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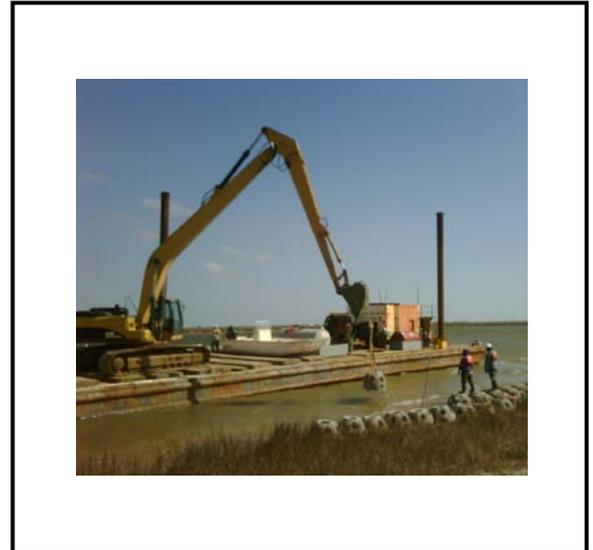
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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: House Document 217, 89th Congress, 1st Session

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: O&M



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX), Representative Paul (TX-14)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Brazoria County Conservation and Reclamation District # 3

BACKGROUND: This navigation project is located between Galveston and Freeport in Brazoria County, Texas. The project provides a shallow draft channel from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at Mile 376 through Chocolate Bay and Chocolate Bayou to a point 8.2 miles north of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The project dimensions are 12 x 125 feet.

STATUS: The project was not in the President's FY2013 budget.

ISSUES: Historically, shoaling along the channel has required dredging every four years. However, changes in estuary hydrodynamics changed shoaling patterns, and the channel now requires dredging every two - three years. Increased dredge material has exhausted capacity within upland placement areas (PA's) and Beneficial Use Sites (BUS's). In order to continue operation of the channel, additional capacity is necessary and could be identified through a DMMP study.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

	<u>O&M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Total Project Cost	N/A
Allocation for FY 2010	\$1,631,000
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	490,000
President Budget FY 2013	0
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	5,699,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: FY 2012 activities include completing DMMP to identify 20-year project disposal capacity, and clearing channel of obstructions.

FY 2013 Budget: Not in the President's FY 2013 budget. If funding became available it could perform dredging to Project Depth (\$2,544,000), dredging to the advanced maintenance depth (\$3,055,000) and surveys of placement areas to determine settlement in BU sites 1A and 4A (\$100,000).

COMPLETION: N/A

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