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1 MS. COBURN: Okay. I have 8:00. Are  
2 we ready to start?

3 CHAIRMAN JAHNKE: Yes.

4 MS. AT&T OPERATOR: All right. Do you  
5 want me to give a quick introduction?

6 MS. COBURN: Yes, please.

7 MS. AT&T OPERATOR: Great. Give me  
8 just a moment. Thank you for holding here.

9 (Pause in proceedings.)

10 MS. AT&T OPERATOR: Ladies and  
11 Gentlemen, thank you for standing by and welcome  
12 to the Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee.

13 At this time all participants are in  
14 listen-only mode. Later we will conduct a  
15 question and answer session. Instructions will  
16 be given at that time. If you should require  
17 assistance, you could press star, then zero.  
18 And as a reminder, this conference is being  
19 recorded.

20 I'd now like to turn the conference  
21 over to our host, Dana Coburn. Please go ahead.

22 MS. COBURN: Thank you very much. And  
23 good morning and welcome to Table Rock Oversight  
24 Committee Meeting No. 4. This is our call to  
25 order. It is 8:01 a.m. And before we get

1 started, I'd like to have a round of  
2 introductions.

3 Again, my name is Dana Coburn. I'm the  
4 designated federal officer for this Oversight  
5 Committee.

6 And Dr. Jahnke.

7 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: So my name is  
8 Tamera Jahnke, or I go by Tammy. I am the Dean  
9 of the College of Natural and Applied Science at  
10 Missouri State University. And it has been my  
11 honor to be chairperson of this committee.

12 MR. COX: Good morning. I'm Pat Cox,  
13 owner/operator of State Park Marina.

14 MR. BENEFIELD: I'm Ryan -- I'm Ryan --  
15 is that going? I'm Ryan Benefield. And my  
16 mic's not working.

17 I'm Ryan Benefield. I work with the  
18 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.  
19 I represent the State of Arkansas on the  
20 (indiscernible).

21 MS. HARRISON: Twila Harrison,  
22 Executive Director, Shell Knob Chamber of  
23 Commerce.

24 MS. THOMAS: Sheila Thomas, president  
25 and CEO, Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce.

1 MR. HUNT: My name is Rob Hunt with the  
2 Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

3 MS. SHORTT: My name is Becky Shortt.  
4 I'm with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and  
5 I'm the alternate designated federal official  
6 for this committee.

7 MS. RAY: I'm Deanna Ray. I am with  
8 the Office of Counsel, Army Corps of Engineers.

9 MR. PIERCE: Craig Pierce. I'm the  
10 Deputy District Engineer for the Little Rock  
11 District Corps of Engineers.

12 MR. ROARK: I'm Chris Roark. I'm the  
13 Deputy Chief of Operations Division, Corps of  
14 Engineers.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: Jay Townsend, Chief of  
16 Public Affairs, Corps of Engineers.

17 COLONEL NOE: Colonel Eric Noe. I'm  
18 the Commander of the Little Rock District, U.S.  
19 Army Corps of Engineers.

20 MR. AHLERT: Robert Ahlert. I'm with  
21 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

22 MR. RALEY: Rodney Raley, acting -- or  
23 I'm Deputy Operations Project Manager, Corps of  
24 Engineers.

25 MS. TANNEHILL: Trish Tannehill with

1 the Corps of Engineers, GIS specialist.

2 MR. BLOXHAM: James Bloxham, Natural  
3 Resource Specialist Planner, Corps of Engineers.

4 MR. GRAMLICH: I'm Jason Gramlich. I'm  
5 the Executive Officer, U.S. Army Corps of  
6 Engineers, Little Rock District.

7 MS. COBURN: Okay. I think we have  
8 everybody.

9 I do -- before we get started, our  
10 district manager is here, Colonel Eric Noe, and  
11 he was going to give a few opening remarks.

12 COLONEL NOE: Okay. So I just wanted  
13 to say great to be here this morning. This is  
14 the most important place to be right now in the  
15 District. So I'm -- I'm glad I was able to get  
16 up here and -- and do this and -- and have a  
17 moment to spend with the esteemed panel that we  
18 have -- we've formed here to try to consider  
19 some of these issues.

20 So let me start off by saying just  
21 thank you. Thank you very much for doing this.  
22 It's very important that we have some  
23 consideration of a very complex Shoreline  
24 Management Plan and, you know, kind of a review  
25 of how it's being sort of applied and what we're

1 doing well, what we're not doing well, and are  
2 we in a way, and to also consider some of the  
3 future, where we're headed with the future of  
4 Table Rock Lake.

5 So thank you very much for doing this.  
6 It's, obviously, a longtime effort. It's been  
7 years in the making trying to make this kind of  
8 come to a fruition and come to a point where  
9 we're able to actually use some of the  
10 recommendations and -- and go through the review  
11 and apply it.

12 And, obviously, our team has -- has  
13 been very committed to trying to make sure that  
14 we're doing everything we can to have that  
15 public interphase and be responsive to the needs  
16 of the people as well as the diversity of issues  
17 that are out there, be that, you know,  
18 agricultural, be it hydropower, be it  
19 recreation, which is growing in intensity on  
20 Table Rock Lake.

21 So as the population grows, so do those  
22 industries, so do those needs, and, obviously, a  
23 whole lot of demand placed on the Corps to try  
24 to make as many folks happy as we can. But at  
25 the end of the day, thank you very much for



1 diving into this and tackling a very, very  
2 difficult Shoreline Management Plan as time goes  
3 and that population and those needs increase.

4 So I think that that's incredibly  
5 important for folks to understand is this --  
6 this panel is helping us make sure that we're  
7 doing a good job of looking at that interface  
8 and doing the best we can to meet the public's  
9 needs. So thank you very much, again, for doing  
10 this. And I look forward to hearing the panel  
11 on it today. Thank you.

12 MS. COBURN: Okay. We have a few  
13 ground rules that we have done for these --  
14 these committee meetings in the past. Our  
15 meetings are open to the public for observation,  
16 but due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting is  
17 being held virtually with members of the public.

18 We do have our Corps staff and the  
19 Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee present here  
20 at the building today. We have a dedicated  
21 phone line open to the public in order for them  
22 to listen.

23 We ask that for members of the  
24 committee and Corps staff attending the meeting  
25 in person today our face masks are to be worn at

1 all times unless you are speaking into a  
2 microphone for the stenographer or recording  
3 purposes. In addition, we're -- we are all  
4 seated and maintaining our 6 foot of social  
5 distancing.

6 All media inquiries are to be to our  
7 Corps Public Affairs representative or our  
8 office, and that information is available on the  
9 website. Our documents have been posted and are  
10 available on the Table Rock Lake Oversight  
11 website -- website -- Committee website, and all  
12 the documents that we have and will be  
13 presenting today are also available on that  
14 website.

15 Those documents include the 2020 Table  
16 Rock Lake SMP, the 2020 Table Rock Lake  
17 Environmental Assessment with all the  
18 appendices, the 2020 Table Rock Lake Finding of  
19 No Significant Impact, our Southwestern Division  
20 Approval Memo, our Little Rock District Response  
21 Letter to the Table Rock Lake Oversight  
22 Committee on their recommendations, the Meeting  
23 No. 3 transcript from AT&T, also our GIS  
24 snapshots. It's the -- our GIS online Table  
25 Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan Draft

1 Interactive Map from November of 2019 to August  
2 of 2020, and then our Meeting 3 participant list  
3 and verbal commenter list.

4 I'm now going to turn it over to  
5 Chairman Jahnke for a recap of Meetings 1, 2,  
6 and 3.

7 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: So at Meeting  
8 No. 1, which was held on December 12th of 2019,  
9 the Corps introduced the draft plans to the  
10 committee and we were allowed -- we had  
11 discussion, asked many, many questions. The  
12 meeting notes, transcripts, rough plans, and  
13 presentation are all available on the website.

14 Our second meeting was held March 5th  
15 of this year, 2020. Verbal public comment was  
16 received at that time, and we also had  
17 presentations on items requested by the  
18 committee during this meeting. These were on  
19 solar power, potential number of private slips,  
20 carrying capacity, and commercial remote service  
21 docks. This was followed by a committee  
22 discussion. The meeting notes, transcripts, and  
23 presentations are all available on the website.

24 Our third meeting was held July 16th of  
25 2020. Verbal comments were also received at

1 that meeting. Presentation on items that were  
2 requested by the committee were for  
3 clarification and additional questions answered  
4 on the commercial remote service dock program, a  
5 cedar tree presentation, and clarification on  
6 the language of dock violations. Presentation  
7 on a commander recommended review of permit of  
8 the Serenity Shores was also received, and the  
9 committee then discussed all issues and concerns  
10 of the Table Rock Master Plan, the Shoreline  
11 Management Plan, and review of permit of -- for  
12 Serenity Shores.

13 The committee sent recommendations to  
14 the Little Rock District Commander. All the  
15 meeting notes, transcripts, and presentations  
16 are available on the Table Rock website.

17 So then the purpose of today's meeting  
18 -- do I go on to that, Dana, right -- is to have  
19 the presentation of the Little Rock District  
20 response to our recommendations and then the  
21 presentation of the final Table Rock Lake Master  
22 Plan and Shoreline Management Plan, and then  
23 we'll end our work so. . .

24 MS. COBURN: Okay. Are we ready to go?  
25 For those that are following along that

1 are on the phone, we are looking at the Table  
2 Rock Lake Master Plan, to the Shoreline  
3 Management Plan, the response to Table Rock Lake  
4 Oversight Committee recommendations, and the  
5 final Shoreline Management Plan presentation  
6 that is posted to the website.

7 Next slide, please. You need to go  
8 back one.

9 Okay. So the meeting purpose and  
10 objectives. Today we're going to go over a  
11 quick overview of the Table Rock Lake Shoreline  
12 Management Plan update process, how did we get  
13 here, the Master Plan revision to the SMP  
14 update, our Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee  
15 Meeting No. 3 recommendations and the Corps  
16 response, and then the final 2020 Table Rock  
17 Lake Shoreline Management Plan, what is in this?

18 I want to echo Colonel Noe's thoughts,  
19 and I wanted to say thank you to everybody that  
20 has participated in this process, to the  
21 committee that has been with us for several  
22 months now -- actually, it's been a year since  
23 our first administrative meeting -- so for the  
24 past year. Thank you for all your work and  
25 efforts.

1 Thank you to the public over the past  
2 eight years with the Master Plan and Shoreline  
3 Management Plan for all your feedback and  
4 interaction. We appreciate you participating.  
5 To our stakeholders and to our congressional  
6 delegation, thank you for also helping us  
7 through this process.

8 And then personally I want to thank our  
9 team that has been working through this. We've  
10 had several members that have been on this team  
11 for that eight years. So I really appreciate  
12 everybody's hard work and -- and efforts.

13 So next slide.

14 This was our Table Rock Lake Master  
15 Plan timeline. We started that in June of 2012.  
16 We held our first scoping workshops in November  
17 and December of 2012. There is a picture on the  
18 bottom, and that is at the Reeds Spring High  
19 School when we first started talking about how  
20 to hold these meetings and workshops.

21 We had originally planned for, I think,  
22 between 2 to 200 people attending. That night I  
23 think we had close to 800. So it was a big  
24 shock, and we had to kind of revamp the thought  
25 on how to hold the workshops. And as -- as it

1 goes, it's a work in progress and we learn each  
2 -- with each time we do this.

3 So we listened to what you guys had to  
4 say, and we tried to respond accordingly. In  
5 the summer of 2013, we did our public review of  
6 our Draft Master Plan and Draft Environmental  
7 Assessment. In August of 2013, we did workshops  
8 on the draft documents. And then in February of  
9 2014, we released the final Master Plan and  
10 Environmental Assessment.

11 We had placed a moratorium on all  
12 shoreline use permits, activities when we  
13 started in the summer of 2012, and then we had  
14 heard a call to lift the moratorium. So we did  
15 that in January of 2014. And that stayed lifted  
16 through the fall of 2014 when we started on the  
17 Shoreline Management Plan update.

18 Next slide.

19 So a little bit about the scoping. The  
20 comment period was from the 14th of November to  
21 the 14th of December, 2012. We did three public  
22 workshops in different areas around Table Rock  
23 Lake. We had a total of a little over 1,300  
24 attendees that signed in at the workshops.

25 There was a lot of public interest, but

1 we estimated that not everybody signed in. So  
2 we were thinking there was probably more than  
3 1,800 people that attended all three workshops.  
4 We had 615 comments collected through comment  
5 cards, fax, letters, e-mail, and verbal  
6 comments.

7 Next slide.

8 For the draft release, we had a public  
9 comment period from the 30th of July to the 30th  
10 of August 2013. We did four public workshops  
11 with a video and display maps and Corps staff  
12 available. And there were four different places  
13 in August and had -- we had over 1,200 attendees  
14 to these workshops with 842 comments received  
15 during the comment period, which led us to the  
16 Table Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan  
17 timeline.

18 We started in the fall of 2014. We  
19 held our public and agency scoping workshops in  
20 March of 2015. And then in addition, we started  
21 focus groups. This was from August 2015 to  
22 June 2016. We were able to do a draft release  
23 in the summer of 2017 again with the workshops  
24 on our draft documents.

25 And then prior to that, going back to



1 2016, we also had the Water Resources  
2 Development Act that gave us the Table Rock Lake  
3 Oversight Committee, which was officially set up  
4 in November of 2019. And you will see we are  
5 now at the final Shoreline Management Plan and  
6 Environmental Assessment released at  
7 September 2020.

8 So a little bit about the communication  
9 and outreach for scoping for the SMP. I think  
10 we got a little bit smarter and again learning  
11 and evolving as we go. We started sending out  
12 postcards and e-mails, this time for scoping,  
13 all the workshops were held at the Branson  
14 Convention Center.

15 We had 482 attendees with 502 agency  
16 and public comments. We listened to everybody  
17 because we did hear about having the workshops  
18 all in one place. I think people liked to have  
19 it in different places around the lake. So when  
20 we went to --

21 If you'll go to the next slide.

22 Okay. This is a slide about -- a  
23 little bit about WRDA. This is the actual  
24 language that's in WRDA. I think everybody has  
25 read this before.

1                   If you go to the next slide.

2                   So for our draft release, we did go  
3 back to having the workshops in the different  
4 areas around the lake. So we heard from the  
5 public, and -- and we knew that you guys wanted  
6 to come and see and talk with us. So we went  
7 back to the original format of going to  
8 different places around the lake.

9                   The public review and comment period  
10 was held from the 30th of June to the 15th of  
11 September. That was the 60 plus days per the  
12 Water Resource Development Act of 2016. We had  
13 861 attendees to the workshops and over 3,100  
14 comments received.

15                   Lots of postcards were sent out and  
16 lots of e-mails were sent out to people to let  
17 them know when the comment period was open, when  
18 they could make their comments, and when they  
19 had -- when they were -- workshops were  
20 available, and times and places.

21                   A little bit about the Table Rock Lake  
22 Oversight Committee setup. There's a lot of  
23 behind-the-scenes actions that take place. As  
24 you'll see on the slide, we had a couple of  
25 different rounds of packages submitted to

1 different places. We had our third Table Rock  
2 Lake Oversight Committee package that went all  
3 the way to the White House for review and  
4 approval. We received the appointments for the  
5 committee set up on the 21st of October 2019.

6 It takes a little bit of time to get  
7 through this process. So from WRDA 2016, that  
8 was signed in December of 2016 to October 2019,  
9 it took a lot of coordination and communication  
10 with a lot of different people to get the  
11 committee set up.

12 In November of 2019, we had our  
13 original Federal Register Notice with all of our  
14 meetings and meeting etiquette published.

15 Next slide.

16 We did have an administrative meeting  
17 in September of 2019, roughly a year ago, where  
18 we would -- where we did our -- the Federal  
19 Advisory Committee Act background and the roles  
20 and responsibilities of the committee. We also  
21 did an ethics training.

22 Our first official meeting was held on  
23 the 12th of December 2019. And Chairman Jahnke  
24 went through a quick recap of each of the  
25 meetings. Our second meeting was the 5th of

1 March 2020. And then the third meeting was on  
2 the 9th of July or -- excuse me -- on the 16th  
3 of July. The 9th of July is when all the public  
4 written comments were due in. And then that  
5 brings us to our fourth meeting on the  
6 23rd of September which is today.

7 So now we'll talk a little bit about  
8 the Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee  
9 recommendations and the Little Rock District  
10 response.

11 Before we get into the committee  
12 recommendations and our Corps responses, I can't  
13 stress enough how much consideration and thought  
14 was given to each recommendation. As a team, we  
15 knew this process would be challenging and it  
16 would be hard. We knew the restraints and the  
17 opportunities we could work with. It is our  
18 charge as an agency to balance the needs of this  
19 resource, and I hope you can understand the how  
20 and why of each of our responses.

21 Next slide.

22 So the Table Rock Lake Committee  
23 Recommendations 1 and 2 dealt with Serenity  
24 Shores. The first recommendation was to the  
25 Little Rock District Commander to approve a

1 limited resort lease at Serenity Shores. We  
2 concurred. Approval for Serenity Shores limited  
3 resort lease would -- will move forward to  
4 Colonel Noe. The requested lease for a path and  
5 dock is located near the back of a cove and  
6 within an existing limited development area and  
7 it meets all the other physical requirements of  
8 the dock placement.

9 The second recommendation was to place  
10 a limitation in a limited resort lease to  
11 restrict -- restrict Serenity Shores from using  
12 more than 50 percent of its slips for watercraft  
13 rental. We did not concur. The lease applicant  
14 verbally indicated they would only have two to  
15 three slips for watercraft rental and no other  
16 resort lease has this condition and that we must  
17 remain consistent in our real estate lease  
18 applications.

19 Any further action on this lease will  
20 follow the Corps of Engineers Real Estate  
21 Regulations because leases do not fall under the  
22 scope of the Shoreline Management Plan.

23 Next slide.

24 The third recommendation dealt with our  
25 commercial remote service dock program. The

1 recommendation was that the commercial remote  
2 service dock program not be eliminated. We  
3 concurred.

4 A little bit of background information:  
5 The Commercial Remote Service Dock Program was a  
6 pilot program that was initiated in the 1990s  
7 for Table Rock Lake only. We considered ending  
8 the program based on negative public comments  
9 received prior to the start of this SMP  
10 revision.

11 Those negative comments included  
12 objectionable vehicular and pedestrian traffic  
13 in communities adjacent to the lake, the Table  
14 Rock Lake Commercial Remote Service Dock Program  
15 is the only one in the nation, and that only one  
16 new commercial remote service dock has been  
17 placed on the lake since 2007, indicating no  
18 public need.

19 However, due -- due to additional  
20 public comments in favor of the program received  
21 during the SMP update process and the Oversight  
22 Committee process, the District will not  
23 eliminate the commercial -- the Commercial  
24 Remote Service Dock Program at Table Rock Lake  
25 at this time.

1           The Commercial Remote Service Dock  
2 Program is considered a separate program outside  
3 of the purview of the SMP. Thus, the program  
4 will not be administered through the SMP. The  
5 District did update the commercial remote  
6 service dock reference in the SMP, and that is  
7 under the Special Topics section to reflect that  
8 the program does not require a shoreline use  
9 permit and will not -- will not be administered  
10 by the 2020 Table Rock Lake SMP.

11           Next slide.

12           And this slide has to deal with what  
13 the actual language is in the Shoreline  
14 Management Plan.

15           Okay. Next slide.

16           The fourth recommendation was for a  
17 vegetation modification permit and waiver, and  
18 it was that the vegetation modification permit  
19 be modified to include provisions for a waiver  
20 of the requirement on a case-by-case basis.  
21 Commander should include the provisions that may  
22 qualify the permittee for the waiver. We did  
23 not concur.

24           We do appreciate the intent of this  
25 recommendation. However, enforcement of waivers

1 in -- in vegetation modification permits is not  
2 a reality. The Table Rock Lake Shoreline  
3 Management Plan provides the necessary  
4 objectivity in enforcing the rules equitably.  
5 To include waivers on vegetation modification  
6 permits gives way to subjectivity, which exposes  
7 the Corps to accusations of being arbitrary and  
8 capricious.

9 Further, it would be imprudent to issue  
10 waivers due to inadequate development planning  
11 and construction of an individual or community  
12 residence that sits close -- that sits on or  
13 close to a property line. We want to avoid  
14 setting a precedent that by building up to the  
15 government boundary line, one could force the  
16 Corps to allow vegetation modification within an  
17 environmentally sensitive area or an area that  
18 is not classified for vegetation modification.

19 In addition, both the 2014 Table Rock  
20 Lake Master Plan and the 2020 Table Rock Lake  
21 SMP Revisions implemented the National  
22 Environmental Policy Act process which allowed  
23 numerous opportunities for public outreach,  
24 review, and comment on establishing, managing,  
25 and protecting these areas. By allowing a



1 waiver on permit requirements, this action would  
2 circumvent and negate the NEPA process.

3 Next slide.

4 Continuing on with the vegetation  
5 modification permit and waiver. We recommend  
6 that the Commander has and will continue to  
7 implement the committee's recommendation in the  
8 following ways. We have several sections in the  
9 Shoreline Management Plan that deal with dead  
10 trees and limb -- limb hazards and a section on  
11 invasive species removal and then the section on  
12 the appeals process.

13 The fifth recommendation was on  
14 partnerships, and it was that the Corps explore  
15 partnerships with relevant state agencies to  
16 provide field support and forestry expertise in  
17 developing vegetation management waivers. We  
18 concur with the idea of exploring future  
19 partnerships. However, we did not concur on  
20 changing the vegetation modification permits to  
21 include waivers. And that goes back to the  
22 fourth recommendation.

23 We did add the following language for  
24 partnerships in the Special Topics section of  
25 the Table Rock Lake SMP. There's a paragraph at

1 the bottom.

2 Next slide.

3 The sixth recommendation was in regards  
4 to rezoning request and the 2003 SWL rezoning  
5 request policy. And it was -- the  
6 recommendation was that the 2003 policy  
7 regarding not allowing rezoning requests be  
8 rescinded and that all future rezoning requests  
9 be evaluated for possible inclusion in future  
10 Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan  
11 revisions.

12 We did not concur, and we recommended  
13 to the Commander to not implement this  
14 recommendation with no changes to the Shoreline  
15 Management Plan suggested. In accordance with  
16 our local regulation, zoning requests, including  
17 rezoning, will only be considered when the  
18 existing zoning is full to the maximum extent  
19 allowed by Title 36 and only then during the SMP  
20 revision process to include public involvement.

21 During an SMP revision, shoreline  
22 allocations will not be changed unless a unique  
23 situation exists. The local regulation was  
24 vetted through all of the Little Rock District  
25 lakes with Shoreline Management plans.

1 Recommendation No. 7 was over  
2 communication, and it was that the Corps  
3 continue -- continue evaluation of communication  
4 plans to the public and seek excellence in all  
5 communication.

6 We concur. The Little Rock District  
7 will continue to evaluate our communication  
8 plans and update them as necessary. We value  
9 our local resource agencies' input along with  
10 the public feedback. We welcome suggestions on  
11 ways to improve communications, and we can try  
12 to incorporate these where feasible.

13 Recommendation No. 8 was on a  
14 sustainable Shoreline Management Program. The  
15 recommendation was that the Corps look for  
16 alternatives to address the disparity between  
17 revenue generated from Private Boat Dock Program  
18 versus the cost of operating the program.

19 We concur with the recommendation.  
20 However, we don't have the authority yet to make  
21 changes to the fee structure that is currently  
22 in Title 36. However, the same WRDA language,  
23 Section 1185 that was from the Water Resources  
24 Development Act of 2016, allows for a study on  
25 the need to revise permit fees relating to Table

1 Rock Lake to better reflect the cost of issuing  
2 those permits and achieve cost savings.

3 We would submit to Congress a report on  
4 the results of the study described in this  
5 paragraph and begin implementation of a new fee  
6 -- new permit fee structure based on the  
7 findings of the study described in this  
8 paragraph.

9 The Corps has initiated a national  
10 study to address the Table Rock Lake Oversight  
11 Committee recommendation as this has  
12 implications not only to this lake but to all  
13 Corps lakes across the nation.

14 Okay. So our 2020 Table Rock Lake  
15 Shoreline Management Plan - the major changes.  
16 Major changes based on the 2017 public comment.  
17 If you'll recall from the start of this  
18 presentation all the workshops, all the comments  
19 received, the meetings attended. In addition to  
20 this, we also had several of us attend local POA  
21 and HOA meetings, several real estate and  
22 developer meetings. There were a lot of  
23 meetings that we attended. And we have heard  
24 you. We've tried to make adjustments where we  
25 could.

1 Next slide.

2 So in the summer of 2017, we had  
3 Alternative 4, which was the mutual changes  
4 alternative, and that was released to the  
5 public. Alternative 4-A is the revised mutual  
6 changes alternative, and it is based upon  
7 response to public review during the draft  
8 release that was in the summer of 2017 and also  
9 the recommendations made by this committee.

10 There have been minor changes in  
11 mapping of the shoreline allocations from the  
12 draft release to this selected alternative.  
13 Mapping changes include comments from the draft,  
14 minor dock shifts, and mapping errors.

15 We had two rezoning requests and two  
16 additional limited development areas where dock  
17 site inspections have been approved based upon  
18 the 1996 Shoreline Management Plan community  
19 dock only allocation.

20 If you'll recall, we lifted the  
21 moratorium during the summer of 2017. And that  
22 is where part of this came into play.

23 Next slide.

24 So our changes from Alternative 4 to  
25 Alternative 4-A. We deleted the requirement to

1 replace all existing permitted dock electric  
2 service to solar, and we reverted to the  
3 existing lake policy requiring solar for new  
4 only. We deleted the mowing and/or  
5 underbrushing that would not be permitted across  
6 any natural or manmade break in vegetation such  
7 as a road, creek, electric distribution line,  
8 et cetera, and we changed it to "Mowing and/or  
9 underbrushing may be limited in circumstances  
10 when determined to be in the best of the  
11 stewardship of the natural resource." For  
12 instance, if a protected species habitat is  
13 discovered, such as a bald eagle nest, or if a  
14 safety issue is discovered onsite such as a  
15 creek -- crossing a creek, bluff, or government-  
16 maintained road.

17 Next slide.

18 We deleted a requirement to remove all  
19 no wake buoys at private and community docks,  
20 and we reverted back to the lake policy of not  
21 recommending this use, but the authority to  
22 issue these no wake buoys remains with the  
23 Missouri State Highway Patrol/Water Patrol  
24 Division. And we will continue to coordinate  
25 and communicate with the Missouri State Highway

1 Patrol on these no wake buoys.

2 So in Alternative 4-A, we have six  
3 different allocations on the limited development  
4 areas, the public recreation areas, the  
5 prohibited areas, the protected areas,  
6 restricted limited development areas, and marina  
7 buffer areas.

8 Next slide.

9 Our changes from -- to -- changes to  
10 the SMP from 1996 to 2020, the shoreline  
11 allocations and zoning, park buffer allocation  
12 name changed to public recreation area. Certain  
13 public recreation areas and these -- the public  
14 recreation areas are where Corps parks are  
15 located.

16 So certain public recreation areas  
17 around the lake have been reduced, thus allowing  
18 the potential for vegetation permits in some  
19 areas where previously not allowed. Docks  
20 located outside of limited development areas and  
21 outside of marina buffer areas have been placed  
22 in LDA, thereby relieving the grandfather status  
23 for these docks.

24 Docks located in restricted limited  
25 development areas now have fewer restrictions.

1 If all other criteria is met, these docks may --  
2 may expand. They can add swim docks, but they  
3 may not add additional slips.

4 The community dock only and courtesy  
5 dock only allocations have been changed to  
6 limited development areas. Some of those  
7 allocations have been relocated if inactive.  
8 Resort allocation has been changed to limited  
9 development area, restricted limited development  
10 area, or public recreation areas.

11 Private floating facilities. These are  
12 also known as docks. New permits will be issued  
13 for new docks containing a range of one to 20  
14 slips. It used to be 12 to 20, and it is now  
15 one to 20.

16 There is now a threshold of 30,806  
17 access opportunities. This includes all boat  
18 slips, private community marina, which includes  
19 wet and dry slips, resort and launch ramp  
20 parking spaces that can be placed on the lake.

21 Maximum slip size has changed from 14  
22 by 30 to 12 by 30. Requests to modify docks can  
23 only be submitted by the permittee, and only one  
24 -- one request will be considered in the  
25 five-year permit period. PWC lifts attached to



1 the dock must be owned and used by a slip owner  
2 in the dock.

3 Licenses for new land-based electric  
4 service will not be approved. If a dock with  
5 existing land-based electric service is  
6 relocated or moved, the existing electric  
7 service must be removed and the area -- the area  
8 restored prior to the issuance or approval of  
9 the boat dock permit. In these instances, new  
10 electric service must be provided by an -- an  
11 alternative power source.

12 If a dock is rebuilt in the same  
13 location, the existing electric service may be  
14 used. Licenses for existing electrical service  
15 to docks may be renewed. In any instance of  
16 ground disturbance, compliance with the  
17 Archaeological Resources Protection Act or ARPA  
18 must be met at the license holder or applicant's  
19 expense or the updated electrical service must  
20 be provided by an alternative power source.

21 Vegetation modification permits.  
22 Again, the mowing and/or underbrushing permitted  
23 area may be limited in circumstances when to be  
24 -- when determined to be in best -- in the best  
25 interest of the stewardship of the natural

1 resource. This was read a little bit earlier.  
2 And then the second bullet: Trees and shrubs up  
3 to 2 inches in diameter measured at ground level  
4 may be removed. Cedar trees up to 3 inches in  
5 diameter measured at ground level may also be  
6 removed. Dogwood, Redbud, or Serviceberry trees  
7 cannot be removed regardless of size.

8 Other permits or out grants. No new  
9 ski courses permitted -- permits will be issued.  
10 Generally new out grants will not be issued for  
11 residential amenities such as steps, stairways,  
12 waterlines, tramways, or private electric  
13 service lines that have not been previously  
14 issued an out grant.

15 Regulatory buoys and/or no wake buoys  
16 are regulated by the Missouri State Highway  
17 Patrol Water Patrol Division. The placement of  
18 these buoys will continue to be coordinated with  
19 the Corps.

20 Any questions regarding the 2020 Table  
21 Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan should be  
22 directed to the Table Rock Lake Project Office  
23 Duty Ranger. The phone number is 501-340-1935  
24 or the e-mail is dutyroom.tablerock@USACE.army.  
25 mil.

1           And, again, I want to thank everyone  
2 that has participated in this process. Your  
3 feedback helps us every day to effectively  
4 manage our nation's resources.

5           The next item on the agenda is where  
6 we'll talk about the termination of the Table  
7 Rock Lake Oversight Committee. And there is a  
8 PowerPoint presentation.

9           Sorry, Ryan. Please standby. We might  
10 have broken the PowerPoint.

11           Okay. If you are following along  
12 online, we are now under the Table Rock Lake  
13 Termination Process, the Oversight Committee  
14 Termination Process slide.

15           What does this mean for the committee  
16 members?

17           Next slide.

18           So once a committee has completed their  
19 actions, in this case the committee has provided  
20 their recommendations, they can be put into an  
21 administrative suspend status until they are  
22 officially terminated. The administrative  
23 system suspend status means the committee is  
24 inactive. The current two-year committee  
25 charter will still be in effect. However, the

1 committee is supposed to be inactive during this  
2 administrative system suspend status, and the  
3 committee charter will not be renewed during  
4 this administrative system suspend status. Try  
5 saying that five times fast.

6 The members' SF-50 will no longer be  
7 effective for Table Rock Lake Oversight  
8 Committee. All committee members are special  
9 government employees, or SGEs, and all have an  
10 SF-50. The SF-50 is a notification of personnel  
11 action form. In the case of this committee,  
12 everyone has an SF-50 when they became an SGE.  
13 The current SF-50 for six committee members will  
14 end on December 11th of 2020.

15 For official termination, the Table  
16 Rock -- Table Rock Lake Oversight Committee was  
17 authorized and created by the Water Resources  
18 Development Act of 2016. The Table Rock Lake  
19 Oversight Committee will require a language and  
20 a bill and then be signed into law by the  
21 president in order to be officially terminated.

22 We have started drafting that language.  
23 I don't know any further of what bill that will  
24 be going into. I will say to stay tuned and we  
25 will definitely be keeping this committee up to

1 date as we find out more information.

2 That is the end of this presentation.  
3 Going back to our agenda, we don't have any  
4 public comments during this meeting as this is  
5 the final meeting, Meeting 4, of this committee.  
6 We are now at an adjournment.

7 Dr. Jahnke, if you have any further  
8 comments.

9 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: Yeah. I just want  
10 to say thank you to all the committee members  
11 for all of your work and for -- and for the  
12 Corps for -- for providing us with all of the  
13 information that we needed so that we could talk  
14 about it and ask questions and know that we were  
15 getting answers.

16 To the public, to everyone who  
17 commented, know that we were reading those  
18 comments. We read them online, we listened, and  
19 -- and tried to do the best that we could.

20 Are there any other committee members  
21 that want to make a comment at this time?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: So I would  
24 entertain -- can I entertain a motion to adjourn  
25 from the committee?

1 Rob, go for it.

2 MR. HUNT: I'll motion to adjourn.

3 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: Is there a second?

4 MR. BENEFIELD: I'll second it.

5 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: Ryan seconds it.

6 All in favor say aye.

7 MR. COX: Aye.

8 MR. BENEFIELD: Aye.

9 MS. HARRISON: Aye.

10 MS. THOMAS: Aye.

11 MR. HUNT: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: Opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON JAHNKE: Same sign. We are  
15 adjourned.

16 MS. COBURN: Thank you very much.

17 I appreciate it.

18 Just as a reminder, we have all of our  
19 documents that are posted to the Table Rock Lake  
20 Oversight Committee website. And then a  
21 reminder for media contacts: Please contact the  
22 Public Affairs Office. The phone number is  
23 501-324-5551 or by e-mail, CESWL-PA@USACE.army.  
24 mil.

25 And thank you everybody for attending

1           today. That is the close of our meeting.

2                           (Hearing concluded at 8:47 a.m.)

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