

FINAL REVISED
**State Of Mississippi
Coastal Impact Assistance Plan
2007-2010**



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Plan Update 1 (Updated November 2012)
**Mississippi Coastal Impact Assistance Program Plan
2007 – 2010**

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Introduction and Purpose

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP Program) was established by Section 384 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Act) also known as Public Law 109-58 which authorizes funds to be distributed to Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states for the conservation, protection and preservation of coastal areas, including wetlands. The CIAP legislation appropriated \$250 million per year for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 to be distributed among eligible producing states (States) and their coastal political subdivisions or CPSs. Allocations to each state are based on the ratio of qualified OCS revenues offshore of that state to the total qualified OCS revenues from all states. To receive CIAP funds, states must submit a Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (Plan), describing how these funds will be expended, to the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) formerly known as the Minerals Management Service or MMS. The BOEMRE must approve that Plan before disbursing any CIAP funds to a state and its CPSs. Note: On October 1, 2011, the CIAP Program was transferred from BOEMRE to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

The CIAP provision of the Act, established by amending Section 31.d.1. of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356 a.), listed five categories of authorized uses of CIAP funds. Thus, a state or CPS can use CIAP funds only for one or more of the following purposes, also called Authorized Uses:

1. Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetlands.
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.
3. Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with CIAP.
4. Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.
5. Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

States and CPSs shall demonstrate that each proposed project:

- Is consistent with one of the five authorized uses and, as required, and
- Directly or indirectly benefits the natural coastal environment.

Mississippi is one of six states currently eligible to receive CIAP funds. Funds received by Mississippi and its CPSs, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties, are being expended according to the requirements of the Act and the CIAP guidelines developed by BOEMRE/FWS. This document is the State of Mississippi's comprehensive Coastal Impact Assistance Program Plan for fiscal years (FYs) 2007-2010 (amended in September 2009) as

required under the CIAP legislation. The Plan identifies CIAP projects to be implemented through sub-grants awarded by the State of Mississippi and the three coastal counties based on the estimated allocations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The allocations for the state and CPSs total \$109,273,734.08 as follows: Hancock County - \$7,549,320.64, Harrison County - \$15,091,859.69, Jackson County - \$15,604,626.59 and State of Mississippi - \$71,027,927.16.

The State of Mississippi, through its designated lead agency, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR), has worked cooperatively with the three coastal counties via their Boards of Supervisors and many other collaborators since 2006 to identify and propose several coastal restoration, protection, enhancement and conservation projects as well as infrastructure projects that, when implemented, will serve to improve the health of the coastal ecology and enhance the quality of life for all Mississippians, particularly those living in our coastal communities. The projects will be implemented through a series of sub-grants to partners.

Mississippi's CIAP Plan Update 1 was developed by MDMR in coordination with the three coastal counties following the *CIAP State Plan Guidelines (September 2010 Revision)* provided by BOEMRE. The following is a summary of the comprehensive Mississippi CIAP Plan with the elements required by BOEMRE.

Designated Lead State Agency

According to 43 U.S.C. Section 1356a(c)(2)(B)(ii)(I), the governor of each CIAP qualified state is required to name a "state agency that will have the authority to represent and act on behalf of the producing state in dealing with the Secretary of the Department of Interior for purposes of this section." Each CPS subject to CIAP is also required to designate a point of contact under 43 U.S.C. Section 1356a(c)(2)(B)(ii)(III).

On December 8, 2005 Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour designated the MDMR as the lead agency to act on the state's behalf for purposes of CIAP (letter in Appendix A). After designation as the lead agency, the MDMR staff coordinated and led the development of this CIAP Plan in conjunction with the CPSs and will continue to serve as the lead agency for purposes of administering the Plan and CIAP throughout the grant award period.

In 1994, the Mississippi Legislature created the MDMR as a separate governing agency to enhance, protect and conserve marine interests of the state. MDMR's mission *is to manage all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas, and to provide for the balanced commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.* The 2007-2010 CIAP program is coordinated by MDMR's Office of Coastal Management and Planning, Coastal Resource Management Planning program (CRMP) in conjunction with the designated coordinators for each CPS. CRMP's mission *is to develop a plan to sustain Mississippi's coastal resources and to provide for a healthy economy in the coastal area.*

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Designated Coastal Political Subdivisions (CPSs)

Three Mississippi counties lie totally or partially within the coastal zone of Mississippi (as defined in Section 304 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S. C. 1453)) as of the date of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and are not more than 200 nautical miles from the geographic center of any tract leased for the purpose of drilling for, developing, and producing oil or natural gases. The counties are Hancock, Harrison and Jackson. Shortly after the designation of MDMR as the state's lead agency, these three coast counties through their Boards of Supervisors, as specified in 43 U.S.C. Section 1356a(c)(2)(B)(ii)(III), designated their points of contact for purposes of CIAP. The current points of contact are:

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Governor's Certification of Public Participation

A copy of Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour's certification of public participation in the development, review and proposed amendments of the Mississippi CIAP Plan can be found in Appendix B along with a list of all public comments received during the formal public comment period and responses to those comments. Below is an overview of the public participation process.

MDMR and Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties have worked collaboratively to provide information to the public, cities and other local governments, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, federal and state agencies and other entities regarding the CIAP program and Mississippi's Plan development and to involve those parties in that process. These efforts began in April 2006 when MDMR formally announced their designation as the lead agency for the new CIAP program during a bi-monthly CRMP meeting at D'Iberville City Hall and have continued through the present date. All CRMP meetings are publicized and open to the public. Since then, MDMR and the three coastal counties have worked jointly on a multi-faceted approach to the plan development, including: 1) initial program notification and input by the public, counties and other government entities regarding the state's plan goals, objectives and procedures; 2) dissemination of the state's and counties' goals objectives and procedures and a joint Request for Proposals to the public, counties and other entities; 3) communication of the Draft Plan and distribution for public review and comment; and 4) revision, compilation and dissemination of revisions of the Final Plan. The following is a description of the state and county approach to the public participation process:

- 1. Initial Program Notification and Input on the State's Plan Goals and Procedures:** One of the first actions taken by the MDMR to develop Mississippi's comprehensive CIAP Plan was to establish the CIAP Technical Review Committee to advise MDMR on the design and development of the program. The Technical Committee, made up of 16 members representative of other state and federal resource agencies, non-government organizations, businesses and industries, media and

MDMR technical and program staff, met in June, 2006 to review the national *Draft CIAP State Plan Guidelines* and to define five overarching goals for the state program. A list of Technical Committee members can be found in the *Acknowledgements* section of this Plan. The Technical Committee and MDMR staff then developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) and selection criteria for sub-grants to help meet the state and county goals via meetings and e-mails (See RFP in Appendix C). The RFP was also used by the CPSs in the development of their proposals to ensure a standard format for all Mississippi projects. The RFP format was based on the recommended Project Description and Project Narrative Forms found in the *CIAP State Plan Guidelines* provided by BOEMRE.

- 2. Dissemination of the State and CPS Goals, Objectives and Procedures and Request for Proposals:** The state RFP was distributed on August 10, 2006 during the CRMP public meeting hosted by MDMR on behalf of the state and three counties and was advertised by public notice in two statewide/regional newspapers (see pages 37 - 38). MDMR staff coordinated their public outreach efforts with each county Board of Supervisors and their designated coordinators, and encouraged them to use the same RFP process for county sub-grants. Additional details and a list of meetings held by the state and counties can be found below in the description of public participation.
- 3. Communication of the Draft Plan:** On May 10, 2007, MDMR announced the availability of the Draft Plan for review and comments during the annual 2007 Coastal Strategies Conference held in Biloxi which coincided with the posting of the Plan on MDMR's website at <http://www.dmr.state.ms.us/ciap> and the three county public websites. A hard copy was available for review at the conference, and executive summaries were distributed to conference participants and visitors. The availability of the Plan was also announced via a joint press release issued by MDMR and the three counties to local and statewide media. The comment period remained open for 31 days, and reviewers submitted comments via e-mail, fax or mail. The Draft Plan was also sent to BOEMRE at the same time for an initial review as required by the *CIAP State Plan Guidelines*. Hard copies of the Draft Plan were also made available for review in each coastal county courthouse and at the MDMR office in Biloxi. All comments and responses received during the public comment period were compiled and answered. Comments and responses can be found in Appendix B.
- 4. Dissemination of the Final Plan:** After all comments were considered and the Plan was reviewed and revised, MDMR submitted the Final Plan to BOEMRE for a completeness review in December, 2007, and again for a completeness and adequacy review in August 2008. MDMR received comments on the revised Final Plan on November 17, 2008 and also revised CIAP State Plan Guidelines from BOEMRE and revised the Final Plan accordingly and resubmitted to BOEMRE for another review in December, 2008. As instructed by BOEMRE in their December 23, 2008 Plan Review, MDMR removed 10 projects from the final plan and resubmitted it on December 31, 2008. The Final Plan was approved by BOEMRE on February 18, 2009, MDMR in conjunction with BOEMRE and the counties announced by news release and the MDMR and county websites, the approval of the Final Plan transmitted by Governor Haley Barbour to BOEMRE. Digital copies were transmitted to the three coastal counties, and other agencies, organizations and the

public by request. The approved Final Plan was posted on the MDMR website with a link to the Hancock, Harrison and Jackson County websites. A hard copy of the approved plan was made available for public review in each county and at the MDMR office in Biloxi.

5. **Modifications to Final Plan:** As required by BOEMRE/FWS, MDMR and the counties will submit amendments semi-annually as needed and changes to the Final Plan through an annual Plan Update (as required). The first proposed amendments to the plan were submitted for BOEMRE approval in September 2009, after a 30-day public comment period. Approved plan modifications were posted on the MDMR website. A new appendix (Appendix G) was added to the State Plan that summarizes all modifications to the plan, which includes amendments and changes. BOEMRE provided comments to the first plan amendment on January 25, 2010 and on May 12, 2010. MDMR and counties revised the plan accordingly and resubmitted the amended plan for approval in April 2010 and again in May 2010. The amended plan was approved by BOEMRE on June 18, 2010. The first Plan Update (through August 31, 2010) was submitted to BOEMRE on January 31, 2011. The program was transferred from BOEMRE to FWS in October 2011 and no additional plan updates have been required or submitted since that time.

Public Participation Summaries

Following are summaries of the MDMR's and the coast counties' records of public participation prior to the submission of the revised Final Plan in December 2008, and prior to the submission of the September 14, 2009 amended plan.

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Public and Other Meetings Regarding CIAP Plan

Date	Time	Location	Entity	Specific Topic	Number Attended
April 13, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CRMP Meeting	App. 75
April , 2006	2:00 p.m.	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors President Connie Rockco, Tina Shumate, Michaela Hill	3
May 3, 2006	11:30 a.m.	Saenger Theater, Biloxi	CRMP Conference	CRMP Conference - Introduction to CIAP Presentation - Stephanie Gambino	App. 500
May 3, 2006	Evening	Saenger Theater, Biloxi	CRMP Conference	Meeting with Regional CIAP Representative- Tina Shumate, Michaela Hill, Stephanie Gambino	3
May 11, 2006	2:00 p.m.	Supervisor Rocko's Office	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors President Connie Rockco - Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Sup. Rockco, George Carbo, Pam Ulrich	5
May 15, 2006	8:00 a.m.	Supervisor Norvel's Office	Jackson County BOS	Jackson County Board of Supervisors President Norvel, Tina Shumate	2
June 16, 2006	1:30 p.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	DMR - State Plan	State CIAP Technical Review Committee - Setup Committee, Goals, Objectives, Application	8
June 28, 2006	10:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	DMR - State Plan	State CIAP Technical Review Committee - Goals & Objectives/Application	18
July 17, 2006	All Day	Reston, VA	State & CPS, BOEMRE	CIAP Coordinators' meeting in Reston, VA	7 (MS reps)
July 31, 2006	1:30 p.m.	DMR Executive Office	State & CPSs	County CIAP meeting at DMR - Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Sara Workman and Bill Workman, George Carbo	5

July 31, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Jackson County Courthouse	Jackson County BOS	Jackson County BOS meeting - CPS CIAP Informational	n/a
August 2, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Pearl River County, Picayune, and Poplarville	Pearl River County, Picayune, Poplarville meeting (rep) – Tina, Michaela, Glade Woods, Roger Colwell	4
August 7, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors Meeting – General	n/a
August 8, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Gulf Coast Research Lab	GCRL GIS Trailer	CIAP Presentation – Tina Shumate and Grant Larsen	10
August 10, 2006	9:00 a.m.	D’Iberville City Hall	CRMP	CIAP Public Meeting – CRMP	71
August 10, 2006	1:00 p.m.	Ocean Springs City Hall	Jackson County CPS	Jackson County CPS- Municipality meeting – Ocean Springs City Hall, Mayor Moran, Alderman Julia Weaver, Christy Wheeler, Mayor Bishop, OS Grant Writer, Michaela, Tina, Sara and Bill Workman	9
August 16, 2006	7:00 p.m.	D’Iberville City Hall	City of D’Iberville	City of D’Iberville – Mayor Quave, Jeff Taylor, and Richard Rose and CRMP Group – CIAP Presentation	7
August 18, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Stone County & Wiggins	Stone County and City of Wiggins- Nell Murray, County Rep, CRMP Conference Room – CIAP Application Ideas	3
August 21, 2006	8:30 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Pearl River County, Picayune, and Poplarville	Pearl River County, Picayune, Poplarville meeting (rep) – Glade Wood, Tina Shumate, Michaela Hill – CIAP Application Ideas	3
August 22, 2006	9:00 a.m.	City of Pascagoula	City of Pascagoula	Harrietta Eaton – City Manager Kay Kell’s Assistant and Tina Shumate	2

August 28, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors Meeting – CPS Presentation – Observe Only	n/a
August 30, 2006	3:00 p.m.	Telephone-Tina Only	The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy – Stacey Shankle	2
August 31, 2006	1:00 p.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	City of Gulfport	City of Gulfport - Frank Wilem and DJ Ziegler – Marina, Michaela Hill and Tina Shumate	4
September 1, 2006	1:00 p.m.	Lucedale Mayor's Office	George County	CIAP Presentation - Mayor Whites and Tina Shumate	2
September 6, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	City of Pass Christian	City of Pass Christian - Mayor McDermott, Malcolm Jones, and Cynthia Burkett, Michaela and Tina - Marina	5
September 7, 2006	11:00 a.m.	Jackson County BOS - MCGCC- Gautier	Jackson County CPS	Jackson County CPS Meeting - CPS Technical Review Committee - Observe Only	15
September 8, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	City of Long Beach	City of Long Beach - Mayor Skellie, John Campton, Michaela Hill and Tina Shumate... New Rec. Harbor, Bear Bayou	4
September 8, 2006	2:30 p.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	DMR – Technical Review Committee	CIAP Technical Review Committee Meeting - Michaela, Tina, Grant, Margaret Bretz, Phil Bass, Marcia, Dale, Judy Steckler	8
September 13, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Pearl River County	Pearl River County	Pearl River County Planners - Tina Shumate, Harold Holmes and Julia Anderson - CIAP App. For Stormwater Management and Museum	3
September 14, 2006	1:00 p.m.	Mary Mahoney's Restaurant	City of Biloxi	City of Biloxi - Tina Shumate, Drew Seghers and Frankie Duggan - CIAP App. For Marina and Land Acquisition	3

September 15, 2006	2:00 p.m.	Harrison County BOS - Jenell Tompkins	Hancock County CPS	Hancock County CPS Meeting - Jenell Tompkins, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Waveland Rep. - Ron Calcagno - County Plan Projects Jenell's Office	4
September 20, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	MSU - Stennis	CIAP Application Ideas - Sharon Hodge, Tina Shumate	2
September 21, 2006	11:30 a.m.	Jackson County BOS - MCGCC-Gautier	Jackson County CPS	Jackson County CPS Meeting - Observe Only	15
September 26, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Office	City of Biloxi	City of Biloxi Land Acquisition & Popp's Ferry Causeway - Grace Aaron, Consultant, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate	3
September 26, 2006	1:30 p.m.	MDMR Fisheries	SMPDD-The District	South Mississippi Planning and Development District - 8 People/Inland Seafood Park Fisheries Conference Room	8
September 28, 2006	8:30 a.m.	CRMP Office	George County	George County - Sue Wright, Telephone Conference call - Land Acquisition, Museum, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Sue Wright	3
September 28, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Office	Lynn Meadows Discovery	Lynn Meadows Discovery Center Land Acquisition - Betsy Grant, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate	3
September 28, 2006	10:00 a.m.	CRMP Office	City of Pass Christian	CIAP Application for Pass Harbor - Evelina Shmukler, Grant Writer, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate	3
October 5, 2006	11:30 a.m.	Jackson County BOS- MCGCC-Gautier	Jackson County CPS	Technical Review Committee Meeting - Observe Only	15
October 6, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Ohr-O'Keefe Museum	CIAP Application For MDOT/Museum Welcome Center - Holly Zimmer, Roland Weeks, Michaela Hill	3

October 9, 2006	11:30 a.m.	DMR Executive Office	Institute for Marine Mammal Studies	CIAP Application For Marine Mammal Program - Dr. William Walker, Moby Solangi, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate	4
October 12, 2006	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Presentation	55
October 12, 2006	11:30 a.m.	City of D'Iberville Council Room	Harrison County CPS	Review Harrison County CPS Proposals - Pam Ulrich, Larry Lewis, Michaela Hill, and Tina Shumate	4
October 12, 2006	12:30 p.m.	Mary Mahoney's Restaurant	City of Moss Point	Review City of Moss Point CIAP Proposals - Melissa Pringle, Michaela Hill, and Tina Shumate	4
October 16, 2006	9:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	City of Gulfport	CIAP Application For Turkey Creek and Gulfport Harbor - David Nichols, Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate	3
October 26, 2006	2:30 p.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Technical Review Committee	Handed out and discussed CIAP Review and Rating Materials	8
October 27, 2006	10:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Technical Review Committee	Handed out and discussed CIAP Review and Rating Materials	12
November 14, 2006	10:00 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	Technical Review Committee	10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Drop off ratings and question/answer session	n/a
November 20, 2006	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Walker's Office	CIAP Executive Meeting	Discussion of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects	3
November 21, 2006	3:00 p.m.	Dr. Walker's Office	CIAP Executive Meeting	Discussion of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects for DMR Fisheries	4
November 28, 2006	1:30 p.m.	Fisheries Conf. Room	South Mississippi Planning and Development District	Discussed the Working Waterfront CIAP Proposal	7

November 30, 2006	11:00 a.m.	USM- Gulf Coast Research Lab	USM and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Discussed combining the two greenhouse projects submitted by the two entities	3
December 5, 2006	2:00 p.m.	Dr. Walker's Office	CIAP Executive Meeting	Development of the State Fish Hatchery Revised Proposal and Discussion of Tier and Tier 2 Projects	3
December 11, 2006	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Walker's Office	CIAP Executive Meeting	Discussion of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects	3
December 12, 2006	9:30 a.m.	CRMP Conf. Room	CIAP Executive Meeting	Discussion of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects, revised proposal descriptions, and timeline. Set up on Grants.gov	3
December 14, 2006	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	78
December 28, 2006	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Walker's Office	CIAP Executive Meeting	Discussion of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects	3
January 12, 2007	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Walker's Office	CIAP Executive Meeting	Discussion of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects	2
February 5, 2007	1:30 p.m.	South Mississippi Planning and Development District	South Mississippi Planning and Development District	Discuss the Working Waterfront CIAP Proposal	8
February 22, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the format for state and CPS plan	8
February 22, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	60
April 12, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CMRP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	35
May 9 – 10, 2007	All day	Imperial Palace Casino	CMRP Conference	CIAP Status Update, Presentation of Plan by Governor; Display/copies of plan at Conference	512

June 6, 2007	4:00 p.m.	City of D'Iberville	Public Meeting/Open House	To Review Draft Plan and Receive Comments	17
July 13, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Team and BOEMRE	BOEMRE Comments on Proposals	8
July 16, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Team and BOEMRE	BOEMRE Comments on Proposals	8
July 27, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR CIAP Team	Review of BOEMRE Comments & Strategy for completing final plan	10
August 9, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	68
August 9, 2007	1:00 p.m.	City of D'Iberville	MDMR CIAP Staff and Harco CPS	CIAP Status Update	5
September 21, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 25, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 26, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR Executive Office/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Team and BOEMRE	BOEMRE Comments on Proposals	9
September 27, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Staff	CIAP Proposal Edits	4
October 25, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	39
December 4, 2007	10:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR CIAP Staff	CIAP Proposal Edits	3
January 17, 2008	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Conference Call to discuss Completeness Comments	10
January 23,	10:30	MDMR CRMP	MDMR Staff and	CIAP conference call with BOEMRE	17

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February 21, 2008	10:00	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	32
February 28, 2008	8:30 a.m.	MDMR Conference Room	MDMR Staff, CIAP Team, CPS Finance Directors and BOEMRE CIAP Team	Grants.gov training, overview of grant application and miscellaneous topics	20
March 18, 2008	1:30	MDMR Offices	MDMR Staff, Stephanie Gambino, Josh Lott (NOAA)	Conference call to discuss MS Coastal Program	5
May 2008	2:00	Saenger Theater Biloxi	CRMP Conference	Powering Renewal CIAP Project Presentation	26
February 18, 2009	1:00	Gulf Islands National Seashore	MDMR, BOEMRE, CPS representatives, sub-grantees, media and public	Press conference and signing approved state plan	75
March 12, 2009	8:30	City of D'Iberville	MDMR, CPS coordinators and sub-grantee representatives	Orientation meeting with sub-grantees	80
March 12, 2009	10:00	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting, MDMR Staff, CIAP Team, public, local elected officials, sub-grantee representatives	Press conference to announce plan approval and meeting to discuss rollout of CIAP plan.	150

Hancock County Public and Other Meetings Regarding CIAP

Date	Time	Location	Entity	Specific Topic	Number Attended
April 13, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CRMP Meeting	App. 75
May 3, 2006	11:30 a.m.	Saenger Theater, Biloxi	CRMP Conference	CRMP Conference - Introduction to CIAP Presentation - Stephanie Gambino	App. 500
May 18, 2006	9:00 a.m.	BOEMRE, LA	BOEMRE	Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Jenell Tompkins & other CIAP States	App. 15-20
June 15, 2006	n/a	Hancock County	Hancock County POC	Point of Contact (POC) meeting with Mickey Lagasse, Bldg Official and Sissy Gonzales, Comptroller to discuss CIAP Projects	2
July 17, 2006	All Day	Reston, VA	State & CPS, BOEMRE	CIAP Coordinators' meeting in Reston, VA	7 (MS Reps)
July 31, 2006	1:30 p.m.	DMR Executive Office	State & CPSs	County CIAP meeting at DMR - Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Sara Workman and Bill Workman, George Carbo	5
August 16, 2006	n/a	Hancock County	Hancock County POC	POC Meeting with Sue Chamberlain & county Waste Water 1 regarding potential projects	2
August 10, 2006	9:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP	CIAP Public Meeting - CRMP	71
Sept. 15, 2006	2:00 p.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County POC, State & City of Waveland	CIAP meeting with City of Waveland, Ron Calangno, State, Tina Shumate, Michaela Hill & Jenell Tompkins regarding potential projects.	3

Oct. 2, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County BOS	Hancock County Board of Supervisors Meeting CIAP Projects	60
October 12, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Presentation	55
December 5, 2006	n/a	Hancock County	Hancock County POC	CIAP meeting with planner Sue Chamberlain to review potential projects within the Greenway Plan	2
December 12, 2006 -	n/a	Hancock County	Hancock County POC	Meeting with Al Smith with Hancock County Water and Sewer to determine any additional infrastructure projects	3
December 14, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	78
Jan. 2, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County BOS	CIAP—Hancock County Board of Supervisors	79
February 5, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County BOS	CIAP Presentation of preliminary project ideas and to determine other potential needs and projects— Hancock County Board of Supervisors	65
February 22, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the format for state and CPS plan	8
March 5, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County BOS	Present fully develop project ideas and to determine feasibility of projects	80
March 8, 2007	n/a	Hancock County	Hancock County Seacoast ECHO	Hancock County Board of Supervisors, advertised workshop to get input on several additional project ideas	n/a

March 21, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County BOS	CIAP—Hancock County Board of Supervisors to discuss projects	65
April 4, 2007	n/a	MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the MS CIAP Plan	8
April 12, 2007	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	App. 75
April 26, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County BOS	Hancock County	Board of Supervisors Meeting CIAP Projects	n/a
May 7, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County BOS	Hancock County	Board of Supervisors Meeting CIAP Projects	n/a
May 9-10, 2007	All day	Imperial Palace Casino Conference Center	CRMP Conference	Announcement and Presentation of Draft Plan to Public, Start of Public Comment Period	512
June 6, 2007	4:00 p.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	Open House	Open House to allow for public review of the Draft Plan and comments	17
July 27, 2007		MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the MS CIAP Plan	8
August 9, 2007	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	68
August 9, 2007	11:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss progress on MS CIAP Plan revisions	5
August 22, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Hancock County	Hancock County BOS	Discuss Progress on MS CIAP	n/a
August 31, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Conference Call	CIAP Team	Discuss progress on MS CIAP Plan revisions and future timeline	9
September 21, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 25, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 26, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR Executive Office/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Team and BOEMRE	BOEMRE Comments on Proposals	9
October 25, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	39
January 17, 2008	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Conference Call to discuss Completeness Comments	10

January 23, 2008	10:30	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team and BOEMRE staff	CIAP conference call with BOEMRE	17
February 4, 2008	12:00	Barber and Mann, Inc., Ridgeland, MS	Hancock County CIAP Coordinators and	Meeting to revise Hancock County projects	3
February 21, 2008	10:00	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	32
February 28, 2008	8:30 a.m.	MDMR Conference Room	MDMR Staff, CIAP Team, CPS Finance Directors and BOEMRE CIAP Team Finance Directors and BOEMRE CIAP Team	Grants.gov training, overview of grant application and miscellaneous topics	20

Harrison County Public and Other Meetings Regarding CIAP

Date	Time	Location	Entity	Specific Topic	Number Attended
April 13, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CRMP Meeting	App. 75
May 3, 2006	11:30 a.m.	Saenger Theater, Biloxi	CRMP Conference	CRMP Conference - Introduction to CIAP Presentation - Stephanie Gambino	App. 500
May 11, 2006	2:00 p.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors President Connie Rockco - Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Sup. Rockco, George Carbo, Pam Ulrich	5
July 25, 2006	n/a	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County POC	Point of Contact (POC) meeting with Pam Ulrich, to discuss CIAP/CDBG matching funds	2
July 31, 2006	n/a	Telephone	Harrison County POC	POC telecom with Stephanie Gambino, BOEMRE, for General information	2
July 31, 2006	1:30 p.m.	DMR Executive Office	State & CPS's	County CIAP meeting at DMR - Michaela Hill, Tina Shumate, Sara Workman and Bill Workman, George Carbo	5
August 2, 2006	n/a	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County POC	POC Meeting with Supervisor Bobby Eleuterius regarding potential projects	2
August 4, 2006	n/a		Harrison County POC	POC meeting with Bobby Weaver, Director Harrison County Sand Beach regarding potential project ideas	2
August 7, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors Meeting - General	App. 50

August 10, 2006	9:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP	CIAP Public Meeting - CRMP	71
August 15, 2006	n/a		Harrison County POC	POC meeting with Derrek Evans (Turkey Creek group) and Airport to discuss potential project ideas	4
August 28, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	Harrison County Board of Supervisors Meeting - POC CIAP presentation to BOS and presented potential project ideas	App. 50
October 11, 2006		Telephone	Harrison County POC	POC telecom with Supervisor Marlin Ladner to discuss potential projects	2
October 12, 2006	9:30am	City of D'Iberville Council Room	Harrison County POC	POC meeting with Judy Steckler of the LTMCP, and Jeff Taylor of City of D'Iberville, to discuss potential projects	3
October 12, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Presentation	55
October 12, 2006	11:30 a.m.	City of D'Iberville Council Room	Harrison County POC	Review Harrison County CPS Proposals - Pam Ulrich, Larry Lewis, Michaela Hill, and Tina Shumate	4
October 23, 2006		Published to Website	Harrison County BOS	Meeting minutes reference scheduling work session with BOS for defining next week	-
October 31, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	BOS Meeting – CIAP workshop to discuss new CIAP procedures, and potential projects; BOS decided that they would serve as the technical committee for the Harrison County CIAP projects	App. 50
November 14, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	BOS Meeting – CIAP Workshop to review CIAP and brainstorm projects	App. 50
November 27, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	BOS Meeting – set up individual meetings with BOS and discuss project list	App. 50

November 28, 2006	n/a	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County POC	POC meeting with Supervisor William Martin to discuss potential projects	2
December 11, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	BOS Meeting – discussed projects to be funded by Harrison County prioritized into Tier 1, Tier 2 and addressed funding decisions; Adopted project list	App. 50
December 14, 2006	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	78
December 27, 2006	n/a	Telephone	Harrison County POC	POC telecom with Supervisor Marlin Ladner to discuss project details to assist with completion of project descriptions	2
February 22, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the format for state and CPS plan	8
April 4, 2007		MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the MS CIAP Plan	8
April 12, 2007	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	App. 75
April 23, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Harrison County Courthouse	Harrison County BOS	BOS Meeting - POC presentation to BOS to discuss actual allocations for 2007 and 2008 and to recommend slight changes in allocation year funding	App. 50
May 9-10, 2007	All day	Imperial Palace Casino Conference Center	CRMP Conference	Announcement and Presentation of Draft Plan to Public, Start of Public Comment Period	512
June 6, 2007	4:00 p.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	Open House	Open House to allow for public review of the Draft Plan and comments	17
July 27, 2007		MDMR CRMP Conference Rooms	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss the MS CIAP Plan	8
August 9, 2007	10:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	68
August 9, 2007	11:00 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	CIAP Team Meeting	Discuss progress on MS CIAP Plan revisions	5
August 9,	1:30 p.m.	City of D'Iberville	State & CPS POC	Meeting with Jeff Taylor (City of D'Iberville) to	3

2007		Council Room		discuss revisions to City's State Funded Tier 1 Projects	
August 31, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Conference Call	CIAP Team	Discuss progress on MS CIAP Plan revisions and future timeline	9
September 21, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 25, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 26, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR Executive Office/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Team and BOEMRE	BOEMRE Comments on Proposals	9
October 25, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	39
January 17, 2008	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Conference Call to discuss Completeness Comments	10
January 23, 2008	10:30	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team and BOEMRE staff	CIAP conference call with BOEMRE	17
February 21, 2008	10:00	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	32
February 28, 2008	8:30 a.m.	MDMR Conference Room	MDMR Staff, CIAP Team, CPS Finance Directors and BOEMRE CIAP Team	Grants.gov training, overview of grant application and miscellaneous topics	20

Jackson County Public and Other Meetings Regarding CIAP

Date	Time	Location	Entity	Specific Topic	Number Attended
June 6, 2006	10:30 a.m.	JC Courthouse	JC Board of Supervisors, press	Naming of JC CIAP Coordinators	17
July 17, 2006	All Day	Reston, VA	State, CPS, BOEMRE	CIAP Training	6
July 31, 2006	1:30p.m.	DMR Ex. Office	State and CPS	CIAP plan discussion, strategy	6
August 10, 2006	1p.m.	Ocean Springs City Hall	CPS	Introduction of city representatives, CIAP coordinators, plan discussion	12
August 21, 2006	10 a.m.	JC Courthouse	JCBOS, press	Appointment of Advisory Committee Members	15
September 6, 2006	11:30 a.m.	MS Gulf Coast Community College	JC CIAP Advisory Committee, press	Fist meeting, discussion of process, eligible applicants	21
September 21, 2006	11:30 a.m.	MSGCCC	JC CIAP Adv. Comm., press	2 nd meeting	19
October 5, 2006	11:30 a.m.	MSGCCC	JC CIAP Adv Comm., press	3 rd meeting	19
October 16, 2006	2 p.m.	JC Co. Admin office	JC Co Admin., JC CIAP coordinator	Meeting to discuss and pick up CIAP applications for JC	4
November 2, 2006	11:30 a.m.	MSGCCC	JC CIAP Adv. Comm., press	4 th Meeting, begin going over applications, set process and methods	19
November 16, 2006	11:30 a.m.	MSGCCC	JC CIAP Adv Comm., press	5 th final Meeting, continued review of applications, ranking of projects	20
December 4, 2006	10 a.m.	JC Courthouse	JCBOS, Press	Brief JCBOS on CIAP progress, announcement of public meeting	Approx. 30
December 12, 2006	4p.m.	Pascagoula Civic Center	JC BOS, CIAP Adv. Comm.	Public meeting prior to JCBOS vote on projects, tradeshow style meeting	Approx. 50

				with all applicants present.	
December 18, 2006	11 a.m.	JC Courthouse	JCBOS meeting, press	Presentation of ranking of eligible applications to JCBOS	23
January 5, 2007	9a.m.	JCUA	JCUA, Sup. McKay	Meeting concerning JCUA CIAP projects	31
February 22, 2007	10 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	State, CPS CIAP, CRMP	CRMP Meeting discussing CIAP Process	100+
March 5, 2007	11 a.m.	JC Courthouse	JCBOS meeting, press	Presentation of CIAP updates	26
April 4, 2007	All day	MDMR Biloxi	State, CPS CIAP	Meeting concerning CIAP Process	10
April 12, 2007	10 a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	State, CPS, CIAP Team	CRMP Meeting discussing CIAP Process	75+
May 9 – 10, 2007	All day	Imperial Palace Casino, Biloxi	CRMP Smart Growth Conference	Public release of draft and Public comment table for CIAP	512
June 10, 2007	4 p.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	State, CPS CIAP Team	MS CIAP Open House	17
July 27, 2007	All day	MDMR Biloxi	State, CPS CIAP Team	Meeting to go over BOEMRE comments of Draft Plan	10
August 9, 2007	10a.m.	D'Iberville City Hall	State, CPS CIAP Team	CRMP Meeting discussing CIAP Process	68
August 31, 2007	9:30 a.m.	Conference Call	State, CPS CIAP Team	Conference Call concerning CIAP Process	8
September 4, 2007	11a.m.	JC Courthouse	JCBOS meeting, press	Presentation of CIAP updates	17

September 21, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 25, 2007	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Proposal Edits	7
September 26, 2007	9:00 a.m.	MDMR Executive Office/Conference Call	MDMR CIAP Team and BOEMRE	BOEMRE Comments on Proposals	9
October 25, 2007	10:00 a.m.	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	39
January 17, 2008	9:30 a.m.	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team	CIAP Conference Call to discuss Completeness Comments	10
January 23, 2008	10:30	MDMR CRMP Conference Room	MDMR Staff and CIAP Team and BOEMRE staff	CIAP conference call with BOEMRE	17
February 21, 2008	10:00	City of D'Iberville	CRMP Meeting	CIAP Status Presentation	32
February 28, 2008	8:30 a.m.	MDMR Conference Room	MDMR Staff, CIAP Team, CPS Finance Directors and BOEMRE CIAP Team	Grants.gov training, overview of grant application and miscellaneous topics	20

Coordination with Other Federal Resources and Programs

State of Mississippi: The CIAP legislation required that the state’s Plan contain “measures for taking into account other relevant Federal resources and programs.” Coordination with federal agencies was ongoing throughout the notification and RFP process and during the development of the Draft and Final Plan and subsequent modifications (amendments and minor changes to the Plan and Plan Updates). MDMR and county CIAP Coordinators and the county Boards of Supervisors encouraged federal agencies to submit proposals for funding and to collaborate on other projects and presented opportunities for them to provide input during the Plan formulation and review. The Mississippi Governor’s Office on post-Hurricane Katrina Recovery and Renewal and the Mississippi Development Authority have been valuable supporters in this process by helping identify the various sources of federal funding such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds available after Hurricane Katrina in an effort to avoid duplication and overlap. Some wastewater projects proposed in the Draft Plan were removed from the Final Plan because funding from the Gulf Region Wastewater and Water Utility Authority (GRWWUA) became available during the plan review process. Federal agencies were sent notices from MDMR by virtue of their participation in the CRMP program which hosts bi-monthly (CRMP) meetings where the CIAP program was introduced and has been discussed routinely in each meeting. Those agencies include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Coast Guard, the FEMA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. MDMR and the CPSs have also been in regular communication with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on proposed CIAP projects that may require a permit or may include a wetlands mitigation component. MDMR and the CPSs are actively coordinating plans for trails and greenways with the National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program in the coastal counties to ensure the two programs complement each other and are not duplicative.

The development of Mississippi’s CIAP Plan relied heavily on the strategies developed by previous state and federal comprehensive planning efforts. Examples of plans are the “Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area Program” and the “Mississippi Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy”, as well as state plans such as the “Mississippi Gulf Region Water and Waste Water Plan” and “Mississippi Coastal Program – Coastal Zone Management Program” and others. Numerous CIAP proposals include federal collaborators and several more will be included as the state and CPS plans are implemented. A list of federal collaborators for each project will be provided in each grant application.

Each project applicant for a sub-grant was also asked to identify in their project description whether the project supports a federally-approved plan, and if other federal funding was available for their project. That information is indicated on each state and county project description in this Plan. While several proposed projects support CIAP Authorized Use 4 – Implementation of a federally approved coastal, marine or comprehensive conservation plan, only one project (MS.R.720) is proposed under Authorized Use 4. The plan is discussed in Appendix D with a list of specific citations and excerpts from the plan.

Mississippi assures consistency with federal programs and grants by submitting approved projects through the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration’s federal-state

grants clearinghouse. Federal agencies have access to Mississippi's proposed Plan and other contacts are welcomed. MDMR will take any other appropriate measures to continue to include federal agencies.

In addition to steps described above taken by the state CIAP coordinators, the three county CIAP coordinators and Boards of Supervisors also took the following measures to assure consistency with federal programs and to avoid duplication with other funding sources.

Hancock County: The County CIAP coordinator contacted program administrators responsible for implementation of the proposed Hancock County CIAP projects to determine if other federal funds were available to support a project. In cases where other federal funds were used, the County CIAP coordinator and the project administrator took steps to ensure funds are used for different and specific purposes. The County CIAP coordinator also serves as the Hancock County FEMA Public Assistance Administrator, and is knowledgeable about other funds the county received for reconstruction and replacement of county property and for restoration work.

Harrison County: The county CIAP coordinators researched the availability of federal funds and defined in project descriptions for sub-grants where other funds could be leveraged to support projects, and how each project (if applicable) supports a federal plan or program.

Jackson County: In an effort to locate any additional local, state or other federal funding for CIAP projects, Jackson County Board of Supervisors charged its applicants, an appointed County CIAP Advisory Committee, and county coordinators with researching viable alternative funding opportunities for each CIAP proposed project. Research on alternate or supplemental funding continued until the Final Plan was submitted. Each applicant was required to address the presence or absence of alternate funding sources for projects in the first application phase of the project.

Plan Implementation Program

How will CIAP funds be used?

MDMR, the state lead agency, and Harrison, Hancock and Jackson County Boards of Supervisors, through their designated points of contact have agreed to collaboratively manage the CIAP program and distribute the allocated funds received from fiscal years 2007 to 2010 to implement a comprehensive plan for restoration, conservation, protection and enhancement of Mississippi's coastal ecology in the Mississippi coastal zone. The plan is being implemented and funds are being used to award sub-grants to other state agencies, counties, cities, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, federal agencies, and other applicable entities to carry out the goals and objectives of the state and the three coastal counties. The state has identified sixty-four (64) Tier 1 projects that will help fulfill the goals of the Plan and twenty-four (24) Tier 2 projects that may be considered if funds are available. (The state projects are numbered MS. R.701 to MS.R.802 and their descriptions may be found later in this Plan). Hancock County identified six (6) Tier 1 projects, and one (1) Tier 2 project (numbered MS.23.701 to 23.709). Harrison County identified ten (10) Tier 1 and seven (7) Tier 2 projects (numbered 24.702 to 24.717), and Jackson County identified seventeen (17) Tier 1 projects and four (4) Tier 2 projects (numbered 30.701 to 30.729) that

will help meet the goals of their county plans and will support and complement the state Plan. Each of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects are identified by fiscal year in the revised Project Lists (Tables 1 for State of Mississippi, Hancock Harrison and Jackson County) and a total of all Tier 1 projects by authorized use can be found in Table 2 for the state and counties as required by the *CIAP State Plan Guidelines*. Each Tier 1 and Tier 2 project is summarized in the *Project Descriptions and Project Narratives* section of this Plan by number. The Project Description for each Tier 1 and Tier 2 project follows the format requested by BOEMRE in the *CIAP State Plan Guidelines* and includes:

1. Project Title (Note that those projects that include multiple phases (I, II, III, IV) are projects that are budgeted to receive funds from two or more fiscal years).
2. Lead Organization/Agency
3. Point of Contact (name, address, phone, fax, e-mail)
4. Project Summary
 - a. Location (latitude and longitude included when possible)
 - b. Duration (includes fiscal year(s) in which funding is requested)
 - c. Start/End Date (by calendar year)
 - d. Project Goal
 - e. Objectives (quantifiable measures that will be used to monitor projects); projects that require multiple phases to implement are also noted here.
 - f. Narrative Summary
 - g. Partners/Collaborators
5. Budget and Spending Estimate (table breaks down budget by fiscal year allocation and by calendar year)
6. Authorized Use Consistency Statement
7. Cost Sharing or Matching Funds Statement (Note: No proposed Mississippi projects have received approval from another federal agency to use CIAP funds as non-federal cost share or matching funds).

Project Narratives are included in this updated Plan that contain additional information such as a detailed statement of work, deliverables, descriptions of any environmental impacts, maps, and relationship to other federal, state or local projects. For projects that have been awarded a grant, the Project Narrative is included in this updated Plan as opposed to the original Project Description.

All Tier 1 project leads have also already submitted to CIAP Coordinators a completed Environmental Checklist to ensure their project will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable federal laws. The state and county CIAP Coordinators have on file in the CIAP Coordinators' offices a completed checklist for each Mississippi Tier 1 Project. A blank copy of the checklist is included in Appendix F.

What are the goals and objectives for the State and County CIAP programs?

State of Mississippi: The goal is to improve the health of Mississippi's coastal ecology through restoration, conservation, enhancement and protection. The objectives of the Mississippi CIAP program are to develop a four-year plan for large-scale projects to benefit the Mississippi coastal region by:

1. Restoring the barrier islands and stabilizing shorelines.

2. Improving water quality by consolidating storm water drains and sewage systems.
3. Acquisition of natural or ecologically important sites for preservation.
4. Supporting projects to benefit wetland and aquatic habitats of the Mississippi Coastal Zone.
5. Educating the public on the importance of coastal natural resources.

Though recovery from Hurricane Katrina is not the focus of CIAP funding, the State of Mississippi and its CPSs recognize that some CIAP projects are designed to aid in restoration of natural resources damaged by the storm while meeting the congressionally designated goals and objectives of the CIAP program, and thus have designed some projects to support in recovery efforts.

To ensure that the goals and objectives identified by the state and three counties do not create conflict between statewide and local program implementation, the MDMR staff and the county CIAP Coordinators worked together to identify common goals and complementary roles for the four CIAP awards. Below are the goals for each of the three counties which are supportive of the state goals.

Hancock County: The goals defined by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors are three-fold:

1. To promote clean water.
2. To promote public access.
3. To promote projects that will assist with rebuilding communities after Hurricane Katrina.

Harrison County: The overriding goal is to utilize CIAP funds to implement projects and programs that will restore, protect and enhance the coastal ecosystem. Based on the County's current understanding of the issues and challenges that have the potential to impact the quality of the environment and the quality of life in Harrison County, the Harrison County Board of Supervisors has established the following goals for the Harrison County CIAP Plan:

1. To improve water quality throughout the County and reduce the impacts of both point source and non-point source pollution. (Harrison County will seek to identify projects that result in improvement and/or addition of treatment facilities for domestic waste and the reduction of non-point discharges within the watersheds).
2. To restore, protect, and enhance coastal habitat including wetlands to reduce loss of sensitive areas. (Harrison County will seek to identify projects that restore and protect areas at risk from urban development and habitat fragmentation. Harrison County will also seek to identify projects that restore natural habitat areas that have been impacted by man).
3. To improve natural scenic qualities of the coastal environment and restore and enhance fisheries habitat. (Harrison County will seek to identify projects that improve coastal habitat

and the natural scenic qualities of the shoreline areas of Harrison County. The County will also work closely with resource agencies to assist in the implementation of projects that enhance fisheries habitat).

The objective of the Harrison County Plan is to maximize the effectiveness of the CIAP funds to improve the coastal ecology in Harrison County. Collaboration between federal, state, and local agencies and organizations will be emphasized.

Jackson County: The County's five primary goals as identified by the Board of Supervisors are:

1. To promote environmental education.
2. To acquire land for restoration.
3. Conservation to prevent future property loss due to flooding.
4. To provide public access to local areas for environmental appreciation and education.
5. Sanitary sewer review, repair and renovations for environmental protection.

How will the State and CPSs manage, implement and monitor the program?

Management and Implementation:

The State of Mississippi is managing CIAP through the MDMR's CRMP program. The CRMP staff is assisted by contractors and employees from other MDMR divisions such as accounting, permitting, grants management, fisheries, legal and the executive office. For the counties, the responsibilities for the day-to-day management of CIAP are coordinated by the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with a contractual program coordinators or designated county employees. The coordinators work with the different departments in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties such as engineering, public works and finance.

The coordinators for the state and county programs (the Mississippi CIAP Team) meet regularly to discuss program details and to collaborate on oversight of the program and will continue this relationship throughout the grant award period. MDMR communicates at regular intervals with the counties regarding all CIAP projects and facilitates and oversees implementation of the comprehensive state/county program.

Once the revised plan and grant applications have been approved, all sub-grant recipients are required to sign a joint Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the MDMR and the CPSs before they receive funds. The MOA, a legally binding agreement, sets forth the terms of their subgrant award and identifies the deliverables anticipated for each project and the time frame for implementation of the project. The activities and timeline described in the approved grant award, grant application and MOA and its attachments are used to measure the progress of each project over time. Each sub-grantee must submit an annual progress report to MDMR and its respective CPS.

Program implementation is structured to demonstrate early benefits such as land acquisition and restoration, planning and education and initiates pre-construction work on complex projects such as wastewater infrastructure so those projects are completed in a timely manner. Thus, many of these projects are slated to proceed with funds allocated from FYs 2007 and 2008. Projects that are complex and expensive will be phased in over a period of years to facilitate cash flow management. These projects that receive funds from more than one fiscal year have multiple phases noted in the project title (e.g. Mississippi Gulf Coast Waterfront Land Acquisition, Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4) and in the objectives within each applicable project description. MDMR, in collaboration with the counties, conducts an annual review of CIAP funding and project implementation priorities and adjusts the implementation schedule to best achieve Mississippi and CPSs' CIAP program goals and objectives.

Plan Modifications:

Some modifications to the Plan are anticipated and will be submitted to BOEMRE or FWS for approval as required in the CIAP State Plan Guidelines (revised September 2010). The first request for approval of amendments and changes to the Plan (dated September 14, 2009 as revised and resubmitted April 2010 and May 2010) was approved by BOEMRE on June 18, 2010. The Plan will also be updated annually each year through August 31 if required by BOEMRE or FWS (reflecting all changes).

Note that a total of 15 projects were removed from the final approved Plan (dated February 2009), but were noted for consideration in an amendment at a future date. Those projects removed from the Plan approved in February 2009 were - State Tier 1 projects: MS.R.702 - D'Iberville Municipal Marina Improvements, MS.R.704 - Waterfront Conservation Project #1: Land Acquisition for Properties Adjacent to Downtown Riverfront Park, MS.R.708- Right-of-Way Acquisition for Reilly/Deena Road, MS.R.724 - Multipurpose Waterfront Facilities/Fresh Seafood Marketplace, MS.R.731 - Land Acquisition to Support the Viewshed of the Biloxi Lighthouse and to Protect/Restore the Natural Resources of a Coastal Area, MS.R.733 - City of Picayune Airport Project, MS.R.734 - Renewal of Joseph T. Jones State Park/Increased Public Access to Historical Fort Massachusetts, Ship Island and Cat Island, MS.R.762 - Renewal of Joseph T. Jones Educational Boardwalk, MS.R.763 - Long Beach Harbor Expansion, MS.R.764 - Pass Christian Harbor Expansion, MS.R.766 - Implementation of Hancock County Greenways: Sustainable Comfort Nodes on the Beach Pathway; and State Tier 2 projects: MS.R.788 Biloxi Lighthouse Landing and MS.R.800 - Gulf Coast Asbestos Regulation Compliance Initiative; Hancock County Tier 1 project: MS.23.707 - Bayou Phillips Community Center: Rebuilding a Sustainable Center of the Community; and Jackson County Tier 2 project: MS.30.722 - Big Hill Acres Wastewater Collection and Transportation System.

Not all of the CIAP allocation was accounted for in the February 2009 plan. The State of Mississippi indicated that they would submit an amendment at a later time to account for their outstanding allocation of \$16,326,750, and Hancock County would submit an amendment at a later time to account for their outstanding allocation of \$700,000 as per the instructions in 6.1.2 of the CIAP State Plan Guidelines revised by BOEMRE in October 2008. In May 2009, BOEMRE announced the CIAP allocations for FY 2009 and FY 2010. The amounts allocated for these years were less than originally anticipated. Therefore, the modifications to the Plan submitted for BOEMRE approval in September 2009 include adjustments to budgets in the state and CPS Project Lists to reflect the new allocations and

also include Project Descriptions for proposed new state projects: Tier 1 projects: MS.R.731 - Land Acquisition and Restoration Activities to Conserve and Protect the Natural Resources of an Environmentally Significant Coastal Area, MS.R.762 - Joseph T. Jones Educational Boardwalk and Bike Trail, MS.R.763 - Long Beach Harbor Expansion, Phases 1 and 2, MS.R.764 - Pass Christian Harbor Expansion, Phases 1 and 2, MS.R.766 - Implementation of Hancock County Greenways: Sustainable Comfort Nodes on the Beach Pathway (Note: This project was proposed in the September 2009 amendment, but was removed from the April 2010 revision). Some components of the project are being added in a modification to another project – MS.R.767 - in a future change via a grant application); MS.R.802 – Evaluation of Trends and Possible Causes of Marine Animal Strandings, Including the Rescue and Rehabilitation of Live Stranded Marine Mammals and Turtles, Phases 1, 2 and 3; and State Tier 2 projects: MS.R.704 - Waterfront Conservation Project #1: Land Acquisition for Properties Adjacent to Downtown Riverfront Park. In addition, MS.R.713 – Acquisition of Cat Island, Phases 1, 2 and 3 has been moved from a Tier 1 to a Tier 2 project and MS.R.794 – Inflow and Infiltration of Stormwater into Existing Sanitary Sewer System, Phase I and MS.R.798 – A Bottlenose Dolphin Surveillance Team for the Mississippi Sound have been moved up from Tier 2 to Tier 1. A list of all approved amendments and changes to the plan through August 31, 2010 is included in Appendix G.

Monitoring:

MDMR and the county coordinators are conducting periodic joint site visits to all projects (where needed), and monitor progress through performance reports and photos, financial reports and perform other monitoring analysis depending on the type of project. Mississippi has proposed a diverse list of projects for CIAP funding such as habitat restoration, land acquisition, environmental education, public access, mitigation for damage to fish and wildlife habitat, waste water infrastructure, and GIS and planning, all which have different monitoring protocols. MDMR and the counties have enlisted the assistance of BOEMRE, FWS and other agencies, organizations and consultants to help define appropriate monitoring protocols and to monitor projects over the life of the Mississippi CIAP program.

Four projects in the Mississippi CIAP Plan proposed under CIAP Authorized Use 3 provides the funding for the administration, implementation and monitoring of the state CIAP program during the entire award period. Those projects are numbered MS.23.704, MS.24.711, MS.30.719 and MS.R.730. The assigned coordinators for the state and CPSs work closely with one another and with sub-grantees to facilitate each project’s success. The MDMR and CPSs do not simply evaluate and monitor projects, but served as a resource to actively facilitate the effectiveness, efficiency and success of the approved projects while ensuring that each project is consistent with at least one of the five CIAP Authorized Uses.

Describe the state and CPS public participation process including dates and the periodicals in which notices were placed; locations/dates and times of meetings /number attending; summary of public comments on the Draft Plan:

A list of all meetings with dates, locations, time and number of people attending can be found on pages 8 - 26. A summary of public comments received on the Draft Plan and the September 2009 modifications to the Final Plan are in Appendix B following the Governor’s Certification of Public Participation.

A joint public notice on behalf of the State and CPS announcing the RFP was published in *The Sun Herald* (coast wide newspaper) and the *Clarion Ledger* (statewide newspaper) on Monday, August 7, 2006. The RFP deadline was extended to allow applicants more time to submit their proposals, and the public notice announcing the extension was published in *The Sun Herald* on Monday, September 18, 2006 and in the *Clarion Ledger* on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. Articles announcing the Jackson County RFP were included in the *Mississippi Press* newspaper on September 12, 2006, December 10, 12 and 17, 2006, February 17, 2007 and March 6, 2007. Articles about the Jackson County Plan also appeared in the *Sun Herald* on July 23, 2006, September 8 and 12, 2006 and December 9, 13 and 19, 2006.

The following is a list of newspapers where the joint public notice issued by the state and CPSs was published announcing the public comment period for the Draft Plan.

May 11, 2007 *The Clarion Ledger*
May 18, 2007 *The Clarion Ledger*
May 11, 2007 *The Sun Herald*
May 18, 2007 *The Sun Herald*
May 16, 2007 *The Mississippi Press*
May 17, 2007 *SeaCoast Echo*

The 31-day public comment period was open from May 10 to June 11, 2007. MDMR and the points of contact for the three coastal counties hosted a join public Open House on June 6 at D'Iberville City Hall to provide another opportunity for public viewing of the plan and for public comment.

The following is a list of newspapers that published the press release announcing the CIAP public open house or newspapers or broadcast media that covered the Open House.

May 2007 edition *Gulf of Mexico Newsletter*
May 18, 2007 *The Bay Press*
May 21-27, 2007 *Mississippi Business Journal*
May 31, 2007 *The Sun Herald*
May 30, 2007 *The Clarion Ledger*
June 1, 2007 *The Sun Herald*
June 4, 2007 *The Mississippi Press*
June 6, 2007 WLOX TV
June 7, 2007 WLOX TV

Other articles about the Mississippi CIAP program and specific projects were published in *The Sun Herald* on August 21 and August 28, 2007, and August 4, 2009 (amendments) and broadcast on GulfLive News on WLOX TV on August 22, August 28, September 5, 2007 and February 23, 2008, August 4, 2009 (amendments).

A public notice announcing the availability of amendments to the approved plan was issued on August 12, August 19 and August 26, 2009 to the Sun Herald.

What was the decision-making process for selecting projects?

State of Mississippi: MDMR distributed a Request for Proposals (RFPs) in the fall of 2006 (see RFP in Appendix C) inviting eligible applicants (federal, state and local agencies, public institutions of higher learning, coastal counties and non-profit organizations) to submit project descriptions that support the goals and objectives of the state CIAP program. The same RFP format was used by the counties to solicit and develop proposals for their CIAP programs. A description of the program, guidelines for application and the project evaluation criteria were posted on the MDMR website, were noted in public meetings such as CRMP meetings and were communicated via press releases. The RFP, as well as the state goal and objectives, were developed in consultation with a 16-member CIAP Technical Team that served to advise MDMR on the development of the program and helped review and score the submitted proposals. Members included representatives from the MDMR staff, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, private businesses, the Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the Mississippi Secretary of State, the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain, the Wolf River Conservation Society, local industries, media, the Office of the Governor and the MDMR Commission. Over 230 proposals were submitted in the fall of 2006 for consideration. So much interest in the program was generated that MDMR extended the deadline for submission to allow all entities to properly submit their proposals.

The following evaluation criteria were used to score the proposals:

1. Does the project meet an authorized use/uses of CIAP funds?
2. Level to which the proposed project meets the regional objectives of the state CIAP program.
3. Level of collaboration with state and/or federal agencies, non-profit organizations, local governments or other entities has been fully considered and incorporated.
4. State, federal and/or private funds will be leveraged whenever possible.
5. The project (or individual phases) can be completed within four years and the project is free of issues that may impact timely near term implementation of the project.
6. Tangible/sustainable long-term benefits will result from the implementation of the project.
7. Cost effectiveness of project.
8. Likelihood of project's success based on the applicant's resources and personnel, as well as sufficient funding and planning of project.
9. Applicant has demonstrated commitment and ability to maintain and/or monitor projects.
10. Duplication of projects or programs has been avoided.

The Technical Team reviewed and scored all of the proposals and submitted them to the MDMR's CIAP Executive Committee composed of agency administrative, science and

program staff who also screened the proposals and compiled the scores from reviewers. From those scores, the Executive Committee then developed the recommended list of Tier 1 and 2 projects. MDMR also collaborated with the CPSs on projects that were a better prospect for county funding and worked with the respective Board of Supervisors to recommend projects for funding.

Tier 2 projects may be considered if funds are not needed by Tier 1 projects. The Tier 2 projects will be considered in the order they are listed in this Plan, but will also be evaluated based on the feasibility of successful completion of the project at the time it is considered and the priority need for the project at that future date.

On May 10, 2007 the Draft Plan was made available for public review and comment. Following the 31-day public comment period, the Plan was revised as needed and the Final Plan was submitted to BOEMRE for review. BOEMRE provided comments on the Draft Plan back to the state in August, 2007. The state revised the plan accordingly and a Final Plan was submitted to BOEMRE in December, 2007 for the first completeness review. BOEMRE provided comments back to the state on January 14, 2008. The state then revised the plan again and resubmitted the revised Final Plan to BOEMRE in August 2008. Shortly after the August revision was submitted, BOEMRE revised their CIAP State Plan Guidelines (in October 2008) and expanded the definition of Authorized Use 1. BOEMRE reviewed the state plan for completeness and adequacy and submitted additional comments to the state based on their revised Guidelines. MDMR and the three counties then revised the plan again and resubmitted the plan to BOEMRE in December 2008 for another review. BOEMRE provided a final review of the plan and submitted comments to MDMR. MDMR removed several projects as instructed and resubmitted the final plan for approval on December 31, 2008. The plan was approved in February 2009. In September 2009, MDMR amended the plan to include new projects, to move projects up or down between tier levels and to adjust the Project Lists to reflect the actual allocations for FY 2009 and FY 2010 (except the one percent decrease that was made to the FY 2010 allocation). After receiving comments from BOEMRE in January 2010 on the proposed amendments, MDMR and the CPSs revised the proposed amended plan again to address those comments. Each approved revision of the plan has been posted on the MDMR websites for review. Public comments were invited on all amendments to the Final Plan. The Plan Amendment was approved on June 18, 2010.

Hancock: The ultimate decision for selecting projects lies with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors who reviewed the final list of projects during a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The CIAP coordinator met with stakeholders throughout December 2006 and January 2007 to determine the feasibility of potential projects that had been listed in plans developed prior to Hurricane Katrina. The amount of damage in some areas prevented the inclusion of several potential projects within the Plan.

Harrison: Early in the process, the Harrison County Board of Supervisors made the decision to focus its CIAP program on projects that addressed the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the coastal ecosystem. CIAP coordinators have worked closely with Harrison County agencies and organizations to insure maximum collaboration between agencies and organizations in order to develop comprehensive CIAP projects that will provide the greatest benefit to the coastal environment of Harrison County.

The Board of Supervisors designated local consultants from BMI Environmental LLC to serve as the county coordinators. They organized meetings with county agencies and organizations as well as municipalities and non-profits to identify projects for CIAP funding.

The Board used open board meetings and work sessions to provide a forum for public involvement and public participation. Over the eight month planning period between project start-up and Plan preparation, the Board held numerous meetings and work sessions to discuss the development of the Harrison County CIAP Plan and to identify priority projects. The projects selected for incorporation into Harrison County's CIAP Plan were based on several criteria including compliance with CIAP authorized uses, potential effectiveness in addressing coastal issues and concerns, and consistency with existing federal, state, and local environmental resource programs. Harrison County used a "consensus approach" to screen, select and establish funding levels for the projects. The Board selected the final project list based on information provided by their constituents, other agencies and non-profit organizations.

Jackson: The County distributed hard-copy applications to area municipalities, non-profit organizations and educational facilities, and the application and a description of the CIAP program and process were posted on the County's website. A press release was issued by the County to announce the program, eligible applicants and deadlines for applications.

A Jackson County CIAP Advisory Committee was formed to help recommended projects to the Board for consideration. Part of the Committee was appointed by the Board, and a portion was appointed by the municipalities within the County. Members attended meetings, discussed the eligibility, relevance and purpose of applications received, and ultimately provided an advisory recommendation listed in priority form for the projects that the Committee and CIAP coordinators agreed were eligible. The Committee voted and issued their final recommendation of the priority order of projects to the Board.

The County held a public meeting for the applicants to promote their projects and to educate the public. Each applicant had a table and educational and promotional materials pertaining to their proposed project(s). The meeting, held before the Jackson County Board of Supervisors made their final decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendations, also provided an opportunity for the Supervisors to speak with the applicants directly before making their decision.

The Advisory Committee decided the recommended priority order of projects through three steps. The first step was to discuss the CIAP guidelines and authorized uses, and how and if each application fit into the program. The second step involved discussion of the County's objectives, goals and priorities for proper use of CIAP funds, and discussion of each application in the context of those goals and objectives. The third step included voting by anonymous ballot, one ballot for each member, to determine the priority of the proposed projects. The Advisory Committee rated all proposed projects, both Tiers 1 and 2. Members were asked to rank the projects in each tier in order of priority. The rankings, as approved by the Board, were submitted to the state CIAP coordinators to incorporate into the State Plan.

How will the state and counties ensure compliance with all relevant federal, state and local laws, including the Coastal Zone Management Program?

During the CIAP planning process, MDMR and the county coordinators worked with relevant federal regulatory and natural resource agencies to solicit their opinions regarding potential projects and potential regulatory problems. MDMR is actively collaborating with those entities throughout the development and implementation phase of each project.

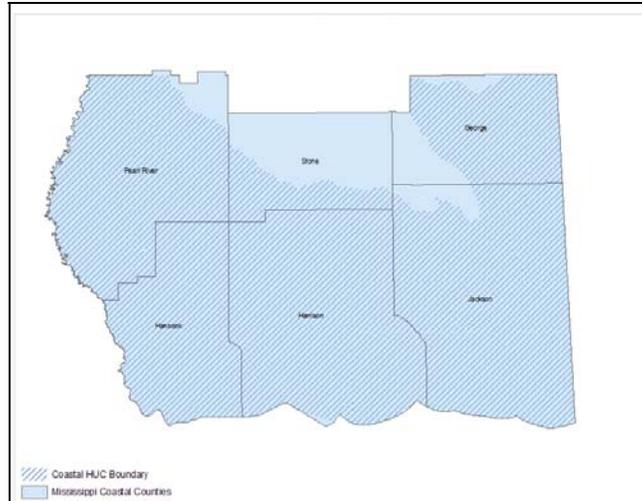
Each Tier 1 project was required to submit a completed National Environmental Policy Act and Compliance with Other Federal Laws Checklist (see Appendix F) with their Project Description. All checklists are on file at MDMR and will be used during the grant application process to demonstrate compliance with federal and other laws.

Some projects have already received the necessary permits from relevant agencies and those permits will be provided to BOEMRE during the grant application process. Also, MDMR, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the counties have actively coordinated with other coastal restoration and protection efforts ongoing in the state to ensure consistency and to eliminate duplication of effort. MDMR and the CPSs ensured compliance with all relevant laws through the submittal of permits according to the regular permit process for the coastal zone of Mississippi. The counties also coordinated CIAP project activities with all county departments to ensure that they are compatible with other county activities.

Note that several proposed projects support recommendations in the Mississippi Coastal Program, the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan for the State of Mississippi.

All proposed projects in the Mississippi CIAP Plan fall wholly or partially within the coastal zone as defined by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 with a few exceptions. Those projects that do not fall wholly within the coastal zone as defined by the CZMA of 1972 are projects within Pearl River, Stone and George Counties (called the upper tier of coastal counties) that are located within coastal watershed mapping units as defined by the United States Geologic Survey's (USGS) 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC) and as defined by NOAA's Strategic Environmental Assessment Division's coastal county list for the United States. MDMR has adopted this six-county area as its service area and recognizes that to prudently avoid impacts and positively affect the health and vitality of coastal resources, the upper tier of Mississippi coastal counties through their direct watershed connectivity must be included in the state CIAP plan. Utilizing a watershed approach to management furthers the effort to ensure the protection and conservation of these natural resources by diminishing or preventing impacts in the upper reaches of the coastal watershed, which would then be compounded as cumulative impacts on the downstream reaches.

The USGS classification of 8-digit HUC defines the extent of the direct coastal watersheds (see figure on following page). Additionally, the NOAA nearly exclusively utilizes, at the very least, these HUC limits for the purpose of analyzing performance measures and other studies of coastal consequence, and frequently the entire six county region of the Mississippi Gulf Coast is utilized. In an effort to incorporate those areas with the most significant impact on coastal resources, NOAA's Strategic Environmental Assessment Division developed a list of counties defined as "coastal". In Mississippi, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, George, Pearl River and Stone Counties are all included on NOAA's list.



8 Digit HUC boundaries – Coastal Mississippi

Source: USGS

MDMR espouses the concept that every opportunity available to conserve green space or to have a positive, ecologically friendly influence in areas where development is needed, desired, or otherwise eminent should be grasped especially in the upper reaches of the coastal watersheds. Including conservation projects in the Mississippi CIAP plan within the three counties within the upper tier of Mississippi’s coastal zone is a proactive effort to diminish sediment or other pollutant discharges through the conservation and protection of green space and other riparian buffers, provides for wildlife habitat, enhances public access, promulgates air quality, and provides an opportunity to also educate, through positive action, the public about Mississippi’s natural coastal environment.

Describe major activities and or categories to be funded under the program.

The table below shows 16 broad categories or activities under which all state and county Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects fall and the total number of projects by category and CIAP authorized use. These categories are general since many projects could appropriately fall into several categories. A detailed list of all CIAP projects by authorized use and category can be found in Appendix E.

Authorized Use 1: Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetlands. The vast majority of all state and county CIAP projects fall under Authorized Use 1, and most are focused on land acquisition* for green space, nature trails river greenways, habitat restoration and preservation or on environmental education, demonstration projects and low impact public access that promote better stewardship and awareness of coastal natural resources. The following are the categories of projects that support Authorized Use 1 in priority order.

1. Land Acquisition

2. Conservation, Education and Demonstration
3. Information Collection, Management and Application
4. Habitat Restoration and Protection for Wildlife, Fisheries and Marine Species
5. Public Access
6. Watershed Protection/Water Quality
7. Debris Monitoring, Removal and Pollution Abatement
8. Invasive Species Control/Eradication
9. Species Protection
10. Air Quality
11. Smart Growth

**Note: Lands acquired with CIAP funds will be protected in perpetuity for conservation and purposes consistent with the CIAP program through the use of a deed restriction or restrictive covenant in the form of a conservation easement that will conform to Mississippi's Uniform Conservation Easement Act and IRS Code. The restrictions and allowed future uses of the property will be specified in the conservation easement deed for each acquired property and will be filed in the county courthouse of record as a public document. The conservation easement or covenant will "run with the land" regardless of future ownership and will ensure that the specified allowed and prohibited uses will never change. In some instances, a property may be acquired through the CIAP sub-grant and transferred in the future to another eligible entity that will hold and manage it in perpetuity for conservation. For example, a CPS may acquire a riparian property with the intent to transfer it to a state conservation agency program such as the MDMR Coastal Preserves program. The conservation easement or covenant will ensure the property is protected and managed properly, regardless of the future ownership.*

Examples of restrictions in an easement or covenant include: subdivision, commercial or industrial development, building of improvements (roads or structures) except as permitted in conservation easement, surface mining, farming for profit and clearcutting. The deed restriction will specify allowed activities such as continuation of pre-existing uses of the property that do not conflict with conservation purposes of the easement and may permit certain future uses including maintenance of existing roads and trails, timber harvest that follows a sustainable management plan, and other consumptive and non-consumptive outdoor uses. Allowed future uses may also include the right to cut, clear vegetation for habitat and fire protection, road maintenance, or otherwise to preserve the current condition of the property, the right to repair or construct dams or levees to the extent necessary to maintain, protect or enhance the conservation values of the property, the right to build or maintain hunting/or wildlife viewing blinds and stands, cultivation of agricultural crops for wildlife, the right to sell, barter, or otherwise convey carbon sequestration credits, the right to perform any activity or activities not inconsistent with the conservation purpose and intent of the easement. The prohibited and allowed rights will be unique to each land acquisition and will be negotiated on a case by case basis with the landowner, MDMR, the applicable CPS and with approval from BOEMRE/FWS. All appraisals for land purchases will comply with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and any needed surveys will comply with state law.

Authorized Use 2: Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.

The second largest set of proposed projects fall under Authorized Use 2. The majority are for wastewater improvements that will help improve coastal water quality (moving existing communities from septic tanks to sanitary sewer systems) and will ultimately minimize or eliminate a point source of pollution impacting coastal streams. The second largest category is habitat protection, restoration and enhancement focused on mitigation. The following are the categories of projects that support Authorized Use.

1. Utilities for Water Quality Improvement
2. Habitat Protection and Restoration for Wildlife, Fisheries and Marine Species
3. Information Collection, Management and Application

Authorized Use 3: Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with CIAP. There are four projects under Authorized Use 3 (one for the state and each of the three coastal counties). These projects provide funding for all administrative functions of the Mississippi CIAP program throughout the grant award period such as project development, budgeting, public input facilitation, fiscal and program management, monitoring, reporting, coordination, communication and other responsibilities. Those projects are numbered MS.23.704, MS.24.711, MS.30.719 and MS.R.730.

Authorized Use 4: Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan. There is one proposed project under Authorized Use 4 (MS.R.720 – The Grand Bay NERR Facilities Enhancement) that falls under the category of Education and Research. This project is specifically recommended in a federally approved plan commensurate with Authorized Use 4 entitled the *Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Environmental Impact Statement and Reserve Management Plan*. The following is a brief description of the plan.

Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Environmental Impact Statement Reserve Management Plan - The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a 18,400-acre natural area encompassing coastal bay, expansive salt water marshes, maritime pine forests, savanna and pitcher plant bogs, is located in Jackson County between Pascagoula and the Alabama State line. The NERR was designated in 1999 and the lead management agency is the MDMR. The final management plan for the NERR was approved in April 1999 by the NOAA Office of Coastal Resource Management. The EIS and management plan, which underwent significant public review as part of the National Environmental Policy Act, recommends MDMR conduct research, monitoring and education programs, provide research laboratory, classroom, office and interpretive display space, and oversee facilities development and site selection. The Mississippi CIAP Plan proposes support of the construction of the research lab within the new NERR facility as recommended in the management plan. This new facility will improve the ability of MDMR to carry out its conservation, management, protection research and education responsibilities on this public natural area.

Authorized Use 5: Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs. While no projects are included in this revision of the Final Mississippi Plan, one project has been removed that may be submitted in a future amendment.

Mississippi State and County CIAP Projects by Authorized Use and Category – Revised November 2012

	AU1	Air Quality	Debris Monitoring/ Removal/Pollution Abatement	Conservation, Education and Demonstration	Habitat Protection, Restoration and Enhancement for Wildlife, Fisheries and Marine Species – Conservation	Smart Growth - Conservation	Information Collection, Management and Application (includes GIS Monitoring and Modeling) – Conservation	Invasive Species Control/Eradication – Conservation	Land Acquisition – Conservation	Watershed Protection/Water Quality	Public Access	Species Protection	AU2	Habitat Protection, Restoration and Enhancement for Wildlife, Fisheries and Marine Species – Mitigation	Information Collection, Management and Application (includes GIS Monitoring and Modeling) – Mitigation	Utilities for Water Quality Improvement	AU3	Administration	AU4	Education and Research - Federal Plan	TOTALS
STATE TIER 1	63	1	2	12	6	1	11	2	18	0	8	2	10	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	75
STATE TIER 2	20	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	5	0	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	24
HANCOCK TIER 1	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	6
HANCOCK TIER 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HARRISON TIER 1	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	10
HARRISON TIER 2	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
JACKSON TIER 1	9	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	14
JACKSON TIER 2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL TIER 1	81	1	2	17	9	1	12	2	24	2	9	2	19	1	1	17	4	4	1	1	105
TOTAL TIER 2	27	0	0	2	7	0	8	0	8	1	1	0	9	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	36
TOTAL ALL	108	1	2	19	16	1	20	2	32	3	10	2	28	4	2	22	4	4	1	1	159

The following sections include revised Project Lists (allocation tables) for Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties and the State of Mississippi as required by the revised BOEMRE/FWS *CIAP State Plan Guidelines*. These spreadsheets indicate by fiscal year and authorized use, the recommended Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects. Following the Project Lists are project descriptions or project narratives of Tier 1 and 2 projects for the three counties and the state that are 1) as approved in amendments; 2) projects that include budget changes that have not been submitted in a grant application, but are affected by the FY 2010 allocation decrease; 3) projects that have been awarded by BOEMRE that included some changes in the grant application. A list of all plan modifications through August 2010 can be found in Appendix G.

For more information on the Mississippi CIAP Program, please contact any of the coordinators listed on pages 4- 5.

Compliance Statement:

MMDR, Jackson, Harrison and Hancock Counties and sub-grantees will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include, but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the proposal.

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