

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD STATE OF
LOUISIANA
March 16, 2022**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03-01

**A Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan:
Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature, meeting in Extraordinary Session in November, 2005, adopted Senate Bill 71, which became Act 8, creating the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (the “Board”); and

WHEREAS, said legislation was enacted to direct the State’s integrated coastal protection efforts in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, said law, embodied in R.S. 49:214.1 *et seq.*, charges the Board with articulating a clear statement of priorities and focusing the state’s efforts on long-term, comprehensive integrated coastal protection, and further provides for the creation, duties, and responsibilities of the Board including the mandate to “(d)evelop coordinate, make reports on, and provide oversight for a comprehensive coastal protection master plan (Coastal Master Plan) and annual plans (Annual Plan), working in conjunction with state agencies, political subdivisions, including flood protection authorities, levee districts, and federal agencies”; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Plan constitutes the annual implementation of the comprehensive Coastal Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Plan includes a description and status of all projects and programs pertaining to integrated coastal protection, including hurricane protection, coastal restoration, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Plan establishes a yearly plan for protecting, conserving, enhancing, and restoring the coastal area through the construction and management of integrated coastal protection, including hurricane protection, coastal protection and restoration projects and programs, including privately funded marsh management projects or plans, and addressing those activities requiring a coastal use permit which significantly affect such projects, all consistent with legislative intent and authority policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board has formulated the *Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*, (Annual Plan 2023), issued January 19, 2022, using the best science and engineering information available; subjected the Annual Plan 2023 to a period of public hearings, public review and comment; and has engaged critical stakeholder groups, local governments, federal partners and review by independent science and engineering experts; and

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WHEREAS, in order to develop the Annual Plan, the Board, pursuant to R.S. 49:214.5.3(B)(1), is required to conduct public hearings to receive comments and recommendations from the public and elected officials, and duly conducted said hearings on January 24, 2022 in Lake Charles for Southwest Louisiana, on January 25, 2022 in Thibodaux for Southcentral Louisiana, on January 26 in New Orleans for Southeast Louisiana and virtually by Zoom on January 27, 2022 for general public where comments and recommendations were received; and

WHEREAS, Act 570 of the 2018 Regular Session, enacting La. R.S. 49:214.8.1, et seq., transferred the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program from the Department of Natural Resources to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. The Atchafalaya Basin Program (R.S. 49:214.8.1 et seq.) is placed within the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, which shall perform and exercise the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Program as provided by law. The *Atchafalaya Basin Program Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan* shall be included as part of the *Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana* produced each year by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and has been incorporated into the Annual Plan 2023;

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and in order to develop the *Atchafalaya Basin Program Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan* within the Annual Plan 2023, the Board is required to conduct public hearings to receive comments and recommendations from the public and elected officials, and duly conducted said hearings virtually via Zoom on January 25, 2022 and January 31, 2022 where comments and recommendations were received, in addition to the public meetings held on the Annual Plan 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and in an effort to provide for maximum input from all interested parties, the Board provided for the period for public comments and recommendations to end on February 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3(E)(1), the Annual Plan adopted by the Board must be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, on or before the fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year; and

WHEREAS, the law provides that such committees shall take action on the Annual Plan on or before June first of the calendar year, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the annual coastal protection plan by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

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WHEREAS, the Annual Plan shall not be effective or implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the Annual Plan, or fail to disapprove the Annual Plan by July first.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana does hereby approve and ratify the *Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Louisiana Legislature approve the annual coastal protection plan known as the *Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 16th day of March, 2022.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board at its meeting of March 16, 2022, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.



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

This 16th day of March, 2022 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.