

23 October 1992

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard About Shoreline Erosion at Their Dauphin Island Recreation Area

1. Shortly after the Section 14 investigation for Fort Gaines ("East End Dauphin Island, Alabama") was initiated we wrote USCG about funding participation in that work, since their rec area was obviously involved. A letter dated July 10, 1992, was addressed to CAPT R. L. Cashdollar, U.S. Coast Guard Group. There was no written response, but we were called by members of their civil engineering office, and I have had several conversations with LT Dan Reynolds, head of that office. In sum, the USCG allocated \$50,000 for FY 1993 to investigate possible solutions to their problem. That amount is inadequate for any construction cost sharing in this FY. In addition, since the sole purpose of the area is recreation, they are not interested in any solution that would end use of their beach.
2. On 13 October I received a request relayed from Mr. L.R. Green, DP, to contact CDR Dennis Bohlayer in the USCG Miami office to discuss the limits of our proposed Section 14 project and/or possible Corps of Engineers support for their efforts to control erosion at their rec area. Unfortunately, right after his conversation with Mr. Green, CDR Bohlayer went on leave for the rest of the week. After numerous telephone calls, on 16 October I reached a person helpful enough to explain the situation. At that point I amplified my request to include speaking to anyone who was familiar with the problem. I was referred to LT Greg McLellan, who is directly responsible for USCG work in this area.
3. LT McLellan was familiar with the erosion problem at the rec area and we discussed it at length. His position is the same, however, as LT Reynolds. They do not have sufficient funds to do any significant amount of work this FY. In addition, they are opposed to any solution that would prohibit beach use. He would discuss this further with CDR Bohlayer when he returned to the office on Monday, 19 October.
4. On 21 October I called LT McLellan to learn the results of his conversation with CDR Bohlayer. He returned the call on 22 October and reported that the commander had concurred with his position. I indicated that we would be glad to continue working with them to arrive at an acceptable solution. During the conversation, I mentioned that we were still actively looking at

alternatives for the problem at the DI Main Beach Park, and that we were presently evaluating a geotube alternative there. LT McLellan immediately indicated their interest in a similar solution at their area. I promised to keep him informed about our results. Coordination will continue.

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