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MR. HAASE:

Good evening, everyone. Welcome to the public hearing for the FY '22 Annual Plan for CPRA. We're just about to get started. I just wanted to let you know that we're here and standing by. We're going to give it another minute or two until we hit 6 o'clock before we begin the presentation. So thanks to y'all that have joined us so far, and we'll be back with you momentarily.

(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

Okay, guys. Well, good afternoon, or good evening, I guess. This is Bren Haase with CPRA. We've got 6 o'clock on the clock, so we're going to go ahead and get started.

I am going to be going through a presentation that will outline some of the highlights and the salient points of the Draft Fiscal Year '22 Annual Plan for y'all. Before we do that, Rachel Haney with our office is going to mention the ways that are -- will be possible for y'all to -- to make public comment. So, I'm going to go ahead and turn it over
to her and let her do that, and then we will get into the presentation portion this evening.

MS. HANEY:

All right. Good evening, everyone. Thanks for joining us. I'm going to quickly go over some virtual meeting guidelines before we get started with tonight's presentation.

In accordance with State law and the Governor's Emergency Proclamations related to COVID-19, we are holding this meeting virtually this year, and, because we're using Webex, we've got to accept public comments a little bit differently, so there are several ways to do that.

The easiest way is to just navigate to the bottom right-hand corner of your screen and click the chat icon. Enter your chat -- enter your name, your address, and your message. The other way that you can submit a comment is via email and submit it to coastal@la.gov, same thing, your name, your email, and your public comment. Both of those items if they are received during the presentation will be read into the record at the conclusion of the meeting.

You can also send us a written comment to CPRA 2022 Annual Plan, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802. And any public comments, whether

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they are emailed or written, need to be received no later than March 27th.
And, with that, I'll go ahead and hand it back over to Bren.

MR. HAASE:
Okay, Rachel, thank you very much for that. We appreciate it.
I want to thank everybody for participating today. I want to extend a special thanks to Representative Wheat. I see that he is on here. I don't believe that we have any other elected officials on at the moment. If we do, please -- please, let me know, and we will -- oh, I see Representative Orgeron has joined, as well, so we want to thank them for joining us and being participants in today's -- this evening's presentation.
So, with that, we'll jump right into things.
So, again, I'll be presenting this year's -- or next year's -- next fiscal year's Draft Fiscal and Expending Plan for CPRA.
So just some sort of basic background information, well, what is it? So a lot of people think this is a budget document, and it's really not. It's a -- it's a projection of what we think the revenues that CPRA will receive over the next fiscal
year and then a projection of how we plan to expend
those funds, if they become -- if they become
available to us.

And so it's a three-year outlook. It's not just
a look at Fiscal Year '22. It's looking out at Fiscal
Year 2022 and 2024, as well, again, projecting those
revenues and expenditures. It includes project
activities, schedules of those project activities, and
the overall plan for how we intend to implement the
restoration program -- or protection program with --
the upcoming fiscal year and an additional two years
beyond that.

Why we do it, simply to comply with the law, Act
523 of the 2009 Regular Session, that was amended by
604, and then to comply with Act 570 of the 2018
Regular Session, as well.

So, in terms of our timeline, the -- the Draft
Plan was released last week. It was presented to our
board last Friday morning, on February 19th. We are
now open for public comment. We are accepting comment
both tonight and through March 27th, via the written
forms that Ms. Haney mentioned before I began
speaking. Again, that -- that date is March 27th.

Those public comments will be reviewed and
incorporated into the Final Plan that will then be

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presented to our board on April 21st. And then after that presentation to the board, we'll present the final document to be reviewed by the State legislature in their Regular Session that will begin in April of this year.

So the schedule, this is the last of three public hearings that we intend to hold for the -- for the Annual Plan. We had on Monday night that we concentrated on southwest Louisiana. We had the one last night concentrating on southcentral Louisiana. We'll be concentrating on southeast Louisiana this evening. That's a little bit of a misnomer, I should say. We actually will include the information from Monday and Tuesday night from the southwestern portion of the coast, the southcentral portion of the coast, in addition to the southeastern portion of the coast. They'll be some -- some project highlights from those regions that I will go over tonight, in addition to having gone over them on the 22nd and 23rd respectively.

So just a highlight of our funding sources, there's sort of four main categories of funds or revenues that the State receives. The first two of those are really the only recurring funding sources that CPRA receives. It's important to note at this
point in time that the State (sic) doesn't receive any State general fund dollars. However, we do receive a portion of the State Mineral Revenues that come to the State from energy production off state lines and off our coastline, for example.

In addition to that, there are a couple of categories of federal recurring funds that come to the State. The first of those most of you are very familiar with, the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act. That's a federal reimbursement program that provides funding to restore our coastal wetlands each year. We partner with federal agencies each year to build projects along our coast as part of that program, and then the GOMESA, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act program is another -- it's a federal mineral revenue sharing program that provides some recurring funds to the State each year, as well.

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill, of course, the settlement payments are a significant portion of our funding these days, and there are three -- three portions of that, there's the Natural Resources Damage Assessment funding, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding, and then funding that comes to the State through the RESTORE Act. And the vast majority
of those funds are required to be spent on restoration along our coast, and that is -- you'll note that that's where those dollars are intended to go in FY '22.

There are also some one-time funding programs that we participate in. The Community Development Block Grant Programs, we do receive some funds through that, and then coastal restoration and protection is one of the eligible expenditures for State surplus dollars when the State is fortunate to -- to run a surplus in terms of the budget each year. Some of those dollars can be expended on coastal restoration and protection projects, and we've been fortunate in the past to receive some funds through a State surplus, and you'll note that listed in the Draft presentation (phonetic) for FY '22.

So these are the programs and the amounts of both revenue and projection -- or excuse me -- expenditures that we are projecting for FY '22. So I -- I will take a beat here so you can take a look at these GOMESA, NRDA, NFWF, RESTORE, CWPPRA, some other programs, and then the State non-surplus dollars, as well, is listed here.

So if you total all that up from that previous table, the total projected revenues and expenditures

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for FY '22 are $887 million. Those are broken down in the pie chart that you see in the middle of the slide here. Seventy-one percent of those dollars are going directly to construction. Going around the wheel there, seven percent for operations and maintenance, seven percent for ongoing programs and initiatives, three percent for operating costs, one percent is going towards planning, and 11 percent to engineering and design.

So, if you look at these sort of four categories that are what we would consider to be project related or project associated with expenditures, it's about 90 percent of our $887 million that we just talked about.

So if you break those down into planning, construction, engineering, design, and operation, maintenance and monitoring categories, there are seven projects projected to be in planning in FY '22, 66 projects in construction. Those projects will benefit almost 60,000 acres of our coastal wetlands and 122 miles of levees along our coast. About 37 projects in engineering and design, those will benefit a little over 60,000 acres of our coastal wetlands and about 161 projects in operations, maintenance, and monitoring.

So we'll take a closer look at the regions of our
state. I mentioned southwest, southcentral, and southeast was part — in the southwest region, there are 11 active projects — or will be in FY '22, in the southwestern portion of our coast, six construction projects, and five engineering and design projects.

So these are just a few highlights of the projects that will — will be in FY '22 in the southwestern portion of the state. The first one you see there is Cameron Meadows Marsh Creation and Terracing Project. This is a project that's being implemented through the CWPPRA program that I mentioned earlier. It will create about 319 acres of coastal wetlands and terraces in Cameron Parish, a few hundred acres of marsh, 11 acres of terraces, if you want to break them down. This is a project that we are partnering with NOAA Fisheries on. They're the federal partner that's sponsored this project. It's about a $32 million project. It's going to borrow material from the Gulf of Mexico and bring it onshore to help build those coastal wetlands in Cameron Parish that I mentioned.

I'll skip to the far right side of the slide here and talk about the Calcasieu Ship Channel Salinity Control Measures. If you were listening to the board meeting on Friday, you'll note that the -- that the
title of this project will change slightly and the focus of it has changed a bit, as well. So it will be referred to as the Calcasieu-Sabine Large Scale Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration Project. And so the -- the focus of this project at this point of time will be restoring the hydrology along the lake rim, part of that eastern-southern portion of Big Lake or Calcasieu Lake that you see in that purple outline there, and then some large-scale marsh creation in that same region. This is a RESTORE project. It's been funded through RESTORE. It will create roughly 2,000 to 3,000 acres of coastal wetlands in that project area.

And then what you see in the middle of the slide there is the Rock -- well, it's one of the Rockefeller Shoreline projects. It's not actually the Rockefeller Shoreline Protection RESTORE Parish Matching Project, but that's what it will look like. And so the good news about this RESTORE Parish Matching Project is that it will extend two projects that have previously been constructed with some surplus dollars that I've mentioned earlier and also through the CWRPPA Program, as well. That was a project that was also sponsored by NOAA Fisheries, in addition to CPRA. So the new project, this project that is listed in FY '22 Annual
Plan, will extend that rock breakwaters about -- a little over a mile to the west and continue to protect that shoreline in Cameron Parish in the southwestern portion of our coast.

So moving to the east looking at the southcentral region of our coast, there will be 33 active projects in FY '22, 22 of those are -- will be in construction, nine in engineering and design, and two of those projects will be in planning. So just to highlight a few of those, I have them listed on this slide, the first one of those is the Cypremort Point State Park Improvements Project. So this is a project that's being funded through some of those oil spill settlement dollars that I mentioned earlier, the Natural Resources Damage Assessment Recreational Use funds. This will be about a $4.5 million project that will be able to help rehabilitate portions of the Park, reestablish the beach there. There'll be some rocks to help protect the shoreline, rehabilitating some fishing piers that are there, and -- and more, a marsh boardwalk, and so forth behind the campground if you're familiar with that area. So we're excited to get that project underway.

The next one that you see moving from left to right across the slide is the Houma Navigation Canal
Lock Complex. This is another project that will be paid for through the RESTORE Act funds. These are, again, oil spill settlement dollars, but this is really a keystone project in the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Risk Reduction System. It will close a gap that currently exists in the HNC, or Houma Navigation Canal, in that -- in that hurricane risk reduction system. It also serves a dual benefit though of -- and has some ecological benefits in terms of distributing freshwater both to the east and to the west of the -- of the HNC. So a number of -- a good amount of freshwater travels from the Atchafalaya River to the -- to the HNC and down the HNC, and this will help distribute that water both east and west.

The next project is a project being funded through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. It's the Bayou Chene Floodgate Project. It will install a permanent floodgate in Bayou Chene that will help protect six parishes from backwater and hurricane storm surge flooding.

And then, lastly, but certainly not least, is the Grand Bayou Floodgate in Lafourche Parish. This is about a 147-foot floodgate that will be constructed in Grand Bayou with associated structures on each side of it to help protect that region and that area from
storm surges, as well.

So moving again farther to the east, we'll look at the southeast region, and this really is -- is very large region and probably has more -- usually broken up into two regions, kind of the area to the east of the river and the area to the west of the river, but we've lumped them together for the purposes of our presentation tonight and the Annual Plan. So there's 66 active projects in this region, 38 of those in construction, 23 of those will be in engineering and design, and five of those will be in planning.

So, again, just some highlights of the projects in the southeastern portion of the state, starting on the left-hand portion of the slide, the West Grand Terre Beach Nourishment Project will be underway. The picture you see there, actually, it's the old Wildlife and Fisheries facilities that were there. There was a lab and some dorms and so forth there. At one point in time, those structures were not in the water, as you see they are when this picture was taken. So this project will restore about two-and-a-half miles of the Gulf shoreline and extend that back into the Gulf. It will create about 300 acres of beach and back marsh and will create rock abutments around some of those restored marsh to help it, as well. This is another
project that is being funded through the RESTORE Act funds.

The next slide -- the next project that you see that's there is the Biloxi Marsh Living Shoreline Project. This is in southeast St. Bernard Parish along the shoreline of Bayou La Loutre. It will be about nine miles of artificial reef that will be installed there, and it will help provide oyster habitat and reduce wave erosion on the wetlands that are there and prevent further degradation of those wetlands as a result. This project is being funded through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment funds.

The next slide -- or next, again, project on this slide is the West Shore- Lake Ponchartrain Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project. This is a project in the River Parishes region. It's about 18.5 miles of levee floodwalls. It includes four pump stations and a couple of drainage structures and I think four floodgates, as well, in St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist Parish. There's also a non-structural component to this project to help elevate homes that otherwise might flood. This is a project that's being funded in a number of ways. There's a lot of federal funds associated with this project and also various funds, including GOMESA and

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some surplus dollars that will go towards this project from the State's side.

And then, lastly in this region, I'll talk a little bit about the River Reintroduction Into Maurepas Swamp. This is exactly what it sounds like. It's reconnecting the Mississippi River with this bottomland hardwood area and large -- large, important swamp area in the southeastern portion of our state. It's about -- it will construct about a five-mile channel from an area near Garyville from the Mississippi River into the swamp to help reduce salinities, add some nutriments and some sediment and some additional biomass production in soil, bulk production, if you will. It will benefit more than 70 square miles of our coastal wetlands and coastal marshes in this portion of the state. And this project is being funded primarily through the RESTORE Act.

So part of our annual planning process includes the Atchafalaya Basin Program and developing the Annual Plan for that, and so there will be specific meetings associated with the Atchafalaya Basin Program and its Annual Plan. But I did want to mention it and at least mention some of the projects that are part of that plan tonight. So those meetings on the -- will
meet tomorrow evening, same time. They will be held virtually. Much like these, you can access the links to access the meetings via our -- via our calendar, similar to what you've -- what you did to access the meeting tonight. There will be social media posts and so forth, so, hopefully, there will be no issues there. But the first meeting for that program will be tomorrow evening at this time, and then Monday evening will be the second one.

But the projects that you see listed here are those that are being considered in the FY '22 Annual Plan for the Atchafalaya Basin, the Henderson Lake WMU, Water Management Unit, Spoil Bank Gapping Project, and this -- that's maybe not as -- a little jargony, so let me say that the intention there is to gap the spoil banks along the Dixie Pipeline, that's in the Henderson -- Henderson Lake area, north of Henderson Lake in the Atchafalaya Basin.

There's the East Grand Lake Project that will help reconnect the swamp with some of the waters associated with the East Grand Lake area.

Flat Lake Study which is looking at the sediment composition in Flat Lake and how that might be used in coastal restoration projects.

And you see the other projects listed there on
that map for each of those.

So in terms of total expenditures in those upcoming years, I mentioned this is a -- not just a look at FY '22, but look at FY '23. You can see that we're looking to expend about $930 million in FY '23 and about a billion dollars in FY '24. And kind of an important thing to note here is that sort of increase in the, you know, piece of the pie or percentages of dollars that will be going to constructing projects, getting projects on the ground for the benefit of our coast and the citizens that (unintelligible).

So this will be the last slide that I'll prepare for you tonight, so if you're interested in making a comment, please, start with the -- in the chat box will be our email address that Rachel mentioned earlier. But I did want to mention that we will be accepting public comments through March 27th. Again, and to access the materials that I've discussed with you for this evening for the Draft '22 Annual Plan, you can access the information at coastal.la.gov/OurPlan/AnnualPlan. You can access the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan materials at coastal.la.gov/OurPlan/AtchafalayaBasinProgram.

So, we'll take a -- take a beat here, and -- and wait for some comments to come in. It looks like
maybe we've already received one or two, so we'll take
a moment, and then we will read those comments into
the record. So I'm going to go on mute for just a few
minutes, and then bear with us and type the comments
in or email them to us if you have those, and we will
be back with you to read those into the record.

  Thank you.

  (BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

  All right, guys. We've gotten a few comments in,
and so I want to go ahead and read those into the
record.

  Before I do that though, I do want to mention
that we've had it looks like a few other elected
officials join us tonight. Both Representative Kerner
and Mayor Kerner appears to have joined us, so we
thank y'all for that, also Representative Nicky
Muscarello has joined us, so we want to thank you for
that.

  We've got a couple of questions, and we typically
wouldn't respond to questions, but I'll do my best to
-- to do so here. We would appreciate it if you could
provide a comment in the form of a statement or again
a -- more of a comment relating to the materials that
we've presented here tonight.

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QUESTION BY WILLIAM MAHLER

READ BY MR. HAASE

But the first one is:

Can CPRA -- or can a CPRA project start without all of landowners affected by the project signing an agreement with CPRA.

And that question comes to us from William Mahler, it looks like, if I'm pronouncing that correctly.

MR. HAAS:

So, the answer, there's not a very straightforward answer to that, Mr. Mahler. The answer is, really it depends, and, certainly, if you'd like to continue that discussion or get into that discussion in more depth, please, email us. You can email me or email us at coastal.la.gov, and we'd be happy to do that.

We've got another comment. This one is from Daniel (sic) Bourg from the Ponchartrain Conservancy.

WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT BY DANIELLE BOURG

READ BY MR. HAASE

We support this plan. Investments in coastal protection and restoration will significantly reduce the cost of future disasters and help create jobs and economic opportunities within Louisiana at a time when

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these are desperately needed. And he (sic) has his
address there. I'll not read that into the record.
MR. HAASE:
But we appreciate that comment Mr. (sic) Bourg.
Thank you very much.
The next one, again, is a question. It comes to
us from Mr. Tommy Thompson.

QUESTION BY WILLIAM MAHLER
READ BY MR. HAASE
What plans does CPRA have to provide storm surge
protection for Eden Isle?
MR. HAASE:
Mr. Thompson, I think that you're aware, we're
working with your Levee District and your parish and
the Corps of Engineers on a -- on an effort right now
to determine just that, so, in fact, we met with the
Levee District this morning, representatives of your
Congressman, and the -- those plans are in
development. So, again, I'm happy to have a more in-
depth discussion with you offline if you would care to
do so, but just know that -- that we are working on
that issue as we speak.

Let's see. The next comments comes to us from
Kyle Galloway.

WRITTEN STATEMENT/COMMENT KYLE GALLOWAY

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READ BY MR. HAASE:

I would like to thank CPRA for including the Sunset Levee Lift in FY '22. CPRA is currently reviewing final designs. Lafourche Basin Levee District and its team of consultants will work with CPRA to have the project shovel ready by the start of the fiscal year. We look forward to helping CPRA complete this project.

MR. HAASE:

Thank you for that comment, Mr. Galloway. We appreciate it.

Another one from William Mahler.

QUESTION BY WILLIAM MAHLER

READ BY MR. HAASE

Do carbon credits traded as a result of CPRA marsh creation projects used to offset the costs of the projects? What is the cost basis of carbon credits per acre for marsh created by CPRA projects, example CPRA Project 169?

Again, that's William Mahler.

MR. HAASE:

So, again, that's not a very straight -- not very straightforward answers to those questions, Mr. Mahler. I think those are issues that we're working with. You may have seen a recent article relating to
some work that we're doing with the Water Institute of the Gulf to -- to do exactly what you're talking about, try to quantify those benefits to get at the answers to some of those questions.

So, again, if you'd like to get into that discussion in more detail, please, email us at coastal.la.gov, and we will be happy to do that.

So any comments via email? I'm not seeing any comments via email, so I'm going to go back on mute for a moment and give folks time and the opportunity to make additional comments if they'd like. Again, we appreciate your participation and the comments that were made so far.

And we'll go on standby here for probably about five minutes and see what else comes through and then be back with you to either read those in or -- or ask for other comments.

Thank you.

(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

All right, folks. We have not received anything additional via the chat box or -- or anything, via email at this point in time. So, certainly, if you have some comments this evening, please, provide those. We understand if you want to take some time.

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and -- and think about things and have a little more
time to review the materials and provide those via
mail or via email, as well.

But we'll be here. Again, I'm going to go back
on mute. I just wanted to encourage folks to provide
any comments that they may have. At this point in
time, we'll go back on mute for another five minutes
or so, see where we stand, and then I'll come back and
we'll either address those comments, read those into
the record, or we will likely sign off at that time if
we haven't received anything else. So bear with us.
We'll be with you here for at least another five
minutes or so, and then we'll -- we'll make a decision
on how to proceed. So thank you.

(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

All right. We've got another comment in the
chat, as you all can see. It's a question, actually,
in the chat, and I'll read it in. It's from Ms.
Barbara McArthur.

QUESTION BY BARBARA MCARTHUR

READ BY MR. HAASE

Can a project go out to bid if all owners have
not given approval?

MR. HAASE:

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And she has her name and address there. So, Ms. McArthur, just to answer this question really similar to the -- the one I gave for the first question earlier, it really is project dependent. It depends on the project, the location, and the project specifics. Again, if you'd like to discuss this further, please, email us at coastal.la.gov, and we'll be happy to get back with you and discuss it.

I would point out that email address is active all year, and so, for any point in time during the year, if someone has a question about anything related to CPRA, one of our projects, or anything else, for that matter, feel free to -- to send your questions to that address, and someone will get back with you to -- to answer those.

We've had another comment and question. This one is from Tim Kerner, and I'm not sure if this is Mayor Kerner or Representative Kerner, but it says:

**WRITTEN COMMENT/QUESTION BY MR. KERNER**

**READ BY MR. HAASE**

Thank you, Bren and everyone at CPRA, for making great strides in the fight to preserve and restore coastal -- excuse me -- Louisiana's coast. There isn't a more important job in the state of Louisiana.

Could you provide a status update for South

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Jefferson/Lafitte tidal area -- or tidal surge protection?

MR. HAASE:

So, sure, I'm happy to do that. We -- as, hopefully, you've seen in the Draft '22 Annual Plan, there's funding for the South Jefferson/Lafitte Tidal Area for Goose Bayou, for Rosethorn, and then there's some additional funds identified in the Annual Plan for -- for either of those two projects or perhaps an additional project in the area, as well.

As you know -- and I'm going to address you as Mayor Kerner, because I think this is probably coming from you, but, Representative Kerner, as well, but, you know, we've been working pretty closely with y'all here just recently to get a better idea of schedules and priorities and so forth, not just working with you, but with your consultants, as well, and -- and that will continue into the future. So we'll be back in touch, I know, in short order to discuss that in much more detail.

So thank you for that comment and for the question.

We -- it looks like that's all we've got for the moment, but since we've gotten a couple of additional comments, I'm going to hang on, go back on mute, but
know that we'll be here monitoring the email and chat box, and we'll give it another few minutes and see if we get any additional comments. So thanks again for everybody's participation and for patience with this -- this venue, if you will, for having this meeting. I know it's not ideal. (BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

   All right, everybody. Just while we're waiting to see if we get any additional comments, I did want to mention some -- some next steps and what you would expect in terms of this process moving forward.

   So I did -- I did talk about the presentation to the board -- or, you know, receiving public comment, modifying the draft to the final, presenting that to the board, and then, ultimately, that will be submitted to the legislature.

   Just to give you a little more granularity on that, so we will be before four committees, the legislature. I don't know of any other agency that has a spending (unintelligible) that goes before four committees, so we do have a lot of legislative oversight. But we go before both the Transportation and Natural Resources Committees of the House and the Senate. If the Annual Plan is approved by those
committees, it's sent to the -- the full House and the floor of the Senate, as well, for approval at that time. So that's -- that's kind of the rest of the process getting through the legislative process that I just wanted to mention to you in case you were interested.

So we have not received any other emails, and I don't see anything else in the chat box at this time. We're going to give it another few minutes just to make sure we're giving folks plenty of time to compile and present -- prepare and offer their comments to us. So, again, I'll go back on mute and off of video here for a minute, but know that, again, we're monitoring both of those -- those forms of media, and we'll certainly respond should we receive any additional comments. So we'll give it another three -- three to five minutes, see if we get anything else, and then we'll be back with you. Thank you.

(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

All right. We've got an additional comment, this one from Sandy Rosenthal.

COMMENT BY SANDY ROSENTHAL

READ BY MR. HAASE

I am 100 percent behind the CPRA Draft Plan.

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Certified Court Reporter
This is Sandy Rosenthal.

MR. HAASE:

And she gives her address, 114 Soniat Street in New Orleans.

Thank you for that comment, Ms. Rosenthal. We appreciate it.

And we'll go back on standby for another few minutes.

(BRIEF RECESS.)

MR. HAASE:

Okay, everybody. We're not seeing anything coming through email, and we haven't seen anything new in several minutes in the chat box, so I think we're -- we're approaching time to -- to sign off.

I did want to mention a couple of things. One, to Mr. Thompson, it doesn't look like he's with -- he's signed on anymore, but I will, Mr. Thompson, reach back out to you at some time in the next day or two to discuss the question that you -- you had earlier.

To Mayor Kerner and to Representative Kerner, also, I'd like to just let you know that someone from our Project Management section will be reaching our to you to -- to provide that status update that you had asked about.

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And to Mr. Mahler and Ms. McArthur, in the next few days, someone from CPRA will be reaching out to you to discussion your -- your questions specifically, as well.

We want to be responsive, but some of these are -- are difficult to handle via -- via chat box and -- and over Zoom, but know that we will be reaching back to y'all to follow up on those questions.

The last thing I just want to say is, we appreciate everybody's participation. There's a -- a great interest and a lot of passion around our coast. We are happy that you all are involved and asking questions, challenging us, and supporting us where you -- where you feel the need to do that. So we thank you very much for that.

One last check, I don't see anything via email or chat. So, with that, we will sign off tonight, and, again, thanks everybody for your participation. We're looking forward to discussing the Draft and Final Annual Plans with you more in the near future.

So thanks everybody and have a good evening.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED.

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CERTIFICATE

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 37, 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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