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Corps hosts public meeting to discuss proposed environmental mitigation plans

Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System – West Bank & Vicinity

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, July 31 to provide an update on the measures proposed to mitigate habitat impacts generated by construction of the West Bank & Vicinity portion of the Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

“Throughout construction we avoided and minimized impacts to natural resources,” said Soheila Holley, senior project manager. “During this meeting, we will provide community members with an opportunity to review the sites where we are proposing mitigation for those impacts that could not be avoided.”

The public meeting will begin with an informational open house and be followed by a brief presentation during which the Corps will describe the criteria used to identify the proposed sites. The Corps’ mitigation team evaluated a total of more than 400 possible mitigation sites, many of which were suggested by community members during the scoping process.

Proposed mitigation measures will compensate for impacts generated by construction of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway West Closure Complex, Mississippi River Co-located levees, Eastern Tie-In, Harvey to Westwego Levee, Lake Cataouatche Levee, Bayou Segnette Floodgate Complex and Western Tie-In including associated government furnished borrow sites located in Plaquemines, Jefferson and St. Charles parishes.

When: Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Open house 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion

Where: Westwego Ernest Tassin Senior Center
701 4th St., Westwego, LA 70094

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