Environmental Compliance Readiness

Bucket 2 – Council Selected Restoration Component

PROPOSAL TITLE

Bahia Grande Coastal Corridor

LOCATION

Texas

SPONSOR(S)

Texas

TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED (Planning, Technical Assistance, Implementation):

Implementation

REVIEWED BY:

John Ettinger

DATE:

February 6, 2015

If Planning and/or Technical Assistance

1. Does the submission identify environmental laws potentially applicable at the implementation stage:

○ YES ○ NO ◉ N/A

Comments

See below for a discussion of environmental compliance for this submission.

If Implementation

1. Status of compliance with environmental laws applicable to a Council decision to include the submission on the Funded Priority List:

The submission appears to be covered by an existing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment. Further Council review of this NEPA documentation is needed to ensure it would be appropriate for Council adoption. The submission or portions of it might also be covered by a NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE). Further Council review of the use of a CE in this instance is warranted, along with review of whether there may be extraordinary circumstances which could preclude use of such a CE. The Council would also need to determine whether additional actions are required relative to Tribal consultation and compliance with the Endangered Species Act and other potentially applicable laws. The existing NEPA documentation and related environmental compliance information could help expedite completion of such tasks. NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund implementation of this submission.