BUDGET REASONABLENESS REVIEW

Bucket 2 – Council Selected Restoration Component

PROPOSAL TITLE

Strategic Land Protection, Conservation, and Enhancement of Priority Gulf Coast Landscapes

PROPOSAL NUMBER

MS-1

LOCATION

Conservation actions will be implemented across the landscapes within the Gulf Coast Region (AL, FL, MS, TX, LA)

SPONSOR(S)

Mississippi

TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED (Planning, Technical Assistance, Implementation)

Planning and Implementation

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REVIEWED BY:

February 20, 2015

DATE:

High-Level Budget Narrative

Does the narrative include a budget summarizing these major categories of effort and includes costs associated?

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Construction	○	○	◉
2. Implementation	◉	○	○
3. Monitoring	◉	○	○
4. Adaptive Management	◉	○	○
5. Planning	◉	○	○
6. Environmental Compliance	○	◉	○
7. Engineering and Design	◉	○	○

	YES	NO	N/A
8. Operations	●	○	○
9. Maintenance	○	●	○
10. Adaptation (including what will happen with project if deauthorized/decommissioned)	○	●	○
11. Overhead/indirect Costs	●	○	○
12. Contingency	○	●	○
13. Data Management	●	○	○
14. Is there any element of the budget that appears unreasonable?	○	●	○

Notes:

Leveraging noted in several instances.
Maintenance is folded in with other items rather than directly pulled out in all instances where it resides.
Adaptation may be folded in with the Adaptive Management item, or in parallel with Maintenance.

Overall proposal is the most expensive at over $100M; nearest proposal budget is $44-45M.

Adding up all the bolded summary "action budget" and "budget" items resulted in a sum of $103,661,437 rather than the stated $103,461,437. In consultation with proposal sponsor (MS), sponsor concurred that $103,661,437 is the correct number.

Council staff does not have the requisite expertise in the proposed project and/or program to determine if cost are patently unreasonable, therefore, I defer to the judgment and expertise of the submitter.

This budget reasonableness review does not replace the more in-depth budget/financial reporting review that is required before a federal grant or interagency agreement can be awarded. Should this proposal be selected for funding, the proposing entity must comply with all budget and financial performance reporting in federal grants and interagency agreements.