

FACT SHEET  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: GIWW - Matagorda Bay, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: Section 216 of the 1970 Flood Control Act.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>PED</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$607,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost:	0
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$607,000

Allocation thru FY 2001	0
Allocation for FY 2002	104,000
Budget Request for FY 2003	403,000
Balance to Complete After FY 2003	100,000
Amount that Could be Used in FY 2003	503,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: This navigation project is located on the Gulf coast in southeast Texas at approximately the midpoint between Corpus Christi and Galveston. Severe cross-currents and shoaling have resulted in a serious navigation hazard for barges traversing Matagorda Bay, threatening both loss of life and property. The proposed alternate channel would provide safer passage for navigation traffic.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2002: Initiate Value Engineering Study and survey activities.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: FY03 Budget Request of \$403,000 would be used to initiate P&S. Additional funding of \$100,000 would be used to complete P&S.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Authority does not exist to dredge a temporary or permanent re-route of the GIWW through Matagorda Bay. However, the current channel has been enlarged to aid navigation in this reach with the use of O&M funds. Additionally, some impediments to navigation have been removed as part of maintenance of the Matagorda Ship Channel project.

LOCAL SPONSOR: State of Texas.

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

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