

CURRENT Authority Update

STATUS UPDATE ON PRIORITY ACTIONS AND MASTER PLAN



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Status Update Since Last Board Meeting

- **May 7:** CURRENT Authority Board passed Fiscal Plan for FY26
- **May 22:** Governor Landry signed Act 358, amending CURRENT Authority legislation
- **June 3:** CURRENT Authority provided an update to Natural Resource Commission
- **June:** Began coordination with C&E and OCD
- **July:** Conducted Board member outreach
- **August 3:** Austin Vaughn introduced as Executive Director of the CURRENT Authority
- **August 3:** Published CURRENT Authority Master Plan solicitation



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Priority Actions

01 / Set Strategic Direction

02 / Develop Master Plan

03 / Assess & Prioritize Resources

04 / Coordinate Stakeholders & Agencies

05 / Launch Public Engagement



Set Strategic Direction

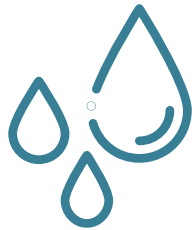
TO BE INFORMED BY CURRENT AUTHORITY

- Mission and vision
- Goals and objectives
- Primary and secondary focuses
- Key stakeholders to inform and engage
- Key metrics to evaluate projects
- Resources to inform decision-making

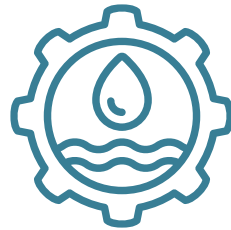
Board Discussion

WHAT ADDITIONAL AREAS SHOULD THE CURRENT AUTHORITY FOCUS ON?

Primary Focus: Flood Protection



Water Availability



Water Management



Transportation



Economic Benefits



Navigation

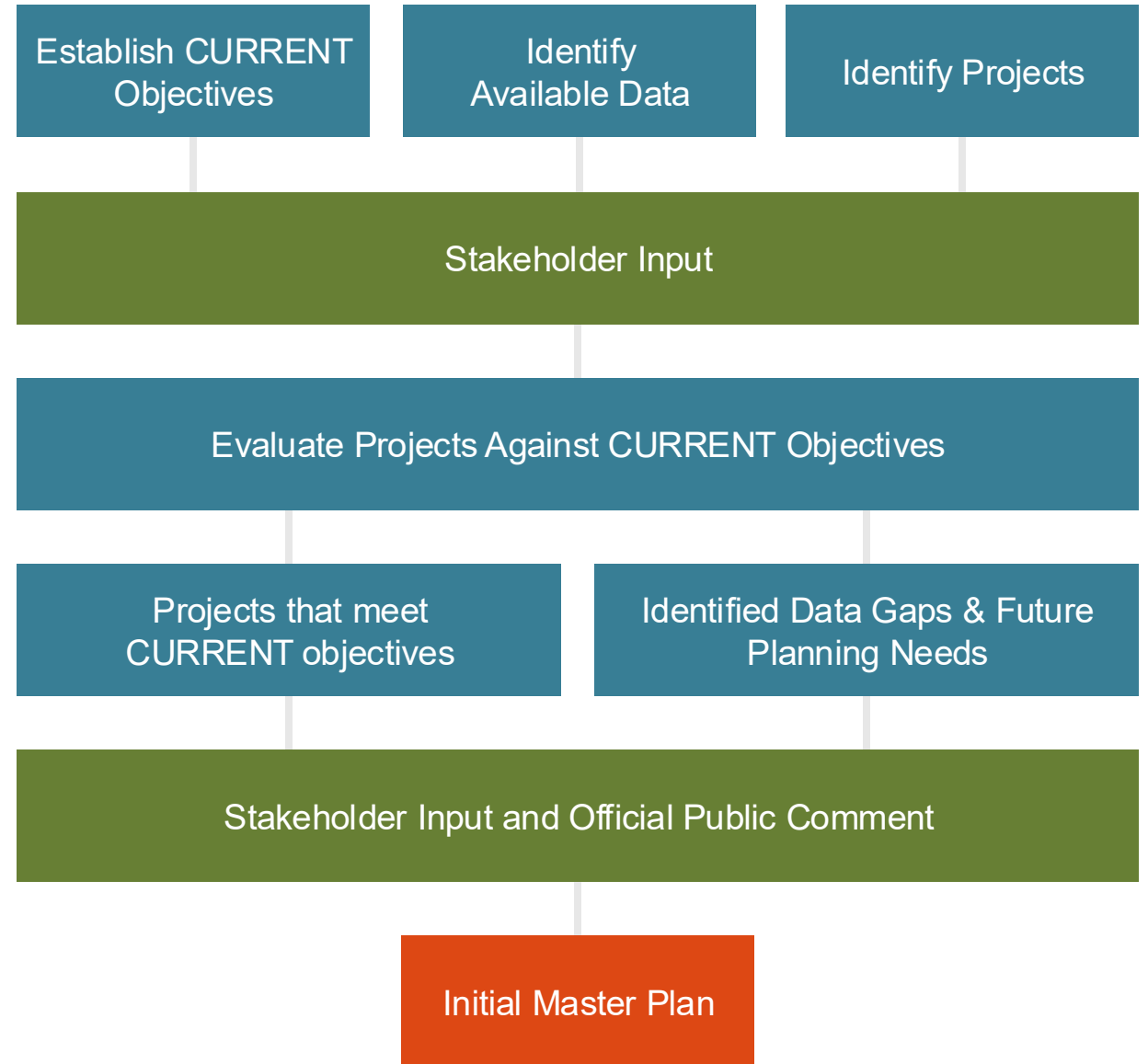


Recreation

Develop Initial Master Plan

Master Plan Solicitation Published August 3, 2026

- Build a long-term roadmap for future investment
- Build from existing studies, plans, and available data
- Establish a transparent, data-driven project evaluation process
- Identify projects that fit within CURRENT goals and objectives
- Identify data gaps and future planning needs



Assess & Prioritize Resources

Local

- Parish & Municipal Stormwater Master Plans
- Public Water Supply & Utility Data
- Regional Planning Commission Studies

State

- LWI Regional Watershed Plans and Models
- LDEQ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Assessments
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Federal

- USGS National Water Information System (NWIS) and National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)
- USACE River Basin Models

Board Discussion:

What available resources can the CURRENT Authority use to best inform the initial Master Plan?

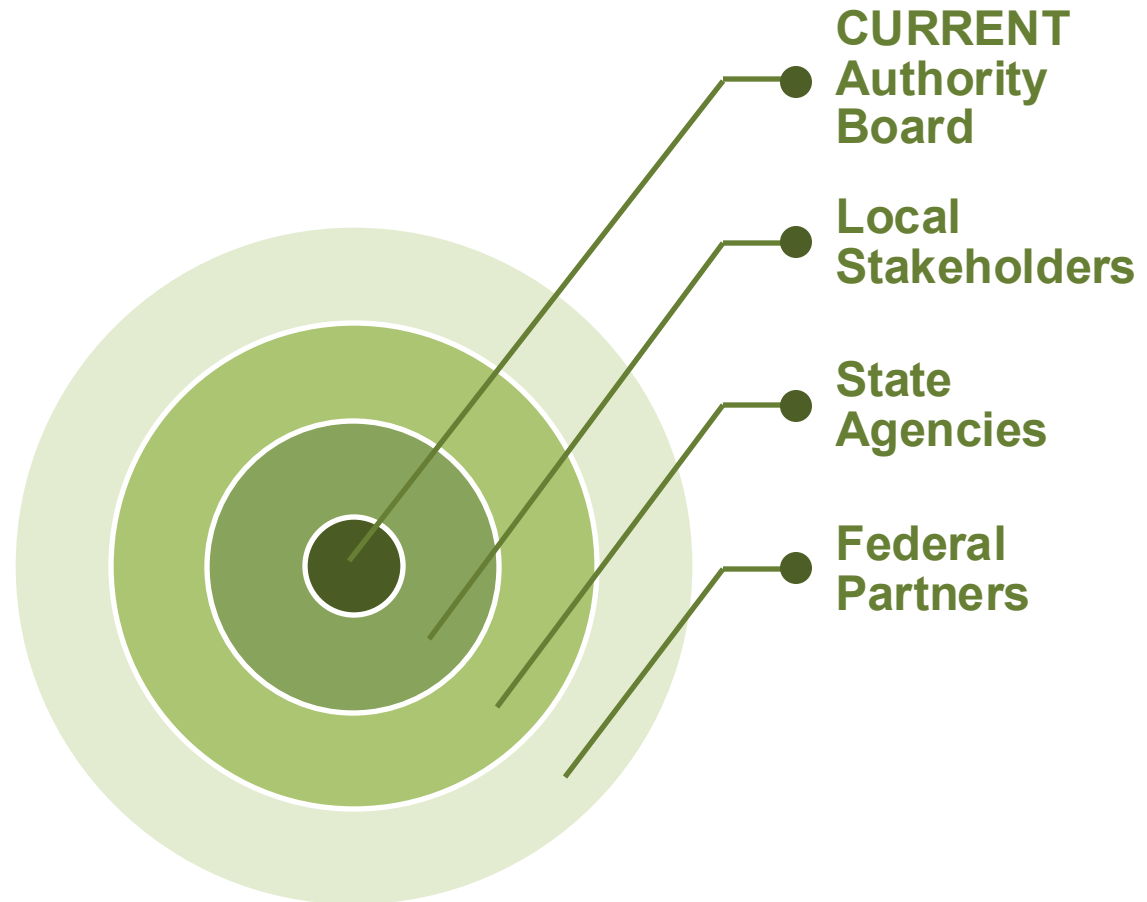
Coordinate Stakeholders & Agencies

Board

- Conducted individual Board member meetings
- Gathered feedback on strategic direction
- Identified additional stakeholders

State Agencies

- Met with C&E, OCD, and Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry
- Presented to the Natural Resource Commission
- Coordinated with LWI



Board Member Outreach

Clarify CURRENT's Role

- Clearly communicate where CURRENT adds value.
- Build upon existing efforts rather than duplicate them.
- Continue regular communication with Board members.

Expand Planning Priorities

- Recognize that North and Central Louisiana have unique water resource challenges.
- Expand planning to include water resources, water supply, navigation, recreation, and economic development.

Expand Planning Priorities

- Continue engaging local, regional, state, and federal partners.
- Increase public awareness of CURRENT.
- Use stakeholder input to guide future planning efforts.

Board members emphasized that **CURRENT** should fill gaps, build upon existing work, and provide long-term value for Louisiana's upland region.

Launch Public Engagement

- Public engagement will align with the development of the Initial Master Plan
- CURRENT will work with Board members and key stakeholders to build awareness of the Authority and its planning process
- Official public comment will be solicited for the Initial Master Plan

Board Discussion:

How can the CURRENT Authority build awareness of its efforts and establish itself as a legitimate and effective authority?

To what level should the CURRENT Authority engage the public as part of the Master Plan?



Next Steps

August 26, 2026: Master Plan IDIQ Closing Date

November 4, 2026: CURRENT Board meeting

Fall 2026: Kickoff Initial Master Plan



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Thank you