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FACT SHEET as of February 6, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Flood Control Act, June 1936; River and Harbor Act, March 1945; Resolution by the Committee on Flood Control, House of Representatives, March 1945; Resolution by the Committee on Public Works, House of Representatives, June 1958

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX); Representatives Poe (TX-2), Brady (TX-8), Boustany (LA-7), and Fleming (LA-4).

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Sabine River Authorities of Texas and Louisiana

BACKGROUND: The Sabine River Basin has the second largest average watershed yield of any major river basin in Texas. This high yield value is due to the high precipitation and low evaporation rates within the region. The major river in the basin was named Rio de Sabinas or “River of the Cypress” by Spanish explorers. The Sabine River flows from headwaters in Hunt County, Texas and forms much of the border between Texas and Louisiana before draining to the Gulf of Mexico through Sabine Lake. The Sabine River has the second largest average flow volume of any river in Texas. Smaller streams within the Texas portion of the basin include Cow, Big Sandy, and Fork creeks and the South Fork of the Sabine River. Surface water use within the basin is subject to the Sabine River Compact entered into by the states of Louisiana and Texas. To date the focus of the study has been on Flood Damage Reduction. The non-Federal Sponsor recently has expressed an interest in cost-sharing a collaborative basin wide study looking at Environmental Restoration and all other purposes. The Reconnaissance Phase was completed in June 2004. The study has been awaiting feasibility appropriations since and must be reassessed in accordance with policy. There is no ongoing work on the Study.

STATUS: Initial Reconnaissance phase was completed in 2004. The study is awaiting appropriations to initiate the Feasibility phase and must be reassessed in accordance with policy. No work was done in FY 11 on the study.

ISSUES: The Feasibility study is to provide a collaborative basin wide study for flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, water resource improvements, recreation and related purposes.

| <u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):</u> | <u>RECON</u> | <u>Feasibility</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Federal Cost Estimate | \$200,000 | \$2,650,000 |
| Non-Federal Cost Estimate | 0 | 2,650,000 |
| Total Project Cost | \$200,000 | \$5,300,000 |
| Allocation thru FY 2010 | \$100,000 | \$0 |
| ARRA Funding | 0 | 0 |
| Allocation for FY 2011 | 0 | 0 |
| Allocation for FY 2012 | 0 | 0 |
| President Budget FY 2013 | 0 | 0 |
| Capability for FY 2013 | 100,000 | 400,000 |
| Balance to Complete | \$100,000 | \$2,650,000 |

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: The study is not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding is received it would be used to complete a reconnaissance report, reassess Federal interest, prepare a Project Management Plan, and a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement for the feasibility phase (\$100,000), and complete the Project Management Plan, execute the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement, and initiate the feasibility alternative screening (\$400,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the study completion date is September 2015.

For more information regarding the Lower Sabine River, TX project, contact Mr. Pete Perez, P.E. Deputy District Engineer, Chief Programs and Project Management Division at 409-766-3018 or Pete.G.Perez@usace.army.mil.



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