

MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION AUTHORIZATION/HISTORY



- The Mississippi Delta Region Project was authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1928 and 1965, as amended by WRDA 1974,1986 and 1996.
 The structures were designed to introduce freshwater from the Mississippi River to establish favorable salinity conditions in the discharge estuaries, and to enhance fish and wildlife resources.
- <u>Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion -</u> Construction Completed in 1991 for \$26 million.
- <u>Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion</u> Construction Completed in 2002 for \$106 million.
- Both Diversions are funded under the MR&T O&M Appropriation Program. Cost share is 75% federal and 25% state.
- The diversions were constructed by USACE, and are operated by CPRA.



MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION FUNDING STATUS



- Funding for the 75% federal share is provided annually, for both Caernarvon and Davis Pond, under a single project allocation.
- Approx. \$1.5M \$1.7M per year required for federal share (75%)(reduced O&M, Excludes de-watering funds)
- FY2023: Funding Allocation was \$715K
- CARRYOVER: FY23 carryover into FY24 = \$545K
- FY2024: The President's Budget is \$2.06M, including a portion for the Davis Pond De-watering. (currently under CRA)
- Combined Total Federal Funding Available: \$2.6M (projected).