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CPRA June 2023 Legislative Updates from Olivia Ledet



CPRA's 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL REPORT

Budget Bills

- [SCR 3](#) (Spending Expenditure): SCR 3 by President Cortez passed the House and Senate raising the spending cap by \$1.65 billion allowing CPRA's appropriations in HB 2 in HB 550 to be allocated.
- [HB 2](#) (Capital Outlay): CPRA received \$107 million in surplus funding and the appropriation for the \$40 million included in HB 550.
- [HB 550](#) (Funds): CPRA received \$40 million directed from the State General Fund to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.

Priority Bills

- [SCR 6](#) by Sen. Hensgens: the Fiscal Year 24 Annual Plan for CPRA which passed the legislature unanimously and effective upon [passage](#)
- [SCR 17](#) by Sen. Hensgens and Rep. Zeringue: the 2023 Coastal Master Plan which passed the legislature unanimously and effective upon [passage](#)
- [HB 526](#) by Rep. Zeringue: establishes the Chief Resilience Officer in statute and has been sent to the Governor. We have prepared a press release in anticipation of his signature.
- [HB 99](#) by Rep. Orgeron: Unfortunately, the offshore alternative energy constitutional amendment did not make it through for the second year. This was a result of the larger budget debates and not having enough time to get it scheduled for Senate Finance Committee after passing the House.
- [HB 116](#) by Rep. Orgeron: The companion and statutory dedication bill to HB 99 also did make it through the Senate.

Other Topics/ Bills

- **Atchafalaya Conservation Fund:** The Atchafalaya Conservation Fund is repealed through [HB 254](#) by Rep. Thomas. This bill is sent to the Governor and cleans up constitutional funds that do not have any money in their account. The two bills connected to this were HB 277 and HB 278 which could have potentially put funding towards the Atchafalaya Conservation Fund, but they did not make it out of Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs committee.
- **Carbon Capture:** CCS was a very popular topic this session with many anti-CCS bills filed in the beginning, but ultimately the only CCS related bill that made it through was [HB 571](#) by Speaker Schexnayder. This bill sets up a regulatory framework for CCS, including notification requirements, environmental analysis for projects, and revenue sharing for parish governments.



2023 Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 2




COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY

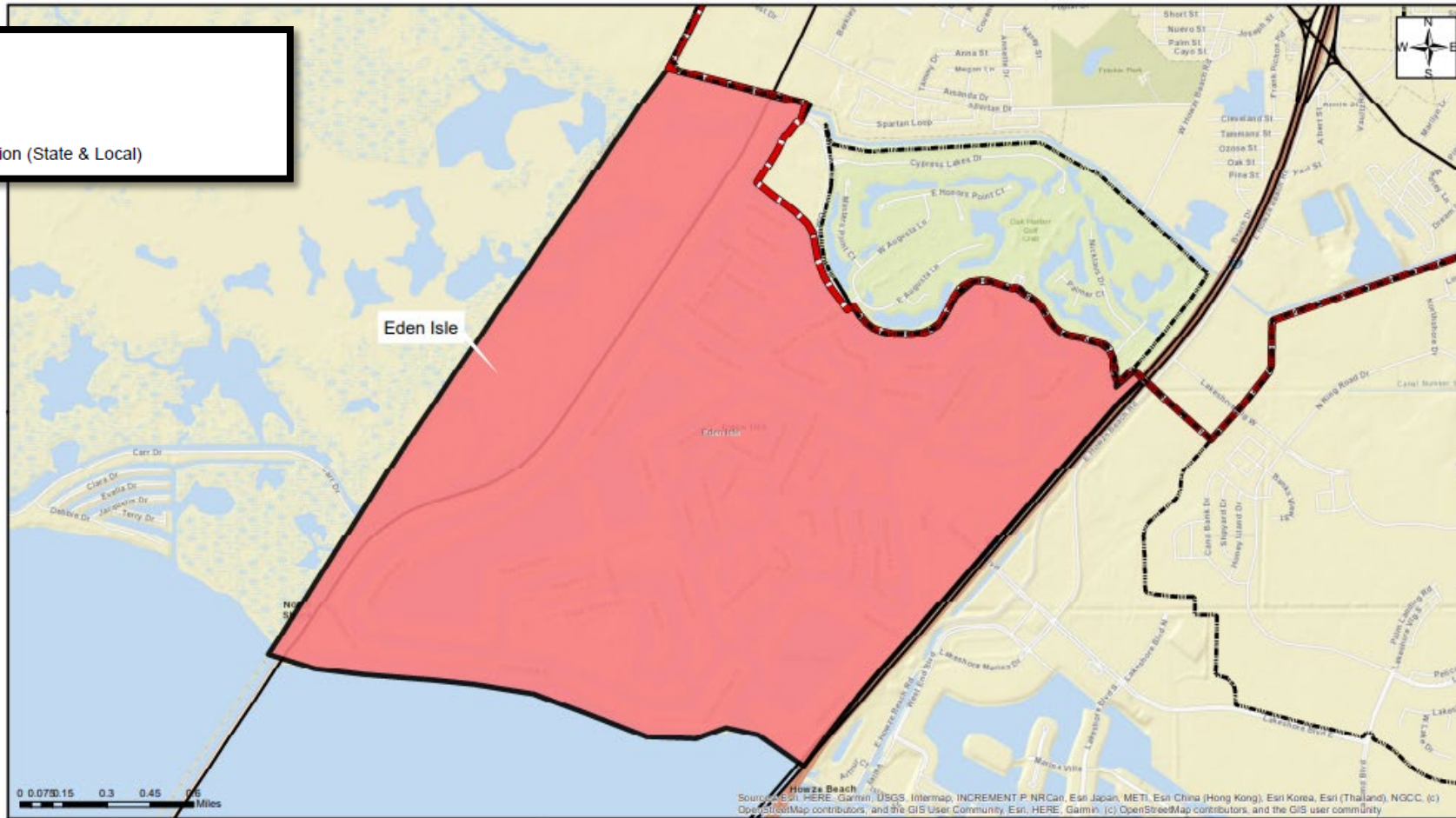
- Provided, however that \$220,000 of the P1 appropriation, and \$4,500,000 of the Priority 5 appropriation from General Obligation Bonds be used for the South Slidell – Fritchie Coastal Resilience, Planning and Construction project in St. Tammany Parish.
- Provided, however that \$4,500,000 of the Priority 5 appropriation from General Obligation Bonds be used for the Military Road Flood Risk Reduction, Planning and Construction project in St. Tammany Parish.
- Provided, however that \$1,500,000 of the Priority 1 appropriation, and \$3,000,000 of the Priority 5 appropriation from General Obligation Bonds be used for the Eden Isle Roadway Infrastructure Flood Resilience, Planning and Construction project in St. Tammany Parish.

Initiating the Eden Isle Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Efforts



Legend

-  Existing Levee
-  USACE TSP Alignment
-  Additional Structural Protection (State & Local)



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