

COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
October 16, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10-01

A Resolution to Approve the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp Project Selected by the CPRA for Submission to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Under the Council-Selected Restoration Component of the “Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf States Act of 2012” (“RESTORE Act”)

WHEREAS, a council known as the “Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council” was established as an independent entity in the federal government under the RESTORE Act, which amended section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana is a member of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, Pub. L. No. 112-141, § 1603(t)(2)(C)(ii)(IX); and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2019 and pursuant to Pub. L. No. 112-141, § 1603(t)(2)(C)(iii), the Governor designated Kyle R. “Chip” Kline, Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities and the Chairman of the Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority Board, to serve as his designated alternate to the Council and authorized to vote on the Governor’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, state law, embodied in La. R.S. 49:214.5.4(I)(1), provides that any monies received by the state for violations pursuant to section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321, associated with the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill that began on April 20, 2010, shall be deposited and credited by the treasurer to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for integrated coastal protection efforts, including coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and improving resiliency of the Louisiana Coastal Area affected by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 49:214.5.2, provides that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board shall have the discretion to approve all requests for integrated coastal protection programs and projects in the coastal area, insofar as such requests are for funds to be appropriated from the Coastal Protection and Restoration Trust Fund; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.5.2(A)(1), the CPRA Board represents the State of Louisiana's position in policy relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.6.1, the CPRA is the implementation and enforcement arm of the Board and is directed by the policy set by the Board, and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.6.2 and La. R.S. 49:214.6.3, the CPRA shall administer the programs of the Board and shall implement projects relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the State of Louisiana through oversight of integrated coastal projects and programs consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in La. R.S. 49:214.1; and

WHEREAS, given the investments in engineering and design for the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp project made by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council under the initial Funded Priorities List, the urgency for implementation of this project given the Congressional appropriation for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, and the support and interest from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council through its member collaboration efforts in seeing these projects implemented on an efficient and expedited basis, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority has selected the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp Project for consideration for funding by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council to restore and enhance the health and sustainability of the Maurepas Swamp through the reintroduction of seasonal Mississippi River inflow.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana Board does hereby approve and ratify the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp Project proposal for submission to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council for consideration for funding under the Council-Selected Restoration Component of the RESTORE Act; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana Board does hereby urge and request that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana, through the Governor's designee to the Council, submit the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp Project proposal to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem

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Restoration Council for consideration for funding under the Council-Selected
Restoration Component of the RESTORE Act.

This Resolution was declared _____ this 16th day of October, 2019.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct
copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Coastal
Protection and Restoration Authority at its meeting
of October 16, 2019, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at
which a quorum was present.



KYLE R. "CHIP" KLINE, JR., CHAIR
COASTAL PROTECTION AND
RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA

This 16 day of October, 2019 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.