



Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority



Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 9:30 AM

State Capitol Building
House Committee Room 5
900 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. **Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
- V. **Old Business / Announcements**
- VI. **USACE Update** – *Col. Cullen Jones, USACE New Orleans District*
- VII. **CPRA Implementation Update** – *Clay Parker, CPRA*
- VIII. **State and CPRA Hurricane Preparation Update** – *Bradley Barth, CPRA and Mark Ward, GOHSEP*
- IX. **Executive Session** – Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16, 42:17 A(2) (10) (attorney/client privilege & deliberative process privilege) and 42:19 A (1)(dd)(ii):
 1. Discussion and status of the pending lawsuits, legal advice, and related matters relating to the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion
 - a. “*Jurisich Oysters, LLC; Ameripure Processing, Inc.; Matthew Tesvich; International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute; Alert Project of Earth Island Institute; and Earth Island Institute v. United States Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. National Marine Fisheries Services; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Docket No. 2:24-cv-00106, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana*”
 - i. Intervenor: Environmental Defense Fund, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, Orleans Audubon Society, and Cajun Fishing Adventures, Inc.
 - ii. Subject Matter of the Federal Litigation: Plaintiffs allege claims against the United States Army Corps of Engineers for violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Administrative Procedures Act, and against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for violations of the Endangered Species Act.



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- b. *“Plaquemines Parish Government v. Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Case No. 68-526, Div. B, 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana”*
 - i. Intervenors: Richard Blink, Foster Creppel, Kevin Crossen, Alicia Dardar, Timothy Dardar, Ryan Lambert, Michael Mariana, and Harold Hunter White, III
 - ii. Subject Matter of the State Court Litigation: Parish alleges that CPRA did not comply with local ordinances relative to construction of the Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion project.
 - iii. Recommended legal advice
- c. Pursuant to request and settlement demand from AWA contractor, strategy, discussion, and recommendations pursuant to legal advice concerning AWA’s contract and approval of recommended contractual documents, as approved by legal, and authorized negotiations and signatures for documents. Open discussion would reveal legal advice and strategy and could thwart strategic negotiations of the public body.
- d. Pursuant to request and demand of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), strategy and discussion of permits status negotiations and legal advice with USACE and La. Department of Natural Resources, and approval of legal documents, as approved by legal, and authorized negotiations and signatures. Open discussions would reveal legal advice and strategy and could thwart strategic negotiations of the public body.
- e. Pursuant to requests and demands of the Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) and the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group (LATIG), strategy, discussions, and legal advice concerning negotiations with TIG/LATIG and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) pertaining to resolutions, agreements, and/or settlement and approval of legal documents as approved by legal and authorized negotiations and signatures. Open discussion would reveal legal advice and strategy and could thwart strategic negotiations of the public body.

1. Motion to enter Executive Session

- **Public Comment**

2. Motion to exit Executive Session

- **Public comment**

X. Board Action on Executive Session

XI. Public Comment

XII. Adjourn