Recent Federal Funding Developments

NOTABLE ITEMS FROM FY22 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS, FY23 PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET, AND FY23 USACE IIJA WORK PLAN
Highlights of FY22 Federal Appropriations

Energy & Water Appropriations for Army Corps (USACE):

Investigations: $143 M. In Louisiana, Houma Nav. Canal, Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel, and Port of Iberia received Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding for investigations.

Construction: $2.492 B. In Louisiana, Calcasieu River and Pass, J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, and SW Coastal received CDS funding. LCA received the FY22 budgeted amount.

MR&T: $370 M. Notable CDS for MR&T include $19.333 M to Morganza to the Gulf and $5 M for Lower MS River Comprehensive Study.

O&M: $4.57 B. Louisiana projects received a total of $318.1 M in O&M.

Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations for NOAA:

Funded 9 habitat restoration projects totaling $12.244 M through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for NOAA Special Projects.

Notes that the IIJA provided $178 M in FY22 for restoring marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystem habitat and restoring fish passage.

Notes that the IIJA provided $20 M in FY22 to NOAA Fisheries for addressing backlog of ESA, MMPA, and EFH consultations related to permitting.
Highlights of FY23 President’s Budget

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<td>$6.6 B</td>
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Army Corps, New Orleans District

- Overall New Orleans District budget of $390.8 M exceeds 5-year budget average of $289 M
- Investigations: $0.
- Construction - $4.5 M for Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) beneficial use of dredged material (BUDMAT) for Calcasieu River & Pass
- MR&T - $70.7 M plus an estimated $30 M for regionally shared projects. Investigations for Lafitte Area Flood Risk Management ($500K) & Lower MS River Study ($1M). Construction for Atchafalaya Basin ($1.7M). O&M of $67.5 M, including for Old River ($46.2M) and for Atchafalaya Basin ($14.7 M)
- O&M - $315.5 M plus some funding from regionally shared projects. Largest budgeted item is MS River, BR to Gulf ($209.1M)
LA Projects in of FY23 USACE IIJA Work Plan

**FY23 IIJA USACE Work Plan Addendum**

**Investigations:**
- Additional $7.7 M nationwide for specific projects. $30 M for pilot program for projects in rural or economically disadvantaged communities.
- No additional funding for investigations in Louisiana.

**Construction:**
- Additional $1.65 B nationwide.
- For Louisiana, an additional $115 M for Southwest Coastal to award a design-build contract to elevate structures in the current 25 year flood plain in Calcasieu, Cameron, and Vermilion parishes.

**MR&T:** IIJA funding already allocated.

**O&M:**
- Additional $1 B nationwide
- Louisiana projects received a total of $32.5 M in additional O&M for the following projects: $16.5 M on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, $15 M for the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, and $1 M for Mermentau River.
Federal Leaders Visit Louisiana in April 2022

Chair Brenda Mallory, White House Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ): April 4 - 6

Executive Director Christine Harada, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC/Permitting Council): April 4 - 7

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Michael Connor (USACE): April 8 & April 20 – 21.
### HUD Additional CDBG-DR Funding

- On March 22\(^{nd}\), HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge and Gov. Edwards announced that the state would receive an additional $450 million for recovery from Hurricanes Laura and Delta and $1.27 billion for Hurricane Ida.

- Funded through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.

- Funding for 2020 hurricanes is on top of initial $600 million given by HUD.

### CDBG-DR Allocations for CY 2021 Most Impacted and Distressed Qualifying Disasters

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### Additional CDBG-DR Allocations for CY 2020 Most Impacted and Distressed Qualifying Disasters for Unmet Needs

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FEMA’s Swift Current Initiative

- On March 21st, Vice President Kamala Harris announced in Sunset, LA, that the state would receive $40 million though the new Flood Mitigation Swift Current Grant Initiative.

- First FEMA initiative to be funded through the IIJIA to strengthen national preparedness and resilience

- Objective of Swift Current is to expedite flood mitigation grants to residents with either substantially damaged structures or repetitively flood properties insured under NFIP.

- Other states receiving Swift Current funds: New Jersey ($10 M), Mississippi ($5 M), and Pennsylvania ($5 M).

- Harris emphasized the Administration’s priority for communities to “build up resilience”.

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Launch of America the Beautiful Challenge

- On April 11, the White House launched the America the Beautiful Challenge, expressing a goal of $1 billion directed to restoration and conservation grants through public-private partnerships.
- Anchored by initial $440 million over next five years from the IIJA.
- Administered by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) as a public-private grant program.
- Directed and funded by White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Dept. of Interior (DOI), Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), and Dept. of Defense (DOD).
- Provides a one-stop-shop solicitation to streamline the grant application process and coordinate funding for “locally led” ecosystem restoration projects across landscapes, watersheds, and seascapes.
- Aligned with the Biden Administration’s “America the Beautiful Initiative” to voluntarily conserve 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.