

DISTRICT: Galveston

DATE: January 3, 2003

PROJECT NAME: Mouth of Colorado River, Texas

LOCATION: The project is located in the vicinity of Matagorda in Matagorda County, Texas.

CURRENT FUNDING CATEGORY: Operations and Maintenance, General

DESCRIPTION: The Mouth of the Colorado River consists of an entrance channel 15 feet deep and 200 feet wide with jetties to protect the entrance in the Gulf, a 6.5 mile navigation channel, 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide, and a harbor and turning basin adjacent to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and two recreation areas. Diversion features consist of a 3.1 mile long channel with a 20 foot depth and a 250 foot width to divert the flow of the Colorado River into Matagorda Bay, a diversion dam and navigation connecting channel, closing of Tiger Island Channel, and creation of an oyster cultch in Matagorda Bay.

FUNDING STATUS:

Expenditure for FY 02:	\$1,128,260.92
Obligation for FY 03:	\$2,559,999.00
Proposed President's Budget for FY 04:	\$ 0.00

COMPLETED OPERATIONS FOR FY 02: Maintenance dredging of Entrance Channel and Impoundment Basin. Coastal Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL), formerly Waterways Experiment Station, performing analyses for alternatives to reduce dredging frequency and channel shoaling. Initial appraisal for Section 216 study reconnaissance.

PROJECTED OPERATIONS FOR FY 03: Maintenance dredging of the Entrance Channel and Impoundment Basin. Ongoing CHL analyses and construction of the Sediment Training Structure in accordance with CHL Recommendations.

PROPOSED OPERATIONS FOR FY 04: Maintenance dredging of the Entrance Channel and Impoundment Basin. Continuing entrance channel analyses and improvements to reduce excessive shoaling concerns.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: No FY04 funding. Dredged material is assessed for pollutants prior to dredging. Statistics compiled for Tributary Channel to Gulf Intracoastal Waterway are not available.

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