidelines before
12 we get started with Bren's presentation.

13 So, in accordance with State law and the
14 Governor's Emergency Proclamation -- Proclamations
15 related to COVID-19, we're holding this meeting
16 virtually using webex, and, because we're using webex,
17 public comments will be accepted a little bit
18 differently than in years past. To submit a public
19 comment, you'll go down to the bottom right-hand
20 corner of the page and click -- click the chat box.
21 Enter your name, mailing address, and your comment,
22 and all your comments will be read into the record at
23 the end of this presentation.

24 You can also email us a comment if you prefer to
25 do it that way to coastal@la.gov, and all of those

1 comments that we receive before the end of this
2 presentation will also be read into the record
3 following Bren's presentation.

4 You can also mail us a comment after tonight's
5 meetings to the address that was on the screen a
6 minute ago, but it's CPRA 2022 Annual Plan, 150
7 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802. And
8 all of our public comments, either written or emailed,
9 need to be received no later than March 27th.

10 So I'll go ahead and turn it back over to Bren.

11 MR. HAASE:

12 Thank you, Rachel, and I pulled that slide down
13 momentarily. She was going through that information,
14 so I'm going to let it -- let it sit for a beat in
15 case anybody needs to -- to take that information
16 down, so we -- both written and email addresses you
17 see are posted here, coastal@la.gov, and written
18 comments, as Rachel mentioned, can be sent to CPRA
19 2022 Annual Plan, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge,
20 Louisiana, 70802.

21 All right. Well, we'll move on with the
22 presentation.

23 So, again, we're here to talk with you tonight
24 about our Draft Fiscal Year '22 -- 2022 Annual Plan.
25 We generally start off with what is it? It's a

1 request for authorization to spend revenues, should
2 they -- should they be received by CPRA. So it's a
3 projection of those revenues that we think will come
4 to the State over the next fiscal year and then how we
5 intend to expend those revenues over that same period
6 of time. It's a three-year outlook. Again, it's that
7 projection of revenues and expenditures, and it also
8 includes project activity, project schedules, in terms
9 of how we intend to implement those -- those projects.

10 And why we do it, we do it to comply with Act 523
11 of the 2009 Regular Session and to comply with Act 570
12 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana
13 legislature.

14 So this is the timeline you see at the top of the
15 slide here. The plan was -- Draft Plan was presented
16 to our board and released to the public last week. It
17 was presented to the board on Friday morning of last
18 year. The public comment time period is now open,
19 that's why we're here speaking with y'all today. That
20 period -- public comment period ends March 27th of
21 this year, so you have a little over a month now -- or
22 a little under a month now to provide those comments.
23 The Final Plan will be presented to our board on April
24 21st, that will, of course, incorporate the public
25 comment that we receive through this process and

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1 through the email and mail avenues, as well. That
2 will be presented, again, on April 21st of this year,
3 and, ultimately, that Final Plan will be submitted to
4 the legislature for review and the -- their approval.

5 So this is the second of three meetings that
6 we're planning specific to the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual
7 Plan. We are -- had intended to concentrate on the
8 southcentral Louisiana. We had a little bit of a --
9 of a mix up last night with folks logging on, so we'll
10 also cover some of the material that was presented
11 last night for southwest coastal Louisiana, as well.
12 Those materials will also be presented again tomorrow
13 evening for the last -- the last presentation of this
14 material. So each of these meetings will start at
15 6:00, which you know if you're on right now.
16 Tomorrow, we'll start at 6:00 as well, and you can
17 access the link to participate in the meetings at
18 coastal.la.gov/calendar.

19 So just a very high-level view of our funding and
20 the funding sources that we have at CPRA that we
21 anticipate receiving funds -- or the programs through
22 which we intend to receive funds over the upcoming
23 fiscal year.

24 There are several bullets here. You see State
25 Mineral Revenues, so there are some -- some mineral

1 revenue sharing that occurs within the State. We do
2 not receive any State general funds, but we do receive
3 some of the -- a share of the mineral revenues
4 collected by the State each year.

5 There's some recurring federal revenues that we
6 receive, as well. Many of us are familiar with the
7 Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration
8 Act. That's a -- a restoration program that we've
9 partnered in for 30-plus years now, and money is
10 provided through the federal government to wetlands of
11 coastal Louisiana for restoration purposes.

12 The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act or GOMESA
13 funds are additional federal funds that are also
14 associated with federal mineral revenue sharing.
15 Those are shared, of course, with the State of
16 Louisiana for restoration and protection purposes.

17 There are three large pots of funding -- or three
18 main categories of funding associated with the
19 Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement, that's the
20 Natural Resources Damage Assessment funds, the
21 National Fish Wildlife Foundation funds, or NFWF, and
22 the RESTORE Act funds.

23 We also receive some one-time funds associated
24 with the Community Development Block Grant Program,
25 and coastal restoration and protection is also an

1 eligible expenditure of State surplus dollars, and
2 while that doesn't -- certainly, we don't have a
3 surplus every year, and, certainly -- but, you know,
4 that doesn't happen as often as -- as we would hope.
5 When we do realize a surplus, Coastal Protection and
6 Restoration and CPRA has benefit from receiving --
7 benefitted from receiving some of those surplus
8 dollars.

9 So you see the -- the projections listed here for
10 FY '22 by program that I mentioned just now, and
11 you'll note that all of that rolls up to \$887 million
12 of expected revenues and expected expenditures into
13 the next fiscal year.

14 So you see how that's broken down on the pie
15 chart to the right of that or at the center of your
16 screen there. If we start kind of in the middle of
17 the slide at the -- about the 3 o'clock position, you
18 see about one percent associated with planning, 11
19 percent associated with engineering and design, 71
20 percent for construction, seven percent for
21 operations, maintenance, and monitoring of our
22 projects, another seven percent for ongoing programs
23 and initiatives, and three percent toward our
24 operating costs.

25 So, if you think about the -- the pieces of the

1 pie that are associated with project expenditures
2 alone, you can see those broken down here, so that's
3 planning, construction, engineering and design, and
4 then operations, maintenance, and monitoring.

5 So we anticipate having seven projects in
6 planning in FY '22, 66 projects in construction in
7 that same time period. Those projects will benefit a
8 little less than 60,000 acres of coastal wetlands and
9 construct or improve 122 miles of levees along our
10 coast.

11 We anticipate having 37 projects in engineering
12 and design. Those will benefit a little over 60,000
13 acres of our coastal wetlands. And as our program
14 matures and we build more and more projects, more
15 projects fall into this last category, operations,
16 maintenance, and monitoring, and so that will be 161
17 projects in that category in FY '22. And you can see
18 the associated dollar amounts next to each of those
19 within each of those categories.

20 So, we'll talk a little bit about the regions of
21 the coast now, and this is the region that we were
22 discussing last night, the southwest region of the
23 coast. So there are 11 active projects in this
24 portion of the coast, six of those are in construction
25 and five in engineering and design. You'll see those

1 projects listed there to the right of the map. They
2 include a number of projects, and I'll get into that
3 in this next slide.

4 So the first one I'll highlight is the Cameron
5 Meadows Marsh Creation and Terracing Project. This is
6 a project that's being constructed under one of the
7 Programs and funding streams that I mentioned earlier,
8 the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and
9 Restoration Act or CWPPRA. This is a project that is
10 being sponsored by CPRA and by our federal partner,
11 the National Marine Fisheries Service, in this case.

12 This project will create about 319 acres of marsh
13 and terraces in the Cameron Meadows area. It has a
14 construction budget of roughly \$32 million. And
15 interestingly, the sediment for this project is being
16 dredged from the Gulf of Mexico, pumped onshore to
17 help rebuild the marshes in Cameron Parish there.

18 The next project I'll mention is actually the one
19 on the far right of this slide that you see here.
20 It's the Calcasieu Ship Channel Salinity Control
21 Measures. If you were listening in on the board
22 meeting on Friday, you'll note that there's been a
23 little bit of a shift in this project, and it will be
24 renamed the Calcasieu-Sabine Large Scale Marsh and
25 Hydrologic Restoration Project. And it's going to

1 focus primarily on restoring the hydrology of kind of
2 the lake rim marshes you see outlined here to the left
3 of Big Lake or Calcasieu Lake, and also a large amount
4 of marsh creation in the areas to the east and to the
5 southeast of Calcasieu Lake.

6 Then the one in the middle that you see there is
7 a -- is a photograph of the Rockefeller Shoreline
8 Protection Project. This particular project that's in
9 the FY '22 Annual Plan actually builds on two previous
10 projects that constructed about four miles of this
11 shoreline protection. This is a RESTORE Parish
12 Matching project that we're working with the parish to
13 implement, and it will add a little over -- an
14 additional mile to those previous two projects, to
15 bring the total up to about -- about five miles along
16 the -- the Cameron shoreline there.

17 So we'll move farther east into the southcentral
18 region. In this region, we've got 33 active projects,
19 22 of those are in construction; nine of those are in
20 E&D or will be in E&D, and -- and two projects in
21 planning. So there are a number of projects here.
22 I'll highlight a few of those for you here. Some of
23 these, these projects will run the gambit from some of
24 the largest projects that we've ever built, like the
25 Houma Navigation Canal Lock Project to some -- some

1 smaller projects, but, nonetheless, very important
2 projects, like the Cypremort Point State Park
3 Improvements Project.

4 So this is a project associated with the B.P. oil
5 spill settlement dollars, about a \$4.5 million project
6 that will restore the shoreline along the -- along the
7 State Park there, adding rocks and parking areas and
8 helping to refurbish some of the roads in the area,
9 build a new marsh boardwalk, and also replenish and
10 replace some fishing piers that have been lost due to
11 storms and -- and normal wear and tear.

12 I mentioned the Houma Navigation Canal Lock
13 Project. This is the largest civil works project in
14 the history of Terrebonne Parish and is an integral
15 part of the overall -- overall Morganza to the Gulf
16 Hurricane Risk Reduction System. And so this project
17 has risk reduction benefits, as I just mentioned,
18 being part of Morganza to the Gulf, but it also shares
19 benefits in terms of redistributing freshwater that
20 flows from the Atchafalaya River into the Intracoastal
21 Canal and then down the Houma Navigation Canal.
22 Without the lock and these gates in place, that water
23 would be (unintelligible) straight out into Terrebonne
24 Bay. The lock will help to distribute that water both
25 east and west into some of the marshes in Terrebonne

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1 Parish that need -- need those waters.

2 The Bayou Chene Floodgate is another one that's
3 under construction now. It will be -- continue to be
4 under construction in Fiscal Year '22. This is
5 building a permanent barge gate and a floodgate in
6 Bayou Chene just south of Morgan City that will
7 provide storm surge risk reduction and backwater
8 flooding protection for about six parishes in the
9 area, so a very impactful project.

10 And then the last project I'll mention in this
11 region is the Grand Bayou Floodgate. This project is
12 -- would be another barge gate-type structure, about
13 147-foot-long barge gate, with 276 feet of flanking
14 sheet pile on either side of it. It's about an \$18.5
15 million project. This project will be funded through
16 GOMESA, or the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act.

17 So the last region I'll mention is really more
18 than one region, it's really two regions when you
19 think about sort of a west-of-the-river and east-of-
20 the-river portion of the -- but the southeast region,
21 if you -- if you lump those two -- two portions
22 together include 66 active projects, 38 that will be
23 in construction, 23 in engineering and design, and
24 five in planning. But I'll just note that some of the
25 -- some of the projects of note here include the

1 Spanish Pass, the Barataria Bay Marsh and Ridge
2 Creation Project. The Spanish Pass Increment is going
3 to be the largest ridge and marsh creation project
4 that we would have built in our history. Central
5 Wetlands Project, New Orleans Landbridge Project, and,
6 our, you know, continued work on the New Orleans to
7 Venice levees and the (unintelligible) levees, as
8 well.

9 So a tradition that is part of our annual cycle,
10 we are -- also prepare and produce an Atchafalaya
11 Basin Program Annual Plan. So, while I'll not delve
12 in the details -- or in great detail, I guess, here
13 this evening, know that on Thursday evening of this
14 week and then on Monday evening of next week, we'll
15 have two Atchafalaya Basin Program-specific meetings
16 for this Program and these projects, as well.

17 But you can see some of the projects listed here,
18 the Henderson Lake Water Management Unit Spoil Bank
19 Gapping Project, East Grand Lake Upper Region Project,
20 Flat Lake Study, Murphy Lake Depth Restoration
21 Project, and some of the other recreation and access-
22 type projects as part of the Atchafalaya Basin
23 Program.

24 So I mentioned the three-year outlook as part of
25 our Annual Plan. You can see that really depicted

1 here, so that FY '22 is kind of the larger pie that
2 you see on the left-hand side of the screen. But if
3 you'll look out into the future to FY '23 and FY '24,
4 we anticipate revenues and expenditures to equal \$930
5 million in the following fiscal year, and in FY '24,
6 we anticipate coverage (phonetic) of roughly \$1
7 billion.

8 So really the kind of thing to note here is sort
9 of the change in percentages, in addition to the
10 change in total dollar figure, so the piece of the pie
11 that represents construction increases over the next
12 couple of years, and we are always glad to see that.
13 Of course, the reason we're here is to get projects on
14 the ground to help our citizens and to help our
15 ecosystem. So, when we can increase that percentage,
16 that is a good thing.

17 So this is my last slide this evening, and then
18 we'll -- we'll take a little bit of a beat and accept
19 any comments that you all might have. But the public
20 comment period, as I mentioned, is open through March
21 27th, so anything received through the end of the day
22 March 27th will be accepted as comment. Those
23 comments will be incorporated into a Final Plan, as I
24 mentioned, that will be presented to our board and
25 then ultimately to the legislature.

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1 To read of any of the information in the Draft
2 Plans for the Annual Plan, you find more at
3 coastal.la.gov/OurPlan/AnnualPlan, and then for the
4 Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, you can find that
5 information and -- and review those materials at
6 coastal.la.gov/OurPlan/AtchafalayaBasinProgram.

7 So, with that, I am going to scroll back to the
8 first slide so that folks can see the email address,
9 and we will -- I'm going to go on mute here and allow
10 folks to have a minute to provide comment. We'll be
11 monitoring the email address, as well, so if you
12 prefer to email us a comment, we will read that into
13 the record. If you would like to provide a comment
14 via the chat box, certainly, we will accept that and
15 we will read that -- read that into the record, as
16 well.

17 So I'm going to go on mute for a moment, and
18 we'll wait and see what we get in terms of comments.

19 So I appreciate your time this evening, certainly
20 appreciate your interest in our coastal program, and
21 we look forward to seeing some comments.

22 Thank you.

23 (BRIEF RECESS.)

24 MR. HAASE:

25 All right. So I see we've got our first comment,

1 and it says it's from owner, but I believe I recognize
2 that that was Tim Matte with the St. Mary Levee
3 District. And I'll read this into the record now.

4 WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY TIM MATTE

5 READ BY MR. HAASE

6 I would like to submit a project for your
7 consideration. The Morgan City Backwater Protection
8 Project was included in the Annual Plan for 2020 as a
9 submission under the capital outlay request for CPRA.
10 This project is included in the State's Master Plan
11 and has been the recipient of previous funding by CPRA
12 or State funds to facilitate phases of this
13 construction.

14 The City of Morgan City is nearly surrounded by
15 100-year-sized levees. In order to complete this
16 effort and get the newly-constructed levees included
17 in our NFIP maps, a gap needs to be closed along the
18 front of Lake Palourde. The State has thus far
19 provided \$8.87 million to a project that totaled \$23
20 million. The last increment will cost approximately
21 \$29 million. The State -- excuse me -- the St. Mary
22 Levee District has contracted for its design, and that
23 effort is nearing completion. The funding stream for
24 this project can be phased to match anticipated
25 construction.

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1 MR. HAASE:

2 Thank you for that comment. We appreciate that,
3 and we will take it under consideration.

4 All right. We've got -- there we go. We've got
5 another couple of comments, and I will read them into
6 record.

7 The first one is from Leslie Suazo.

8 WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY LESLIE SUAZO

9 READ BY MR. HAASE

10 Hello, Bren. Great presentation. It really is
11 exciting to see so much great work going on all over
12 our coast.

13 MR. HAASE:

14 And, Leslie, hello to you, and I certainly thank
15 you for that -- that comment, as well.

16 The next one I see here is from Michael Tritico.

17 WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY MICHAEL TRITICO

18 READ BY MR. HAASE

19 Part of every fiscal year plan should be a
20 precise account of which projects suffered setbacks or
21 destruction during the previous year and how that is
22 being taken into account in ongoing and new plans.

23 Substantiality (sic) -- sustainability -- excuse me --
24 of projects is simple fiscal prudence.

25 MR. HAASE:

1 Thank you, Mr. Tritico. I appreciate that
2 comment, as well.

3 All right. We've got another comment that has
4 come in from Phillip Clinton, and I'll read it into
5 the record now.

6 WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY PHILLIP CLINTON

7 READ BY MR. HAAS

8 I would like to commend the authority on its
9 work. The Advocacy Committee of the Ponchartrain
10 Conservancy, formerly the Lake Ponchartrain Basin
11 Authority, fully supports the Draft Coastal Plan.
12 Your science-based approach is crucial in this sector.

13 MR. HAASE:

14 Thank you, Phillip. We appreciate that -- that
15 comment.

16 All right, folks. We are monitoring the email
17 account, as well, and so far we have not received
18 anything via email, but certainly encourage you to --
19 to use that tool if you're more comfortable commenting
20 via email. Obviously, the chat seems to working
21 pretty well, and we encourage anybody to make a
22 comment in that way, as well. So we'll stick around
23 for a little while. If we go for some period of time
24 and don't receive any additional comments, we'll --
25 we'll sign off, but, for the time being, we're going

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1 to be here and wait on -- wait on comments for -- for
2 several minutes, for, you know, five or ten minutes or
3 so, at least, and we'll kind of monitor the situation
4 and let you know when we're -- when we're -- when it
5 will be time to sign off. So thank you.

6 (BRIEF RECESS.)

7 MR. HAASE:

8 All right, everybody. We've gotten another
9 comment. This one comes to us from Amanda Voisin.

10 Amanda says:

11 WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY AMANDA VOISIN

12 READ BY MR. HAASE

13 Thanks to CPRA for the effort to put into the
14 Annual Plan -- excuse me -- let me start that over.

15 Thanks to CPRA for the effort put into the Annual
16 Plan and the inclusion of key projects important to
17 our region. We'll be following up with further
18 written comment. We would like to especially thank
19 CPRA for the including of the Grand Bayou Freshwater
20 Reintroduction Project, and we look forward to
21 advancing this project within the next few years.

22 MR. HAASE:

23 Thanks, Amanda, for that comment. We appreciate
24 that.

25 We're going to stand by here for at least another

1 five minutes or so and see if we get any comment
2 either via chat or via the email, and -- and we'll be
3 back with you. So bear with us, there may be some
4 silence if we don't get a comment up here in the next
5 five minutes or so, but we are here. We're listening
6 and monitoring the chat and email, and we'll read into
7 the record any comment that we receive.

8 (BRIEF RECESS.)

9 MR. HAASE:

10 All right, folks. We have not received any
11 additional comment via the chat or -- or email-wise.
12 We're going to give it a last call here, and we're
13 going to give another three to five minutes. If we
14 don't receive anything within that time, we'll go
15 ahead and -- and shut the hearing down for this
16 evening.

17 So, again, we certainly appreciate all of your
18 participation and the comments we have received, and
19 certainly anticipate that we're receive much more
20 comment from this region and other parts of the state
21 via -- via email and via regular mail, as well.

22 So we'll go back on mute and give it another few
23 minutes, and then, again, if we don't receive any
24 additional comments, we -- we will sign off. So I'll
25 be back with you here in just a few minutes.

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(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

Okay. So we've got another comment in the chat box I think everyone can see. This one is from Cynthia Duet.

WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY CYNTHIA DUET

READ BY MR. HAASE

Hi, Bren. Thanks for the presentation and the work y'all are doing. The groups I work with will definitely be submitting written comments on the plan for your consideration.

Before we break for the evening, could you talk a bit about what will happen between the Draft and Final Plans and that correlating schedule.

Thank you.

MR. HAASE:

Yes. Thanks, Cynthia, for the comment. I will -- will address that.

we -- all right. We will review all the public comment, of course, that we receive between now and the presentation to the board in April, so I think the 19th -- 21st -- excuse me -- the date was slipping my mind there. And so -- again, that public comment will be -- be reviewed. It will be considered. We will certainly make -- you know, whenever we make some

1 changes to the Draft Plan that you see before you
2 here. We'll also include some additional information
3 in the Final Plan, just some front-end material that
4 will be similar to what you had seen in annual plans
5 past. It's difficult to get that information included
6 in the draft each year, and so, typically, we'll --
7 we'll include that in the Final Plan. None of that
8 is, quite frankly, substantive in terms of the numbers
9 or revenues and expenditures, so what you see is
10 really what's before you today, and the Draft Plan is
11 really the meat and potatoes and the -- and the
12 important information that's part of the Draft Annual
13 Plan that folks would need to comment on.

14 So once that plan -- the Final Plan is submitted
15 to the board, it will then be submitted to the
16 legislature in late April, not long after the
17 legislature convenes. And in terms of schedule beyond
18 that, we really don't have any control of that. It
19 really depends on the legislature's schedule. But we
20 do present the plan before four legislative
21 committees, before both the House and the Senate, both
22 Natural Resources and Transportation Committees.

23 A resolution, either approving or not approving
24 the plan then goes then goes before the full Senate
25 and the full House for passage or -- or disapproval.

1 And that's the typical process. And, again, beyond
2 that, that's for the last April timeframe, I think
3 it's the 26th when we have to present the plan to the
4 legislature. The schedule beyond that date is beyond
5 our control, so we have to follow that -- the
6 legislative calendar to determine when we'll be in
7 front of those committees and then the -- when the
8 plan will be considered by the full House and the full
9 Senate.

10 So I hope that -- that answered your -- your
11 comment. Thank you, Cynthia, for that.

12 So, again, we'll give it another few minutes.
13 Let's see if we get any additional comments. If we
14 don't we'll come back and sign off. But, again, we'll
15 continue to monitor the chat box and our email
16 address, so, please, provide any comments that you
17 might have. We'll -- we'll stand by for those, and
18 I'll be back with you shortly.

19 (BRIEF RECESS.)

20 MR. HAASE:

21 Okay, folks. It's been a few minutes now. We
22 have not -- we are not seeing any new comments in the
23 chat or via email, so I don't want to make folks hold
24 on longer than they need to.

25 But, again, we want to thank everybody for their

1 comments here this evening. We appreciate those that
2 we've received, and I know we'll be receiving many
3 more before the 27th of March, again, via email and
4 through -- through regular mail, as well.

5 So I know this is not anybody's idea of an ideal
6 way to conduct a public hearing. Unfortunately, such
7 as life these days, and we all look forward to being
8 able to be in your regions this time next year to be
9 able to have some -- some face-to-face interaction,
10 some more discussion, on some of these things that are
11 presented in our Draft Annual -- or, yeah, Draft
12 Annual Plans in the future.

13 So I'll sign off now. I want to thank everybody
14 again for joining us, and we appreciate your
15 participation and passion for our coast and your
16 interest in the coastal program. So thanks everybody.
17 We're going -- we're going to shut it down.

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THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED.

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I, MICHELLE S. ABADIE, Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that on February 23, 2021, conducted by Zoom videoconference at the offices of CPRA, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that the matter of the 2022 Coastal Master Plan public hearing was reported by me in the stenomask reporting method, was prepared and transcribed by me or under my personal direction and supervision; that the foregoing pages, numbered 1 through 30, inclusive, is a true and correct transcript to the best of my ability and understanding; that I am not related any parties herein, nor am I otherwise interested in the outcome of this proceeding.

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