



Region 1 RSC Meeting #12

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working together for sustainability and resilience



Reduce flood risk, improve floodplain
management throughout the state and
maximize the natural and beneficial
functions of floodplains

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes
3. Round 1 Project Selection
4. Funding Strategies White Paper Presentation
5. Program Updates from OCD
6. Closeout





ROLL CALL

Bienville • Rodney Warren

Bossier • Butch Ford

Caddo • Ali Mustapha

Claiborne

DeSoto • Steve Brown

Grant • Morgan Briggs

Natchitoches • Rick Nowlin

Rapides • Matt Johns

Red River • Shane Young

Sabine • William Ruffin

Webster • Nick Cox

Winn

at-large • John Michael Moore

at-large • Lindsey Gouedy

at-large • Zazell Dudley



Adopt Minutes

February Minutes

- Sent out for review on 3/2/2021
- Adopt as-is
- Corrections or additional information needed

March Summary

- Sent out for review on 4/6/2021
- Adopt as-is
- Corrections or additional information needed



State Projects and Programs

- In 2020, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative's five coordinating state agencies selected 15 projects to receive \$163 million in federal funding.
- The projects were selected because they align with the missions of these agencies and the long-term resilience objectives of LWI. Specifically, the projects will reduce flood risk in communities throughout the state, store floodwaters in ways that enhance natural habitats and move people in flood-prone areas out of harm's way.

Different than Round 1 Projects-

Round 1 has not been fully scored or awarded yet



State Projects and Programs

- Region 1
- La DOTD Dam and Spillway Resilience Program

Parish	Award Amount		Project Description
Caddo Parish	\$6.6 million	Black Bayou structure hardening and runoff retention improvements	including replacing the existing spillway with a concrete chute spillway that has control gates to manage the lake level, along with hardening to reduce risk of damage to critical infrastructure (La. Hwy. 2, water line and fiber optic line) during significant runoff events
Grant Parish	\$1.1 million	Iatt Lake drawdown improvements	including the replacement of one of the existing sluice gates and installation of a new weir gate allowing lake drawdown preceding a forecasted storm event and allowing the water to discharge into the Red River prior to the peak stage





Round 1 Project Selection



Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Form sent out 3/2/2021

Please fill out the pdf and return ASAP.

Let staff know if you might have a potential conflict of interest.



REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

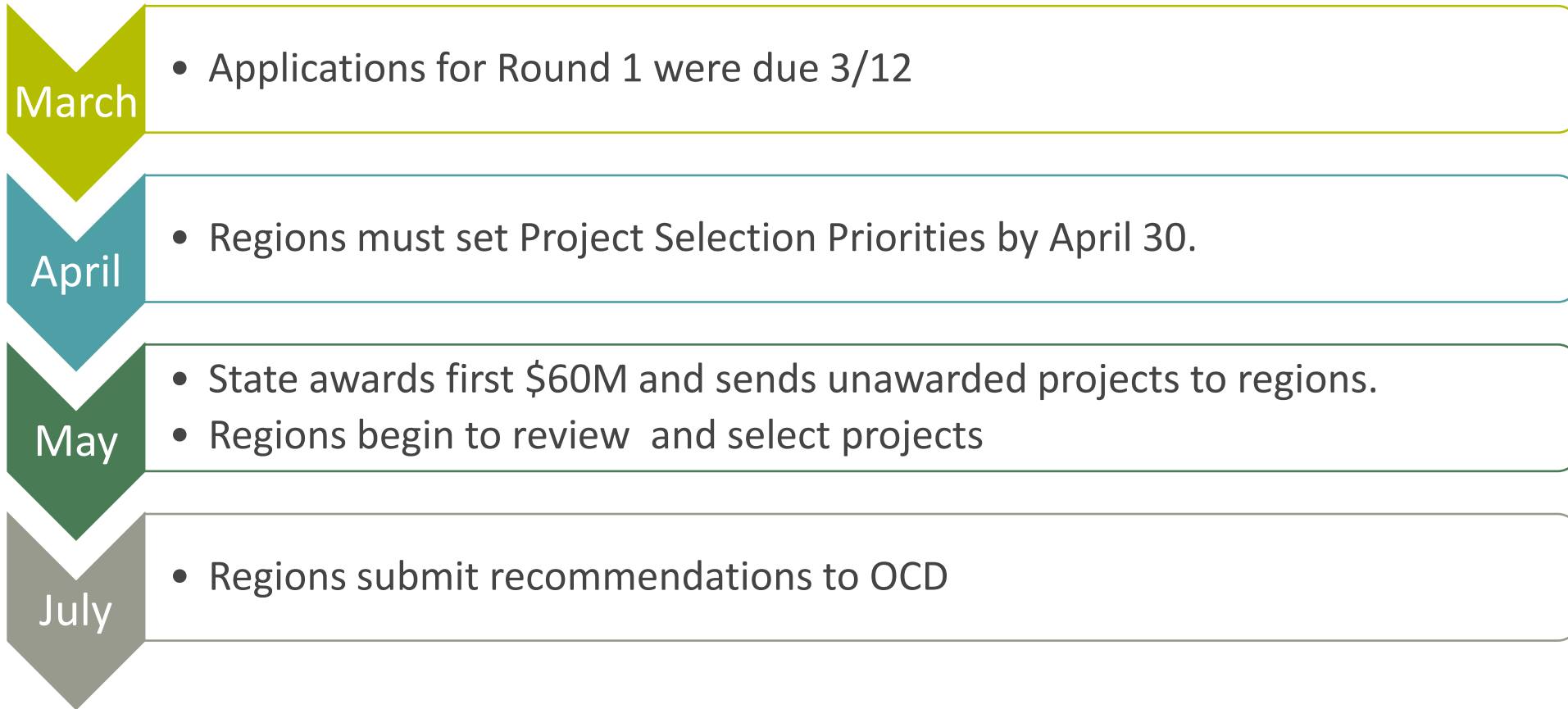
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONS

If you answer "Yes" to any questions, then you have a conflict of interest.

1. Have you participated in any transaction involving OCD in which you have an economic interest, with the exception of any participation in transaction arising solely out of your contractual responsibilities to OCD?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you participated in any transaction involving OCD in which, to your knowledge or through reasonable due diligence could ascertain that any of the following persons have a financial interest:
 - Any legal entity in which the RSC member owns any ownership interest;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any legal entity in which an officer, director, partner or trustee of the RSC member owns an ownership interest in excess of 25%;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any member of the immediate family of a person who is an officer, director, partner, trustee or employee of the RSC member;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any legal entity owned by a member of the immediate family of a person who is an officer, director, partner trustee or employee of the RSC member;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any legal entity with which the RSC member has an existing contract and who by reason thereof is in a position to affect directly the economic interests of the RSC member.
☐ Yes ☐ No



State & Regional Decision-Making Process



Regional Selection Process



End of April

- State will provide list of projects and a scoring breakdown for each project.
- The region will make a recommendation that cannot exceed \$5 million.

Option A

- The region can select the projects that score the highest under the state's scoring process.

Option B

- If the region does another method, written justification must be provided.
- The RSC must vote on Regional Priorities **prior to April 30** to receive the list.



Examples of Regional Priorities

Project Types

Examples:

- Prioritize nature based solutions
- Prioritize green infrastructure
- Make sure to define how you are defining these priorities

Geography

Examples:

- Prioritize projects that impact LMI areas
- Prioritize projects that impact HUD MIDs
- Prioritize projects that impact the highest risk flood zones

Project Qualities

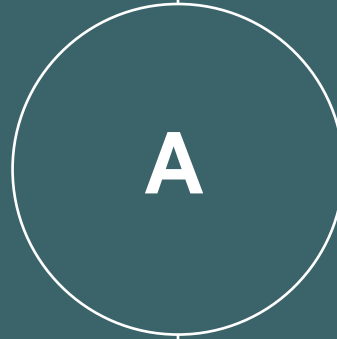
Examples:

- BCA ratio
- Social impact
- Low O&M costs

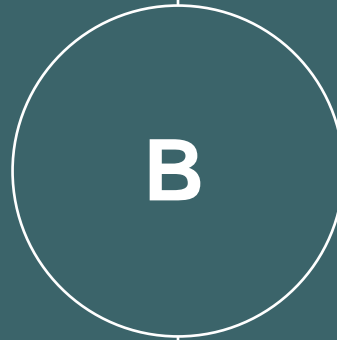


RSC Member Vote:

Project Selection Criteria



- Select the projects that score the highest under the state's scoring process.



- Create our own Regional Priorities or Selection Criteria.

(Must be provided to OCD by April 30)





Funding Strategies White Paper





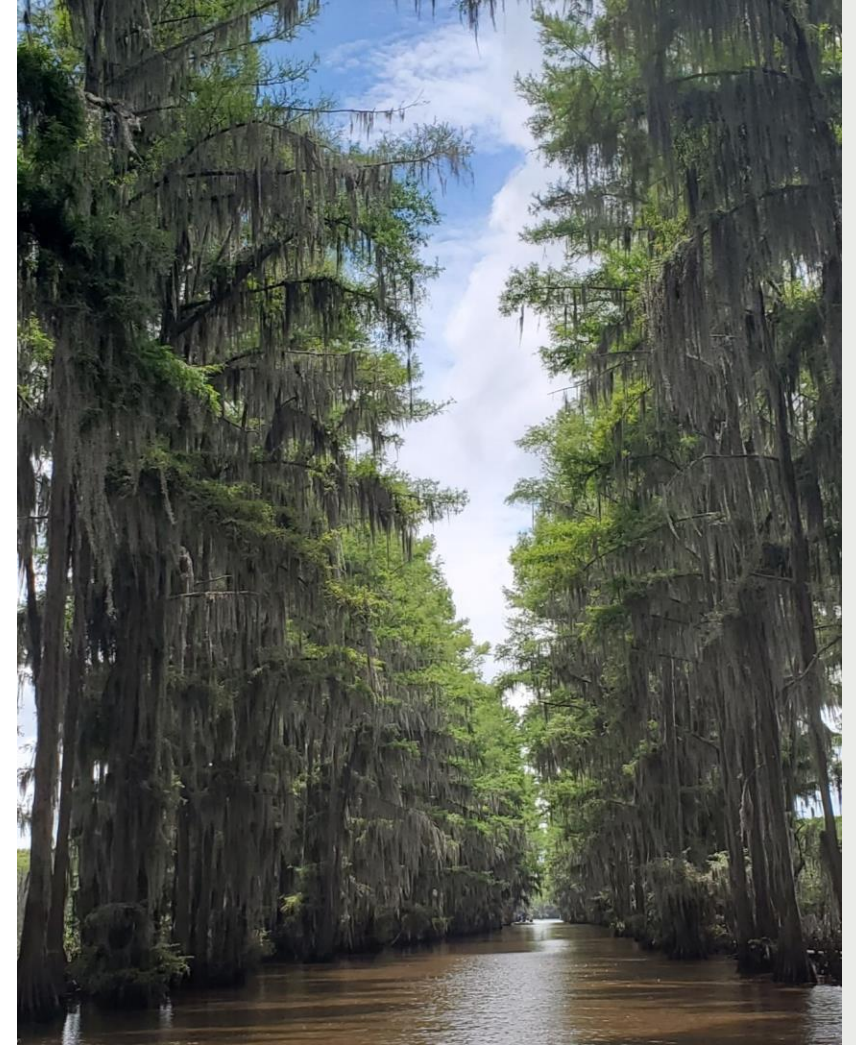
Program Updates from OCD



Closeout

- Q & A
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Join us next time on May 11, 2021.





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