



Pearl River Basin, Mississippi, Federal Flood Risk Management Project

Appendix B - Public Comments



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Public comments will be added to this appendix after completion of the public review period and before finalization of the document.

Public outreach meetings were held twice a day on July 10, 2024 and July 11, 2024, and virtually once on June 27, 2024 at 6pm. The In-Person public meetings were held on July 10, 2024, in Jackson, MS, at the Mississippi Public Broadcasting Auditorium at 2pm and Mississippi Trade Mart at 6pm. For the In-Person meetings on July 11, 2024, the first public meeting was hosted at the Slidell Municipal within Slidell, LA at 11 am and at the Monticello Civic Center within Monticello, MS at 6pm. The virtual meeting was broadcast from the MVK office at 6 p.m. The public was notified about the meetings through publication of the NOI, as well as through multiple social media channels and local newspaper. Recorded presentations of the scoping meetings were uploaded to the study website for those who could not attend. Questions were answered live by the PDT during both meetings.

Scoping comments were received through 6 August 2024, which was established as the last day to provide comments to inform the study planning process. There were 6,729 comments received. A majority of the emails received included a similar letter considered a form letter representing the same comments therefore they were counted as one comment made by multiple individuals.

Input received from the public meetings assisted the team in refining study problems and opportunities, goals, objectives, potential features, and alternative plans.

The comments were evaluated to identify common Themes of concern. The top five common themes identified include:

- Downstream Impacts (164)
- Flood Risk Concern (156)
- Habitat Impact (153)
- Economics (150)
- Oppose project (134)