Engaging in the process

How to get involved and why your voice matters

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Overview

• Context and process
• USACE Projects in & out of region
• Why weigh in, how, and when?
• What advocates have pushed for to date
• National policy changes
• Next steps
What’s happening overall, and where does this fit in?

- Planning
- Regulatory reform
- Emergency preparedness & response
- Education
- Infrastructure development & repairs
- Funding
Advocates have proposed extending this period, with more public engagement and an interim release of a refined TSP based on public input before finalizing.
USACE Projects in the region

- Habitat restoration
- Flood control
- Navigation & dredging
USACE flood control projects in other regions

Louisiana

San Francisco Bay area

Galveston Bay area
USACE flood control projects in other regions
Why your voice is important
How we’ve engaged thus far

- Water Resources Development Act authorization
- Organizing around aligned priorities
- Advocated for resources for USACE research & development
- Research: equity and natural approaches in cost-benefit analyses
Priorities expressed by advocates

• Robust, iterative public engagement process, responsive to the needs of communities most impacted
• Multiple flood hazards
• Phased approach
• Holistic lens of racial, economic, and ecological impact & equity
National policy

- Consideration of multiple benefits in cost benefit analysis
- Justice 40 Initiative
- Water Resources Development Act
How you can get involved

• Connect with other groups – Rise to Resilience!
• Comment (see also NPCA’s How to Comment 101 on 2/9)
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Thank you!