



## Performance Report

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### PROJECT INFORMATION

#### Project Details

RAAMS ID	57
Project Title	Commitment and Planning Support - EPA
Project Start Date	08/15/2018
Project End Date	06/30/2023
Requested Funds	\$2,068,820.00

#### Project Abstract

This project will enhance collaboration, coordination, public engagement and use of best available science to more effectively meet the requirements of the RESTORE Act Council-Selected Restoration Component, meet the commitments of the Comprehensive Plan Update, and address associated planning needs for developing future Funded Priorities Lists (FPLs). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will build upon existing partnerships and collaboration pathways with the RESTORE Council member designees and alternates in the Gulf Coast States (TX; LA; MS; AL; and FL) and the six Federal agencies (Army; DOC; DOI; USCG; and USDA); NGOs in the Gulf Coast region; and estuary programs in the Gulf Coast region. Early activities will focus on identifying priority projects and partners that fit within the broader vision for each of the Gulf Coast States in order to collaboratively develop proposals for the next FPL. The EPA will take a stepwise approach to planning and collaboration activities over the 5-year period of this award to meet the near-term need to collaborate and support each state in developing the strongest proposals as possible for the next FPL while setting the foundation for long-term restoration success. Because planning is inherently iterative, these CPS funds will be administered in a way that allows the flexibility needed as the planning process proceeds. To that end, more work plans for subsequent years will be developed as part of each year's activities

**PERSONNEL**

<b>Primary Organization Personnel</b>			
<b>Primary</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>
Yes	Project Lead / Point of Contact	John Bowie, F	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US
No	Agency Responsible Official	Tony Fournier, R	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US
No	Project Lead / Point of Contact	Amy Newbold,	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US

<b>Other Personnel (Partners, Subrecipients, and Contractors)</b>		
<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>

## PERFORMANCE NARRATIVES

### **Performance Report: Issues Encountered**

EPA did not encounter any issues during the reporting period covered by this Performance Report.

### **Performance Report: Summary of Work**

During the semi-annual reporting period of this Financial Report (ending July 31, 2019), EPA coordinated and/or participated in numerous CPS project activities including: Council Chair duties; State Expenditure Plans (SEP); Steering Committee; Council Work Groups; RAAMS Applications; Inter-agency Agreements (IAA); Collaboration; and Public Meetings. See attached Summary for more information.

**PERFORMANCE REPORTING QUESTIONS**

<b>01. What year are you in your project?</b>	1.00
<b>02a. What type of project?</b>	Planning
<b>02b. If you selected "other," how would you describe your project type?</b>	
<b>03a. Have you updated your current metric values in RAAMS?</b>	Yes
<b>03b. Are you on target to meet your final metric values?</b>	Yes
<b>04a. Have you started collecting or compiling observational data to support your metric values?</b>	NA
<b>04b. If "no" was selected for question 4a, but your answer to question 3a was "yes," when do you expect to start collecting or compiling the data to support your metric values?</b>	
<b>05. Have you started analyzing your data?</b>	NA
<b>06. Are you on track towards meeting your project goal(s) within the award time?</b>	Yes
<b>07a. Is there any indication that this project may not fully accomplish the stated project completion goal(s), either with or without implementing adaptive management strategy(ies)?</b>	No
<b>07b. If "yes," have you communicated this in any way to Council staff? Do you need to have a discussion with staff?</b>	
<b>08a. Have you identified any adaptive management strategies that need to be implemented?</b>	No
<b>08b. If "yes," briefly describe the strategy(ies), including your plan to identify and implement the necessary strategy(ies).</b>	
<b>09a. Do you have TBD items in the ODP?</b>	No
<b>09b. If applicable, have you updated the ODP?</b>	NA
<b>09c. If "no," when it will be updated?</b>	
<b>10a. Do you have TBD items in the DMP?</b>	No
<b>10b. If applicable, have you updated the DMP?</b>	NA
<b>10c. If "no," when it will be updated?</b>	
<b>11a. Are your data publicly available?</b>	No
<b>11b. If "no," when and how will it be shared?</b>	DMP is not applicable to this project
<b>11c. If "yes," how is it accessible?</b>	NA

<b>12a. Have you updated your leveraged funding in RAAMS?</b>	NA (project includes no leveraged funding)
<b>12b. Are your leveraged funds on target?</b>	NA (project includes no leveraged funding)
<b>13a. Have you updated your GIS files?</b>	No
<b>13b. If "yes," please describe what changed and why.</b>	

**LEVERAGED FUNDING**

Type:	
Status:	
Source:	
Source Type:	
Planned Amount:	\$
Actual Amount:	\$
Description:	

## METRICS

<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS010 - Collaborative preparation of applications for IAAs, grants and other related items required prior to implementing project-specific interagency activities

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS002 - Participate in meetings, workshops, etc. with Council members and other potential FPL funding partners

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS006 - Development of concepts, project scoping, pre-submission environmental compliance review/coordination, and technical assistance for potential FPL projects

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS004 - Participate in technical meetings/focus groups related to future FPL submissions

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS001 - Sponsor workshops, meetings, etc. related to future FPL submissions

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	No
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS009 - Preparation of collaboratively developed proposals, (e.g., entry of proposals into the Council's FPL Collaboration Tool or RAAMS)

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	No
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS007 - Process-related activities to support FPL project/program options development (e.g., decision support structure development, preparation of collaboration materials, Council workgroup participation, public comment review)

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS005 - Public engagement activities related to FPL submission development

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS011 - Other (Please provide a brief description of this collaboration action)

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	No
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS003 - Participate in Council meetings regarding the Council-Selected Restoration Component

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	Yes
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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<b>Template Name:</b>	Collaboration Actions
<b>Metric Name:</b>	CPS008 - Evaluation activities to determine the impact of the Council's projects/programs and inform adaptive management

<b>Baseline</b>	
<b>Current</b>	No
<b>Completion</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
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**PUBLICATIONS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>

**UPLOADS**

The following files were uploaded by the applicant/recipient:

<b>Upload Type</b>	<b>File Name</b>	<b>Uploaded By</b>	<b>Uploaded Date</b>
Supplemental Performance Narrative	201907PRSummaryOfWork.docx	Bowie, John	08/19/2019

During the semi-annual reporting period of this Financial Report (ending July 31, 2019), EPA coordinated and/or participated in numerous CPS project activities including:

**COUNCIL CHAIR** – On March 14, 2019, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler designated Douglas Benevento, Senior Counselor for Regional Management and State Affairs, to serve on the Council and vote on the Administrator’s behalf. The Administrator also notified the Council that Mr. Benevento is the EPA’s Primary representative to the Steering Committee and John Bowie continues as EPA’s Alternate representative. As Council Chair, EPA reviewed and approved numerous State Expenditure Plans and Amendments; and participated in Council staff meetings; and Steering Committee conference calls; and Council votes; and member discussions of issues as necessary; and Federal member conference calls and in-person meetings as warranted to discuss federal member perspectives prior to Council votes.

**STATE EXPENDITURE PLANS (SEP)** – As Chair, EPA worked closely with the Council’s Executive Director and staff to review and approve the following SEPs and SEP Amendments: Texas SEP (3/4/19); Alabama SEP (3/29/19); 2018 Mississippi SEP Amendment (4/12/19); Florida SEP Amendment #1 (8/16/19)

**STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)** – As Council member, EPA participated in (a) 12 Biweekly Steering Committee conference calls; and (b) 3 In-person SC meetings (Baton Rouge, St. Petersburg, FL, Gulfport); and (c) provided review/Comment of Council documents. Summary of all the Decisions/Actions from the SC conference calls and in-person meetings is attached to this semi-annual report.

**COUNCIL WORKGROUPS**- As Council member, EPA representatives participated in conference calls and in-person meetings during this semi-annual period ending July 31, 2019 for the following Council Workgroups: (a) PE Workgroup - conference calls, in-person mtgs, document review; and (b) CMAWG Workgroup – conference calls, in-person mtgs, document review; and (c) MCC Workgroup – conference calls, in-person mtgs, document review; and (d) GCIERWG Workgroup – conference calls, in-person mtgs, document review; and (e) Baseline Flow TAC – conference calls, in-person mtg, document review; and (f) SCA – conference calls, in-person mtgs, document review; and (g) RAAMS Workgroup – conference calls, RAAMS replacement review and input; and (h) HR Committee – conference calls, document review

**RAAMS APPLICATIONS** – As a Council member, preparing RAAMS applications, completing required pre-application NEPA review/compliance, and Interagency Agreements for the following projects assigned to EPA by the RESTORE Council in FPL-1: Northwest Florida Estuary Program; MBNEP Implementation; Conservation Enhancement Grant Program.

**COLLABORATION** - In addition to the collaboration that occurred in conjunction with the Steering Committee and Council Workgroups, EPA also engaged in the following member-specific meetings and gulf-regional collaboration meetings and discussions (a) Northwest Florida Estuary Stakeholders meeting in Pensacola, FL; and (b) Gulf of Mexico Governors’ Alliance Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores, AL; and (c) State of Texas State/Federal Agency Workgroup conference calls, document review and in-person meeting in Austin, TX; and (d) AL - RESTORE Summit in Spanish Fort, AL; and (g) USDA – conference calls, in-person mtgs and in conjunction w/ SC meetings; and (i) DOI – conference calls, in-person mtgs and in conjunction w/ SC meetings; and (j) DOC – conference calls, in-person mtgs and in conjunction w/ SC mtgs; and (k) USCG – conference calls, in-person mtgs and in conjunction w/ SC mtgs; (l) LA – conference calls, in-person mtgs and in conjunction w/ SC mtgs; and (m) LA – Tour projects and coastal impacts in May 2019; and (n) LA – conference calls, in-person mtgs associated with discussions w/ Representative Garret Graves (R-LA) development of FPL3; (o) TX, MS, AL, FL – development of FPL3; and (p) Council

staff and LA – development of FPL3.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS** – As Council member and Chair, EPA participate in the following meetings held across the Gulf region during the public comment period for the draft Planning Framework: April 30<sup>th</sup> Spanish Fort, Alabama; May 6<sup>th</sup> New Orleans, Louisiana; May 7<sup>th</sup> Tallahassee, Florida; May 22<sup>nd</sup> Long Beach, Mississippi; May 30<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi, Texas