

FACT SHEET  
CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Mouth of Colorado River, Texas.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 812, WRDA 1986.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>
Estimated Federal Cost (Corps)	\$45,740,000
Estimated Federal Cost (Coast Guard)	23,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	4,137,000
Cash (3,833,000)	
Other (604,000)	
Total Estimated Cost	\$49,900,000
Allocations thru FY 2001	34,802,000
Allocation for FY 2002	840,000
Budget Request for FY 2003	0
Balance to Complete After FY 2003	10,098,000
Amount That Could Be Used in FY 2003	750,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Matagorda County, TX. Shallow-draft navigation channel between the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and Gulf of Mexico; harbor & turning basin; diversion dam & connecting channel; recreation; Parker's Cut dam; oyster cultch.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2002: Continue WES study to identify solution to navigation problems at the GIWW intersection with the Colorado River bypass channel, and restoration of the southwest point. Funds will also be used to initiate environmental coordination.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: Project is not in the budget. Additional request of \$750,000 could be used to complete ongoing WES study. Funds will also be used to perform environmental coordination and initiate design activities if an acceptable solution to the navigation problem is found.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Full diversion of the Colorado River into Matagorda Bay, including closure of Parker's Cut in 1991, was accomplished as part of the Mouth of Colorado River, Texas project. While the closure of Parker's Cut provided significant environmental benefits to Matagorda Bay, the navigation industry has experienced dangerous cross currents on the GIWW at the Colorado River locks and mouth of the bypass channel.

LOCAL SPONSOR: Port of Bay City Authority of Matagorda County.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Gramm** (TX), **Hutchison** (TX), **Paul** (TX-14).

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