

STATUS REPORT ON CIVIL WORKS ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION FISCAL YEAR 2003 TESTIMONY

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INTRODUCTION



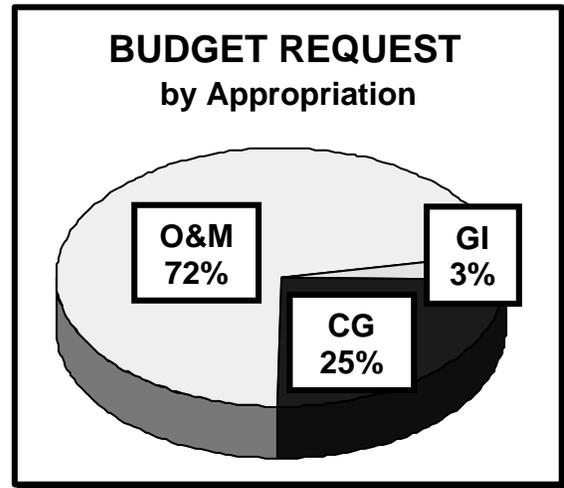
The Southwestern Division area embraces all or part of six states, an expanse that contains about 10 percent of the land area (376,300 square miles) and 10 percent of the total population (26.9 million) of the United States based on the calendar year 2000 census. The Division is headquartered in Dallas, Texas, and includes four engineer districts, with offices located in Fort Worth and Galveston, Texas; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Division's Civil Works area is also defined by the following hydrologic basins: portions of the Rio Grande Basin in the United States and downstream of the confluence with the Pecos River, the Texas Gulf Region (river basins located mostly in Texas which drain into the Gulf of Mexico), and the majority of the Arkansas, White and Red River Basins. The terrain varies from the arid regions of northwestern Texas; to the plains of Kansas; to the forested areas of Arkansas; and to the tidal areas of southeast Texas.

Southwestern Division projects and associated activities are critically important to the continued economic well-being of the nation. For example, ongoing construction of the Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels project and continuing maintenance of the Houston Ship Channel provide both existing and future opportunities for economic growth at the Port of Houston, Texas. This second largest port in the United States contributes an estimated \$7.7 billion annually to the regional economy and provides more than 200,000 jobs. Also, the Southwestern Division continues to take those measures necessary to protect and ensure the safety of our waterways, harbors, flood control, hydropower and recreational projects and facilities.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 PROGRAM

The Fiscal Year 2003 Federal budget request for studies and projects in the Southwestern Division is about \$367.1 million. This amount is proposed to be proportioned as shown for the General Investigations (GI), Construction, General (CG), and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) appropriations. The requested amount for Fiscal Year 2003 is about 8 percent less than the \$382.5 million in Federal funds that have been, or will be, allocated to the Southwestern Division in Fiscal Year 2002.

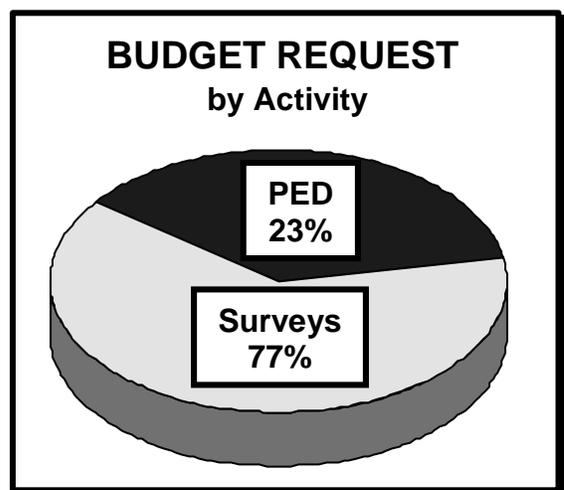


FISCAL YEAR 2001 PERFORMANCE

The aggressive scheduling of expenditures of funds in each of these three appropriations and subsequent execution of the schedule for studies and projects has been a command priority of the Corps and Southwestern Division. In the completed Fiscal Year 2001, the total Southwestern Division expenditures of \$450 million for the General Investigations, Construction, General, and Operation and Maintenance, General appropriations were 105 percent of all scheduled funds, which exceeded the combined appropriations goal.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Fiscal Year 2003 budget request for the General Investigations Appropriation is about \$8.9 million. This amount is proposed to be proportioned between surveys and Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED) activities as shown. These Federal funds, together with scheduled non-Federal sponsor cash contributions of about \$4 million, will provide for continued planning, engineering and design activities on high priority studies and projects in the Southwestern Division area. This total program of approximately \$12.9 million for Fiscal Year 2003 is about 23 percent lower than the \$16.8 million (including non-Federal sponsors' cash contributions of \$5.3 million) scheduled to be allocated in Fiscal Year 2002.



SURVEY STUDIES

The Fiscal Year 2003 request of about \$6.4 million in Federal funds for survey studies, together with non-Federal sponsor cash contributions of about \$3.7 million on twenty-two studies, will result in a total program of approximately \$10.1 million. This amount is about 22 percent lower than the corresponding funding amount expected to be allocated in Fiscal Year 2002.

This program will provide for the study effort on 27 separate survey investigations located on major river basins throughout the Southwestern Division area. Two of these studies are located in Arkansas, one in Kansas, one in Missouri, five in Oklahoma, and the remaining eighteen studies are located in Texas, as shown on the following table. The requested funds including non-Federal contributions will provide: the completion of six reconnaissance studies; the continuation into the feasibility phase from the reconnaissance phase for five studies cost-shared with non-Federal sponsors; the continuation of seventeen ongoing feasibility studies cost-shared with non-Federal sponsors; and the continuation of four ongoing feasibility studies at full Federal expense.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 SURVEY PROGRAM

<u>STUDY</u>	<u>FY 2003 FEDERAL REQUEST</u>	<u>FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR CASH CONTRIBUTION</u>
ARKANSAS		
Arkansas River Navigation Study	\$910,000	\$ 0
White River Minimum Flow	150,000	0
KANSAS and MISSOURI		
Walnut and Whitewater River Watersheds, Kansas	110,000	110,000
Springfield, Missouri	140,000	103,000
OKLAHOMA		
Miami and Vicinity	380,000	380,000
Oologah Lake Watershed Study	310,000	310,000
Red River Waterway	50,000	13,000
Southeast Oklahoma Water Resource Study	100,000	100,000
Wister Lake Watershed	50,000	50,000

FISCAL YEAR 2003 SURVEY PROGRAM (Continued)

<u>STUDY</u>	<u>FY 2003 FEDERAL REQUEST</u>	<u>FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR CASH CONTRIBUTION</u>
TEXAS		
Bois D'Arc Creek	\$100,000	\$100,000
Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries (White Oak Bayou)	160,000	0
Corpus Christi Ship Channel	410,000	410,000
Freeport Harbor	200,000	163,000
Freeport Hurricane Protection Levee	100,000	100,000
Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basins	300,000	150,000
GIWW Modification	225,000	0
GIWW - Brazos River to Port O'Connor	225,000	0
GIWW - Port O'Connor to Corpus Christi Bay	228,000	0
Lower Colorado River Basin	600,000	500,000
Middle Brazos River Basin	50,000	50,000
Mustang Bayou, Brazoria County	137,000	100,000
Nueces River and Tributaries	87,000	0
Resacas at Brownsville	200,000	200,000
Sabine-Neches Waterway	400,000	400,000
Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay	250,000	250,000
Sulphur River Environmental Restoration	50,000	50,000
Upper Trinity River Basin	433,000	100,000
TOTAL STUDIES	\$6,355,000	\$ 3,639,000

INITIATION OF RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES

No new reconnaissance studies are proposed for initiation in the Fiscal Year 2003 request.

COMPLETION OF RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES

This request includes \$335,000 to complete six reconnaissance studies in Fiscal Year 2003. These studies include the White River Minimum Flow Study in Arkansas; Springfield in Missouri; Red River Waterway in Oklahoma; and three in Texas: Freeport Harbor; Mustang Bayou, Brazoria County; and Nueces River and Tributaries.

COST SHARED FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Twenty-two surveys are being pursued on a 50-50 cost sharing basis with non-Federal sponsors in accordance with Public Law 99-662, the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. The Fiscal Year 2003 request for these cost shared feasibility studies is about \$4.4 million. Combined with non-Federal cash contributions of about \$3.6 million, the total program for these studies is approximately \$8 million. Also, four non-Federal sponsors are scheduled to receive about \$775,000 in-kind credit for activities they perform as part of these costs shared studies. The resultant non-Federal commitment is about \$4.4 million.

Of the total \$4.4 million requested, about \$429,000 would be combined with \$429,000 of non-Federal funds for the continuation into the feasibility phase from the reconnaissance phase on five cost shared studies on Springfield in Missouri; Red River Waterway in Oklahoma; and Freeport Harbor, Mustang Bayou, Brazoria County, and Nueces River and Tributaries in Texas. About \$4.4 million, would be combined with about \$3.6 million in non-Federal sponsor cash contributions and scheduled in-kind credit of about \$775,000 to continue twenty-two ongoing feasibility studies: Walnut and Whitewater River Watersheds in Kansas; Springfield in Missouri; Miami and Vicinity, Oologah Lake Watershed Study, Red River Waterway, Southeast Oklahoma Water Resources Study and Wister Lake Watershed in Oklahoma; and Bois D'Arc Creek, Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries (White Oak Bayou), Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Freeport Harbor, Freeport Hurricane Protection Levee, Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basins, Lower Colorado River Basin; Middle Brazos River Basin, Mustang Bayou, Brazoria County, Nueces River and Tributaries, Resacas at Brownsville, Sabine-Neches Waterway, Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Sulphur River Environmental Restoration and Upper Trinity River Basin, all in Texas.

FULL FEDERAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES

The Fiscal Year 2003 request for four full Federal funded feasibility studies is about \$1.6 million. These funds are for the continuation of feasibility studies on the Arkansas River Navigation Study in Arkansas; and GIWW Modification, GIWW - Brazos River to Port O'Connor and GIWW - Port O'Connor to Corpus Christi Bay studies in Texas.

COMPLETION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES

No cost-shared nor full Federal feasibility studies are scheduled for completion in FY 2003.

PRECONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN (PED)

The request for Fiscal Year 2003 of approximately \$2.5 million in Federal funds for thirteen projects, together with non-Federal cash contributions of about \$238,000 on five of these projects, will provide about \$2.8 million for Preconstruction, Engineering and Design activities. This amount is about 26 percent lower than the corresponding funding amount expected to be allocated in Fiscal Year 2002.

Funds are requested for continuation of all thirteen projects. These engineering and design efforts will be cost shared with non-Federal sponsors in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 99-662, the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. Four of the projects are located in Arkansas with nine in Texas. The projects and amounts requested for Fiscal Year 2003 are as follows.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 PRECONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PROGRAM

<u>STUDY</u>	<u>FY 2003 FEDERAL REQUEST</u>	<u>FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR CASH CONTRIBUTION</u>
ARKANSAS		
Arkansas River Levees	\$50,000	\$ 0
May Branch, Fort Smith	100,000	33,000
North Little Rock, Dark Hollow	200,000	80,000
Pine Mountain Lake	150,000	75,000
TEXAS		
Cedar Bayou	310,000	0
Colonias Along the U.S. – Mexico Border	100,000	33,000
GIWW – High Island to Brazos River	275,000	0
GIWW - Matagorda Bay	480,000	0
Greens Bayou, Houston	150,000	0
North Bosque River	50,000	17,000
Raymondville Drain	250,000	0
South Main Channel	200,000	0
Texas City Channel	200,000	0
TOTAL PED	\$2,515,000	\$238,000

INITIATION OF PED

The Fiscal Year 2003 request includes no funding for initiation of PED activities.

CONTINUING PED PROJECTS

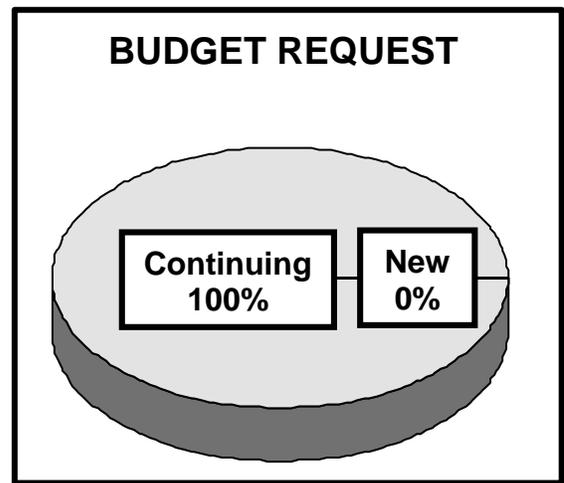
The Fiscal Year 2003 request includes about \$2.5 million for the continuation of PED activities on thirteen projects: Arkansas River Levees, May Branch - Fort Smith, North Little Rock - Dark Hollow, and Pine Mountain Lake in Arkansas; and the following projects in Texas: Cedar Bayou, Colonias Along the U.S. – Mexico Border, GIWW – High Island to Brazos River, GIWW – Matagorda Bay, Greens Bayou, North Bosque River, Raymondville Drain, South Main Channel, and Texas City Channel in Texas.

COMPLETION OF PED PROJECTS

No Preconstruction Engineering and Design projects are scheduled for completion in Fiscal Year 2003.

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

The Fiscal Year 2003 request for Construction, General, in the amount of approximately \$91.3 million, provides for construction activities on 13 projects. These requested funds, together with scheduled cash contributions from the non-Federal sponsors of about \$17.5 million, yield a total construction program of about \$108.8 million. The non-Federal sponsors are scheduled to spend an additional \$20.5 million on these projects to obtain the necessary project lands, easements, rights-of way, relocations, and disposal areas (LERRD). Combined with their scheduled cash contributions, non-Federal sponsors would provide about \$38 million in Fiscal Year 2003 toward project construction.



The Federal funds and the non-Federal cash contributions will provide for a construction program that continues construction on 13 projects including completion of two of these projects. The proposed total program of \$108.8 million for the Southwestern Division in Fiscal Year 2003 is about 14 percent smaller than the corresponding funding amount expected to be allocated in Fiscal Year 2002.

NEW CONSTRUCTION STARTS

The Fiscal Year 2003 request includes no new construction starts.

CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION

The Fiscal Year 2003 budget request includes \$84.5 million to continue construction on eleven projects and \$6.8 million to complete construction on two projects for a grand total of \$91.3 million. Non-Federal cash contributions of \$17.5 million on these projects result in a total program of about \$108.8 million. The projects for which Fiscal Year 2003 funds are requested to continue or complete construction are shown below.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FY 2003 FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTS</u>	<u>FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL COSTS</u> <i>/</i>
ARKANSAS			
Montgomery Point Lock and Dam	20,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA			
McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, Locks and Dam	3,360,000	0	0
KANSAS			
Arkansas City	3,000,000	600,000	1,100,000
MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS			
Table Rock Lake, (Dam Safety)	10,000,000	0	0
OKLAHOMA			
Tenkiller Ferry Lake, (Dam Safety)	4,600,000	0	0
Skiatook Dam, (Dam Safety)	3,000,000	0	0

FISCAL YEAR 2003 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (Continued)

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FY 2003 FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTS</u>	<u>FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL FY 2003 NON-FEDERAL COSTS</u> <i>!/</i>
TEXAS			
Brays Bayou, Houston	3,798,000	803,000	5,803,000
Clear Creek	1,200,000	90,000	5,090,000
Houston - Galveston Navigation Channels	19,487,000	9,652,000	12,833,000
Johnson Creek, Arlington	3,636,000	550	2,210
Neches River Saltwater Barrier	7,000,000	2,800,000	3,736,000
San Antonio Channel Improvement	3,219,000	108,000	338,000
Sims Bayou, Houston	9,000,000	2,921,000	6,921,000
GRAND TOTAL CONSTRUCTION	\$93,100,000	\$17,524,000	\$38,031,000

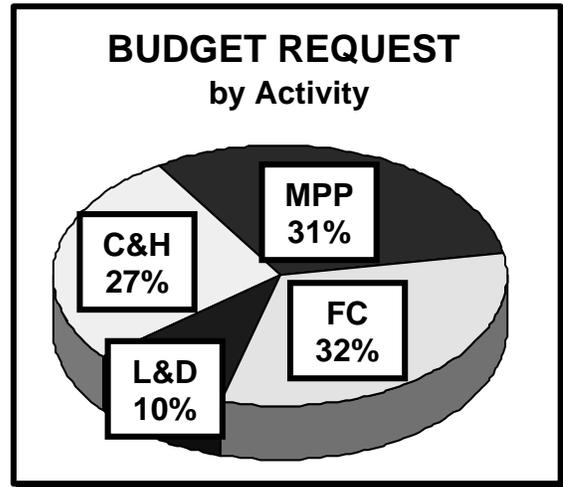
!/ Includes Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, Relocations and Disposal Areas and Cash Contributions, as applicable.

PROJECT COMPLETIONS

Included in the requested funds for Fiscal Year 2003 is approximately \$6.8 million to complete construction on the Johnson Creek and San Antonio Channel Improvement, Texas projects.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The Fiscal Year 2003 request for the Operation and Maintenance Appropriation for projects and activities in the Southwestern Division is approximately \$266.9 million. The requested funds will be divided among four major funding categories shown at right - Channels and Harbors (C&H) along the Texas Gulf coast; Locks and Dams (L&D) along the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System; Flood Control (FC); and Multiple Purpose Power Projects (MPP).



The Southwestern Division has continued to implement numerous cost reduction initiatives to address expected sustained future reductions of operation and maintenance budget amounts. These initiatives include: using the latest technology and equipment to reduce the cost of underwater surveys for waterways, channels and harbors; reducing park services during non-peak visitation periods; leasing parks to local governments; reorganizing reservoir project manager's responsibilities to oversee multiple projects; sharing resources, including work crews, between projects; and installation of remote control equipment to manage multiple hydropower facilities from a single site.

CHANNELS AND HARBORS

The Fiscal Year 2003 request for dredging and maintaining 13 projects along the Texas Gulf Coast is about \$71.4 million. The requested funds will provide for the continued maintenance of channel and harbor projects, including Freeport Harbor, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), Houston Ship Channel, Galveston Harbor and Channel and Sabine-Neches Waterway.

Fiscal Year 2002 highlights include repairs to dredged material disposal area levees located along the Houston Ship Channel and maintenance dredging activities for the Trinity River and Tributaries navigation project, both located in Texas.

LOCKS AND DAMS

The request of \$27.8 million for Fiscal Year 2003 for Locks and Dams will provide for the operation of 13 locks and dams and the channel on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation system. Funds to provide for the operation of the remaining four locks are included in the request for each of four projects in the Multiple Purpose Power Projects category. These four locks are Dardanelle Lock and Dam, Arkansas; Ozark-Jeta Taylor Lock and Dam, Arkansas; Robert S. Kerr Lock and Dam and

Reservoir, Oklahoma; and Webbers Falls Lock and Dam, Oklahoma. The navigation system, which consists of 17 locks and dams, four multiple purpose power projects and a channel between these structures, extends from the Mississippi River 445 navigation miles to the head of navigation at Catoosa, Oklahoma, about 15 miles east of Tulsa.

A highlight in calendar year 2001 was the moving of just over 11.8 million tons of cargo on this system. Also, approximately 8,900 barges traversed the system in 2001 lessening the burden on congested highways and rail lines by the equivalent of 534,000 semi truckloads or 133,500 railcars of cargo. Fiscal Year 2002 highlights include the repair of damaged piers at the David D. Terry Lock and Dam, and rehabilitation and painting of the tainter gates at Dam Number 5, both located on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System in Arkansas.

FLOOD CONTROL

The request of \$84.3 million for Fiscal Year 2003 will provide for the continued operation and maintenance of 60 flood control reservoirs, two other projects (Estelline Springs and Arkansas-Red River Basins Chloride Control (Area VIII) Projects, both in Texas), studies associated with the Texas Water Allocation Assessment, and two other flood control activities (scheduling reservoir operations and inspection of completed works). The 60 reservoirs are located as follows: six in Arkansas; eight in Kansas; one in Missouri; 19 in Oklahoma; and 26 in Texas.

Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002 include repair of the stilling basin at Benbrook Lake, repair of the service bridge and abutment at Canyon Lake, initiation of preliminary acquisition activities for structures located within flowage easement areas at Proctor Lake, all in Texas; and conducting a seepage study at Clearwater Lake, Missouri.

MULTIPLE PURPOSE POWER PROJECTS

The Fiscal Year 2003 funds requested for multiple purpose power projects in the Southwestern Division are about \$83.4 million. Of this amount, the budget proposes that approximately \$25.4 million in hydropower activities be funded from Power Marketing Administration receipts.

The requested funds will provide for the continued operation and maintenance of 18 projects. These projects are located as follows: six in Arkansas; one in Missouri; seven in Oklahoma; three in Texas; and one on the Texas-Oklahoma state line. These hydroelectric power projects have a total installed capacity of just over 1.7 gigawatts and, without creating air pollution, produced about 3.6 billion kilowatt-hours in Fiscal Year 2001. These 18 powerplants, containing 55 units, were available for production at just over 93 percent of the time in Fiscal Year 2001. The Corps goal is 90 percent or better.

Fiscal Year 2002 highlights include initiation of plans and specifications for rehabilitation of powerhouse facilities at Whitney Lake in Texas, and repair of tractor gates at Dardanelle and Ozark-Jeta Taylor Locks and Dams in Arkansas. Recommended highlights for Fiscal Year 2003 include continuation of rehabilitation and painting of the tainter gates at Keystone Lake in Oklahoma, and initiation of monitoring activities for the Least tern threatened species at the Denison Dam-Lake Texoma project located along the Texas/Oklahoma border.

PROTECTION OF NAVIGATION

The request for the Protection of Navigation category for Fiscal Year 2003 is \$50,000. These funds will be used for project condition surveys on those projects for which maintenance is not scheduled in Fiscal Year 2003.

RECREATION

Outdoor recreation continues to be an important part of the lifestyle of the Southwest. Nationwide, the Corps of Engineers is the largest Federal provider of water based recreation opportunities. Southwestern Division receives over 20 percent of the Corps' total visitation and, in Fiscal Year 2001, provided recreation opportunities to approximately 82 million visitors at 90 operating projects and 640 Corps managed recreation areas located in five states. This averages about 225,000 people visiting Southwestern Division projects every day of the year. Historically, Southwestern Division leads the Corps in collecting approximately 38 percent, approximately \$13.9 million, of the total recreation fees collected by the Corps nationwide.

Recreation continues to be a significant part of the economy in the Southwestern Division area. An estimated that \$1.3 billion is spent annually on recreation supplies and equipment in the Southwestern Division area for use on Corps projects. These purchases support 65,000 jobs that would not otherwise exist without these recreational opportunities.

Fiscal Year 2002 highlights include performance of cultural resources mitigation activities and recreational improvements at Waco Lake in Texas, and repair and rehabilitation of recreational facilities at Clearwater and Table Rock Lakes in Missouri.

FLOOD DAMAGES PREVENTED

In Fiscal Year 2001, the flood damages prevented by Southwestern Division projects were estimated at nearly \$4.6 billion. Flood damages prevented during the lifetime of each project have now accumulated to almost \$42.8 billion. Seven major projects in the Dallas - Fort Worth area account for the majority of these accumulated damages prevented, currently about \$29.9 billion. These projects are Benbrook Lake, the Fort Worth Floodway system, Grapevine Lake, Lewisville Dam, Ray Roberts Lake, the Dallas Floodway system and Joe Pool Lake. The total accumulated Federal

investment for these projects, including Operation and Maintenance costs, is currently \$738 million. This gives a return of more than \$40 for every Federal dollar invested.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Calendar Year 2001 was an extremely busy year for Southwestern Division emergency operations. The year began with a massive ice storm in January 2001 resulting in emergency response operations in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Also, Southwestern Division personnel assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with emergency power and water missions under three Presidential Disaster declarations. As hurricane season began, the Southwestern Division was once again called to action to assist FEMA with the emergency response to Tropical Storm Allison, which resulted in very serious flooding in Houston, Texas and surrounding cities. From June to December 2001, emergency operations missions consisted of debris oversight assistance, the placement of 955 temporary housing travel trailers and emergency power support to the Texas Medical Center. Missions assigned resulted in expenditures of over \$3.5 million.

In July 2001, the Southwestern Division conducted the largest hurricane workshop and exercise ever held in our area of responsibility. Representatives from numerous Federal agencies, the State of Texas and many coastal city and county emergency planners from around the state worked together to identify problems and develop a plan of operations for a coordinated response to future catastrophic hurricane events impacting the Galveston/Houston, Texas area.

REGULATORY PROGRAM

During Fiscal Year 2001, the Southwestern Division completed 6,024 permit actions. This total includes 383 standard individual permits, of which the Galveston District was responsible for a total of 304. The Southwestern Division accomplished over 7 percent of all the permit actions nationally during Fiscal Year 2001. As a result of permits issued, approximately 1,000 acres of wetlands impacts were authorized with over 4,000 acres of wetlands mitigation required to offset these impacts.

Fiscal Year 2002 regulatory program initiatives will continue to emphasize streamlining of the permit process for applicants and expediting permit decisions while still providing protection for the aquatic environment. Development of regional general permits, utilization of pre-application coordination meetings, and mitigation banking will continue to be used to accomplish these initiatives. Streamlining of the permit evaluation process for transportation and highway projects continues to be a priority of the Southwestern Division.

TROPICAL STORM ALLISON

Tropical Storm Allison stalled over Southeast Texas and produced significant amounts of rainfall and flooding over much of Montgomery, Harris, and Galveston Counties during June 5-9, 2001. Twenty-two deaths were attributed to the flooding in Texas with damage estimates surpassing \$4.8 billion in Harris County alone including the Houston metropolitan area. The largest reported rainfall amount was about 37 inches over a 5-day period in northeast Houston, which is almost twice the 500-year recurrence period rainfall amount for this duration.

Southwestern Division projects, both completed and ongoing, helped minimize and reduced the severity and amount of these flood damages within the Houston area. For example, completion of ongoing construction on several reaches of the Sims Bayou project is estimated to have reduced the flood severity along this bayou by \$200 million. In total, approximately \$246 million in flood damages were prevented as a direct result of flood damage reduction projects built by the Corps of Engineers in full cooperation with local sponsors in the Houston area.

SUMMARY

In summary, the total Fiscal Year 2003 Southwestern Division program is \$388.6 million which consists of \$367.1 million in Federal funds and scheduled non-Federal sponsor cash contributions of \$21.5 million. These funds, together with additional non-Federal sponsor expenditures of about \$19.3 million related to project construction activities, will help in solving some of the problems and meet some of the high priority water resource needs of the Southwestern Division area. Considering the total of cash repayments to the Federal treasury, the offsetting collection of taxes and use of established trust funds, the value of numerous benefits, and the amount of flood damages prevented, the economic multiplying impacts of Southwestern Division projects far exceed the amount of the requested funds for the Southwestern Division of the United States Army, Corps of Engineers.

The "Pacesetter" Southwestern Division continues to demonstrate its ability to respond to our Nation's domestic and emergency needs in a consistent and timely manner.