

ARB Management Study – HCR 46
Questionnaire for ARBC
October 18, 2021

Who drafted the current definition of ARBC’s jurisdiction (Act 1045, 1999 Reg. Session)?

On what basis?

Is the ARBC definition different from the actual watershed definition? If so, why?

What do you consider to be the “actual” watershed definition?

Why is the ARBC definition different from the Corps Amite River & Tributaries definition?

What are the differences?

Would it be beneficial to convert to the Corps AR&T definition? Why or why not?

Why is the ARBC definition different from LWI Watershed Region 7 definition?

What are the differences?

Would it be beneficial to convert to the LWI Region 7 definition? Why or why not?

There is a separate definition for the Comite River Diversion Canal Impact Area.

Who drafted it? On what basis? What was its purpose?

Does it pertain to any project or program other than Comite? Is it still accurate?

Please list the historical flood events that have occurred in the ARB.

What do you see as ARBC’s purpose?

“Control of all public drainage, flood control and water resources development, reservoirs, and diversion canals in the ARB”?

What does “public drainage” mean, in this context?

What does “flood control” mean, in this context?

What does “water resources development” mean, in this context?

How do you characterize ARBC’s “control” – what does it mean, in this context?

How does it relate to other federal, state, or local agencies with jurisdiction regarding public drainage, flood control, and water resources development?

Does ARBC’s purpose include floodplain management?

What does floodplain management mean, in this context?

Does ARBC’s purpose include project development or implementation?

Management or regulatory efforts?

Anything else?

What do you see as ARBC's authority? What can ARBC do to affect public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

What do the various statutory authorities mean to you?

Adopt rules and regulations?

Require DOTD to do engineering work?

Construct and maintain drainage works?

Conduct sampling, acquire property, expropriate property?

Any other authorities of ARBC?

What role does ARBC have in floodplain management?

Regulating or any role in zoning decisions or permitting new development?

Project development or implementation?

Management or regulatory efforts?

Anything else?

What other agencies have authority regarding public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management in the ARB?

What do you consider to be those agencies' authority, in this context?

How do you consider ARBC's authority to relate to that of those agencies?

Corps?

CPRA?

DOTD?

OCD?

Parishes?

Municipalities?

Levee Districts?

LWI?

Any others?

Would centralized management of the ARB be beneficial to public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management in the ARB?

What projects has ARBC done or been involved in, in relation to public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

What was ARBC's role in each?

AR&T, including Darlington Reservoir?

Comite construction?

What are the task obligations of ARBC under the Comite PPA/CEA?

What has ARBC done or will it do? Floodplain management plan?

2016 and 2021 high water mark studies and/or reports?

Any other projects, whether studies or construction?

Who is funding each of those projects? What community funding is there?

Who is protected by each of those projects? What protection is afforded by it?

What management or regulatory efforts has ARBC done or been involved in, in relation to public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

What was ARBC's role in each?

What other actions is ARBC taking, or has it taken, in relation to public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

What was ARBC's role in each?

What other actions could or would ARBC like to do within its exiting authority, in relation to public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

What obstacles has ARBC encountered in trying to do that?

What actions has ARBC taken in relation to that?

What other actions could or would ARBC like to do for which it needs more authority, in relation to public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

What additional authority would ARBC need to do that?

What other obstacles may ARBC encounter in trying to do that?

What actions has ARBC taken in relation to that?

What other hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure projects have been or are being done in the ARB?

Who is funding each of those projects? What community funding is there?

Who is protected by each of those projects? What protection is afforded by it?

How are ARBC Board members selected? And appointed?

Is there any requirement for particular qualifications?

Any expertise regarding public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

Or other qualifications, such as legal, accounting, or other professions?

What expertise do the current Board members have?

Is it beneficial to ARBC in fulfilling its purpose if Board members have qualifications regarding public drainage, flood control, water resources development, or floodplain management?

Or other qualifications, such as legal, accounting, or other professions?

Are the current Board members able to assist ARBC in fulfilling its purpose?

What staff does ARBC have?

Is this staff sufficient to perform the tasks ARBC is already engaged in?

Is this staff sufficient to perform additional tasks that ARBC could or would like to do?

Where has ARBC obtained its funding? What funding is ARBC currently receiving?

Has ARBC sought annual state budget funding? If not, why not?

What funding would be beneficial to ARBC if it were available through the annual budget?

How could or would ARBC use it?

Has ARBC sought state capital outlay funding?

What funding has ARBC received through capital outlay?

Has ARBC recently sought, or is it now seeking, capital outlay funding? If not, why not?

What funding would be beneficial to ARBC if it were available through capital outlay?

How could or would ARBC use it?

ARBC obtained a 10-year 3-mill tax in 2000? Renewed in 2010?

What was the purpose of the tax? Limited to Comite? Please provide a copy.

This tax has now expired? Why was it allowed to expire? Were efforts made to renew?

Has ARBC sought any new taxes? If not, why not?

What funding would be beneficial to ARBC if it were available through a new tax?

How could or would ARBC use it?

Has ARBC sought grants? Through OCD, CPRA, or otherwise?

What funding has ARBC received through grants?

Has ARBC sought or is it seeking grant funding? If not, why not?

What funding would be beneficial to ARBC if it were available through grants?

How could or would ARBC use it?

Is the funding ARBC currently receiving sufficient to cover ARBC's current expenses?

What are ARBC's current expenses?

What is ARBC's liability or responsibility regarding Comite, beyond funds it has already contributed to Comite?

Where did the ARBC funds for Comite come from – capital outlay?

Is ARBC paying something for relocations on Comite? Zachary gas customers?

What is ARBC paying?

Does ARBC expect to be reimbursed for this? How? From what source?

What funds does ARBC have on hand currently, or available to it?

Is ARBC due a refund in relation to Comite?

For what, from whom, when, and in what amount or how will it be calculated?

What does ARBC intend to do with excess property from Comite in ARBC's name?

What do you see ARBC's role for the ARB to be going into the future?

What has ARBC spent its money on to date?

Does ARBC have involvement in the National Flood Insurance Program? If so, what is it?

Is there anyone else you believe CPRA should consult regarding the study required by HCR 46?