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Date: March 20, 2023
To: Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust
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RE: Dagger Point Shoreline Protection and Matagorda Island Shoreline Protection (CBBEP Project 1931 and 1932)

Blackjack Shoreline Protection – Dagger Point Current Activities:

The USACE individual permit application and the Environmental Assessment was submitted to the USACE on December 3, 2021. The application includes the proposed shoreline protection and bluff stabilization for the eroding shoreline of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the eastern shoreline of the Blackjack Unit along San Antonio Bay, particularly near Dagger Point. The USACE public comments letter was received on August 22, 2022, with comments from the TPWD and a member of the general public. Anchor QEA sent a response to comments letter back to USACE on August 23, 2022. We received correspondence from USACE on October 6, 2022, that USFWS needed to submit a NOAA Fisheries Section 7 Consultation. Anchor QEA submitted a USFWS programmatic Endangered Species Act consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service on November 3, 2022, which satisfied the Section 7 consultation. Anchor QEA also submitted the State Historic Preservation Office concurrence regarding cultural resources on November 15, 2022, to the USACE. The Essential Fish Habitat Assessment was submitted to the USACE on January 5, 2023. We are still waiting on the approval of the USACE individual permit.

Approval is still pending for the State of Texas General Land Office Application for State Land Use – Coastal Lease which was submitted in December 2021. The GLO indicated that the lease application will move forward once the USACE permit is approved.

A work order amendment is being drafted between Anchor QEA and the CBBEP to allow for additional time on tasks which include more detailed surveys, geotechnical analysis, developing the bluff design, breakwater design, and groin design, and developing the construction documents. The work order extends the project through February 2024.