

Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE
PROPOSED MID-BARATARIA SEDIMENT DIVERSION PROJECT
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA




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MARCH 2021



THE RESULT OF NO ACTION

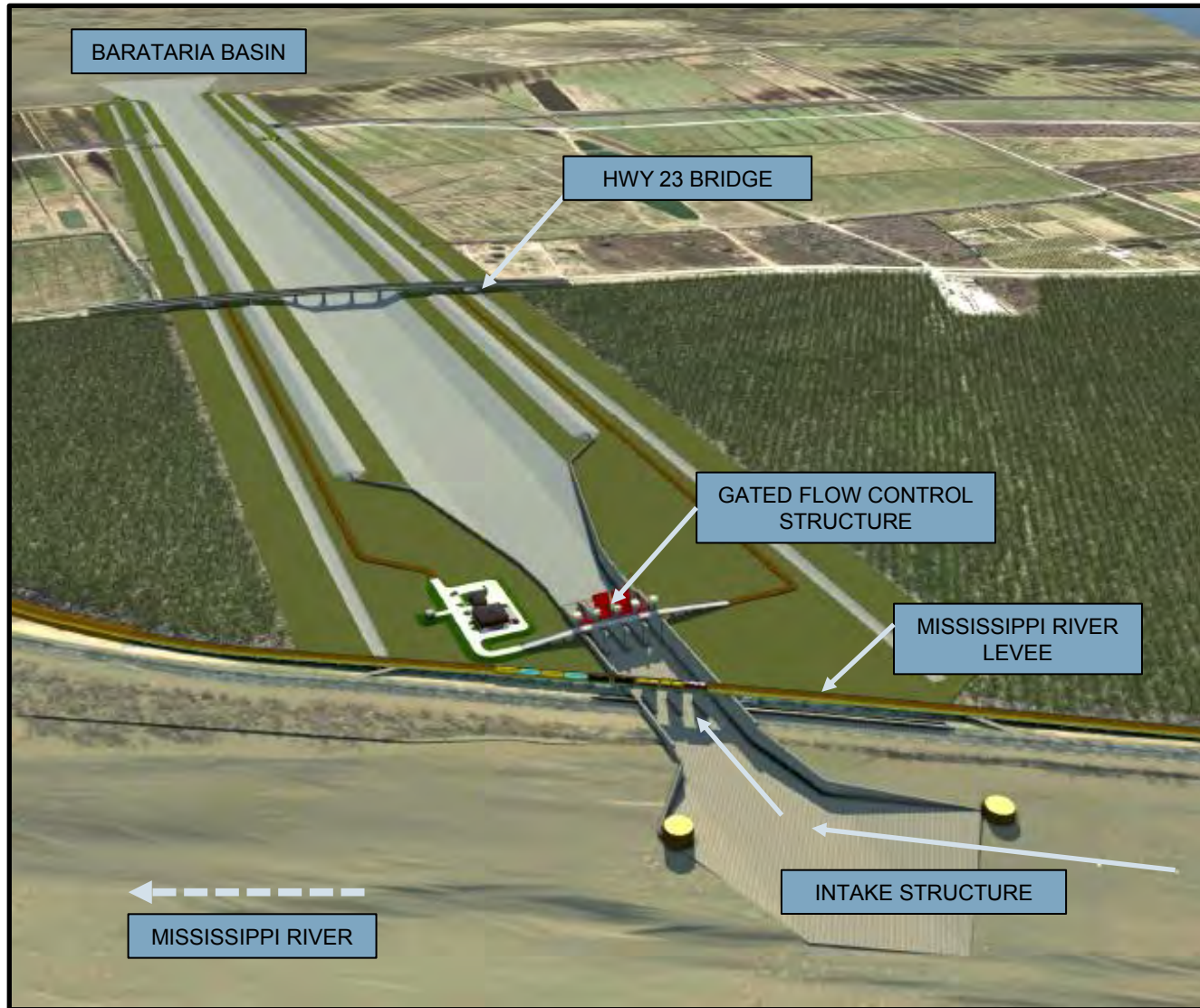




THE PROBLEM

- Levee System Restricts Rivers natural process
- Lack of Sediment Delivery to starved wetlands
- Barataria Basin has lost 276,000 acres (OVER 430 square miles) of marsh since the 1930's

DETAILS AND OPERATIONS

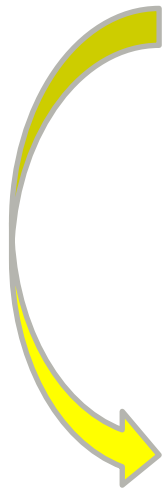


OPERATIONAL SCHEME

- Controlled Diversion with Gated Structure
- Maximum flow: 75,000 cfs
- Width: 1,600 ft corridor
- Length: Approximately 2 miles
- Cost: Approximately \$2 Billion



MBSD KEY MILESTONES



July 2017

Public Scoping

- 870+ scoping comments
- Modeling and technical reports submitted by CPRA
- Multi-agency working groups
- Peer/Independent third-party review
- Draft EIS development
- National Level Memorandum of Understandings

April 2021

Draft EIS Virtual Public Meetings

April 6, April 7, April 8

Comment Period

March 5 to May 4, 2021

March 2022

Final EIS Comment Period

April 2022

Record of Decision (ROD)



ENGAGED PARTIES





CONCLUSION



Comment Portal: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MBSD>

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Live: Virtual public meetings

The 60-day public review and comment period ends on May 4, 2021.

Live Virtual Meeting Schedule

Tuesday
April 6, 2021
9 a.m. CDT

Wednesday
April 7, 2021
1 p.m. CDT

Thursday
April 8, 2021
6 p.m. CDT



QUESTIONS?