

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Stillhouse Hollow Lake, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: Flood Control Act of 1954, PL 83-780.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:

	<u>O&M</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$1,912,000
Budget Request for FY 2007	2,068,000
Tentative FY 2007 Work Plan Allocation	1,986,000 1/
Budget Request for FY 2008	1,912,000
Amount that Could be Used in FY 2008	8,255,000

1/ Final amount is subject to change, and will not be known until the Joint Continuing Resolution is passed by both the House and Senate, and final allocations are provided.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Stillhouse Hollow Lake is located in Bell County on the Lampasas River, 16 river miles upstream from its confluence with the Little River, and is five miles southwest of the city of Belton, Texas. The project consists of an earthfill flood control dam 15,624 feet long, a 5,850-foot dike section, and a 1,650-foot uncontrolled spillway. Flood control capacity is 394,700 acre-feet and conservation/water supply storage is 232,000 acre-feet. Controlled flood releases are accomplished through two hydraulically operated floodgates. Seven recreation areas comprise 2,089 acres. 2006 visitation totaled 4,095,982 visitor hours.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2007: Scheduled O&M activities.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2008:

Paint conduit liner, gates & air vents	\$ 225,000
Purchase & install emergency generator	50,000
Modify shop and office for ADA access	100,000
Remove obstruction gravel in river channel	572,000
Replace/repair lift stations Dana Peak, Union Grove and Stillhouse Parks	225,000
ADA accessibility to docks and fishing piers	225,000
Construct 20 additional campsites in Dana Peak Park to include 50 amp service	575,000
Remove and replace obsolete electrical distribution systems with 50 amp service in Dana Peak Park and Union Grove Park campgrounds	400,000
Construct pavilion in Overlook Park	200,000
Repair shoreline erosion, replace rip-rap, and provide ADA access to docks and ramps	469,000
Resurface paved roads in Dana Peak, Union Grove and Stillhouse Parks	537,000
Replace deteriorated main water line in Dana Peak Park	260,000
Plug abandoned wells	100,000
Control invasive species	775,000

Protection/mitigation of archeological sites	511,000
Enhance wildlife habitat	101,000
Complete cultural resources inventory	743,000
Complete historic properties management plan	153,000
Update Project Master Plan	122,000

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Funding of service gate repairs, emergency generator, and plugging abandoned wells will maintain the structural integrity of the aging infrastructure, bring the project up to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) environmental standards, and ensure gate operations will provide necessary flood protection for downstream areas. Funding of work in recreation parks, in natural resources areas, and archeological sites will bring facilities up to the Corps of Engineers Justified Level of Service standards and public expectations, meet the Corps of Engineers natural resources mission to protect our natural resources, and provide protection of cultural resources required under Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). A lack of funding will endanger the integrity of the dam, adversely impact the ability to operate the dam to provide flood protection for the structures and people along the Lampasas and Little Rivers, adversely impact the recreational experience of the public, endanger our natural resources, prevent compliance with TCEQ environmental requirements, and continue our non-compliance with NAGPRA. The Brazos River Authority is the local sponsor for water supply storage. Construction started in July 1962, and the project was ready for beneficial use in February 1968. Additional funds in the amount of \$61,000 were allocated through the Investment Program in FY 1994.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports this project.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congressman Carter, TX-31.