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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Details		
RAAMS ID	56	
Project Title	Commitment and Planning Support—Mississippi	
Project Start Date	06/08/2018	
Project End Date	d Date 06/07/2023	
Requested Funds	equested Funds \$2,100,000.00	

Project Abstract

The purpose of this project is to enhance collaboration, coordination, public engagement and the use of best available science to 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 State of Mississippi will build upon existing partnerships and collaboration pathways developed through its existing Deepwater Horizon restoration program, administered by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Early activities will focus on identifying priority projects and partners in order to develop proposals for the next FPL. The State of Mississippi 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 develop proposals for the next FPL while setting the foundation for long-term restoration success. Because planning is iterative, these Commitment and Planning Support (CPS) funds will be administered in a way that allows the flexibility needed as the planning process proceeds. To that end, work plans for subsequent years will be developed as part of each year's activities.

PERSONNEL

Primary Organization Personnel				
Primary	Primary Role Name Organization Name			
Yes	Project Lead / Point of	Melanie Green,	Mississippi Department of	
	Contact		Environmental Quality	
No	Agency Responsible	Gary Rikard	Mississippi Department of	
	Official		Environmental Quality	

Other Personnel (Partners, Subrecipients, and Contractors)		
Role Name Organization Name		
Contractor	Camille Smith, C	Covington Civil and Environmental

PERFORMANCE NARRATIVES

Performance Report: Issues Encountered

Not applicable

Performance Report: Summary of Work

CPS Category: Council-Selected Restoration Component Planning and Collaboration – During the reporting period, MDEQ discussed with RESTORE Council staff broad restoration priorities. Additionally, discussions occurred between MDEQ and RESTORE Council staff and other Council members on what FPL3 Bucket 2 submissions will look like, logistics and operations around best available science reviews, and public stakeholder engagement efforts for FPL 3. Council member engagement opportunities were held during RESTORE Council Executive Steering committee meetings between several different Council members to discuss restoration priorities and approaches that were of interest, as well as to understand the synergy between State and Federal programs / projects of interest. MDEQ has also had several meetings outside of the normal RESTORE Council steering committee meetings at both principal and technical levels understanding federal project priorities. MDEQ also engaged with council monitoring activities in two capacities: 1) serving as the State PAT member for the Council Monitoring and Assessment Project, and 2) engaging with the Council monitoring and assessment workgroup to discuss monitoring components and other additional and applicable topics relevant to the RESTORE Council and the CMAP project.

CPS Category: Evaluation activities to determine the impact of the Council's FPL projects/programs and inform adaptive management for future funding decisions – No activity has occurred under this category.

CPS Category: Financial support for Council-Selected Restoration Component outreach mechanisms (e.g., printing, website maintenance, and other similar activities) – No activity has occurred under this category.

CPS Category: Preparation and execution of Interagency Agreements, grants, and other related items required by the Council prior to implementing the scope of work covered by project-specific interagency activities – No activity has occurred under this category.

CPS Category: Preparation of proposals in accordance with FPL submission guidelines, including entry of proposals into the Council's Restoration Assistance and Award Management System (RAAMS) – No activity has occurred under this category.

CPS Category: Staffing in support of Council-Selected Restoration Component planning, collaboration, pre-submission guidelines, including entry of proposals into the Council's Restoration Assistance and Award Management System (RAAMS) – No activity has occurred under this category.

CPS Category: Travel expenses that are reasonable and directly related to the Council-Selected Restoration Component projects/programs development – MDEQ and contractors have traveled to RESTORE Council-related meetings across the Gulf Coast. These meetings were reasonable and were directly related to development of Council-Selected Restoration Component projects/programs.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING QUESTIONS

01. What year are you in your project?	2.00
02a. What type of project?	Planning
02b. If you selected "other," how would you	Not applicable
describe your project type?	
03a. Have you updated your current metric	Yes
values in RAAMS?	W.
03b. Are you on target to meet your final metric	Yes
values?	NA
04a. Have you started collecting or compiling observational data to support your metric values?	IVA
observational data to support your metric values:	
04b. If "no" was selected for question 4a, but	Not applicable
your answer to question 3a was "yes," when do	
you expect to start collecting or compiling the	
data to support your metric values?	
05. Have you started analyzing your data?	NA
06. Are you on track towards meeting your	Yes
project goal(s) within the award time?	
07a. Is there any indication that this project may	No
not fully accomplish the stated project	
completion goal(s), either with or without	
implementing adaptive management	
strategy(ies)?	N. I. P. III
07b. If "yes," have you communicated this in any	Not applicable
way to Council staff? Do you need to have a discussion with staff?	
08a. Have you identified any adaptive	NA
management strategies that need to be	IVA
implemented?	
08b. If "yes," briefly describe the strategy(ies),	Not applicable
including your plan to identify and implement the	
necessary strategy(ies).	
09a. Do you have TBD items in the ODP?	No
09b. If applicable, have you updated the ODP?	NA
09c. If "no," when it will be updated?	This project does not have an ODP.
10a. Do you have TBD items in the DMP?	No
10b. If applicable, have you updated the DMP?	NA
10c. If "no," when it will be updated?	This project does not have a DMP.
11a. Are your data publicly available?	Yes
11b. If "no," when and how will it be shared?	Not applicable
11c. If "yes," how is it accessible?	Both Direct Download and Web Service

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

LEVERAGED FUNDING

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

METRICS

Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS010 - Collaborative preparation of applications for
	IAAs, grants and other related items required prior to
	implementing project-specific interagency activities
Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	
Notes:	
Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS002 - Participate in meetings, workshops, etc. with
	Council members and other potential FPL funding
	partners
Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	163
Completion	
Notes:	MDEQ has participated in planning framework
Notes.	meetings in Mississippi and additional planning
	framework meetings with Council Staff. Additionally,
	MDEQ has met with several Council members
	throughout 2019 to discuss FPL priorities, project
	efforts, and needs for programmatic approaches.
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Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS006 - Development of concepts, project scoping,
	pre-submission environmental compliance
	review/coordination, and technical assistance for
	potential FPL projects
Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	IVO
Completion	
Notes:	

Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS004 - Participate in technical meetings/focus
	groups related to future FPL submissions
Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	
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Notes:	MDEQ has participated in Council monitoring
	workgroup activities in which discussions around
	future motoring needs, protocols, etc., related to
	future FPL submissions have been discussed.
Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS001 - Sponsor workshops, meetings, etc. related to
	future FPL submissions
Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	
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Notes:	MDEQ hosted the annual restoration summit in 2018
	and has setup individual meeting with various coastal
	stakeholders and NGOs in which FPL topics have been
	discussed.
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Template Name: Metric Name:	Collaboration Actions CPS009 - Preparation of collaboratively developed
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	FPL Collaboration Tool or RAAMS)
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Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	
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Notes:	
Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	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)

Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	
Completion.	
Notes:	
Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS005 - Public engagement activities related to FPL
	submission development
Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	
Notes:	MDEQ has participated in public engagement activities
	around the planning framework process that relates
	to future FPL submissions.
Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS011 - Other (Please provide a brief description of
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	, and some series of
Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	
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Notes:	
Template Name:	Collaboration Actions
Metric Name:	CPS003 - Participate in Council meetings regarding the
	Council-Selected Restoration Component
Baseline	
Current	Yes
Completion	
Notes:	MDEQ has participated in every RESTORE Council
	meeting in 2019 in which decisions, actions, and
	discussions were centered around Council-selected
	restoration component activities.

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

Baseline	
Current	No
Completion	

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