

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD
STATE OF LOUISIANA
April 19, 2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04-01

**A Resolution to Approve the 2023 Louisiana’s Comprehensive Master Plan
for a Sustainable Coast, 4th Edition**

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)velop coordinate, make reports on, and provide oversight for a comprehensive coastal protection master plan (Coastal Master Plan) and annual plans, working in conjunction with state agencies, political subdivisions, including flood protection authorities, levee districts, and federal agencies”; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Master Plan includes a comprehensive strategy for addressing the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area through the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs, consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in R.S. 49:214.1; and

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING – April 19, 2023
Resolution No. 2023-04-01**

WHEREAS, in recognition of the comprehensiveness of the Coastal Master Plan and the urgency of the needs of our coast, R.S. 49:214.1 and 49:214.3.1 direct the Governor to “coordinate and focus the functions of all state agencies as they relate to coastal protection, including hurricane protection and wetlands conservation and restoration,” and represent the policy and consensus viewpoint of the state at the federal, regional, state, and local levels with respect to integrated coastal protection; and

WHEREAS, in accord with R.S. 49:214.5.3(A)(1), the Board shall review, revise, and amend the Coastal Master Plan when necessary or, at a minimum, every six years and has previously issued Coastal Master Plans for the years 2007, 2012, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board, with the assistance of the Board’s implementation arm the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), has formulated the *2023 Louisiana’s Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, 4th Edition* (2023 Coastal Master Plan), issued in January 2023, using the best science and engineering information available; has subjected the 2023 Coastal Master Plan 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

WHEREAS, in order to develop the Coastal Master Plan, the Board, pursuant to R.S. 49:214.5.3(B)(1), is required to conduct at least three public hearings to receive comments and recommendations from the public and elected officials, and has duly conducted said hearings in Baton Rouge on January 31, 2023, in Houma on February 2, 2023, in New Orleans on February 7, 2023, in Lake Charles on February 16, 2023; and

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING – April 19, 2023
Resolution No. 2023-04-01**

WHEREAS, in addition to these public meetings, the Board has, between November 2022 and March 2023, participated in ten community conversations sponsored by a coastal Louisiana nongovernmental organization in Belle Chase, Violet, New Orleans, Larose, Lacombe, Abbeville, Gonzales, Gretna, Litcher, and Grand Lake with approximately 500 attendees; opened the plan for public comment for seventy-nine days of public comment ending on March 25, 2023; given one hundred twenty-seven general presentation briefings; conducted seventy-five meetings with advisory groups; and received over one thousand eight hundred unique views on the master plan data viewer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable 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 March 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3(E)(1), the Coastal Master 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 Coastal Master Plan on or before June first of the calendar year, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the Coastal Master Plan by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Coastal Master Plan shall not be effective or implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the Coastal Master Plan, or fail

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING – April 19, 2023
Resolution No. 2023-04-01**

to disapprove the Coastal Master Plan within sixty (60) days after the plan is submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana does hereby approve and ratify the *2023 Coastal Master Plan* , for 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 2023 Coastal Master Plan known as the *2023 Louisiana’s Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, 4th Edition*.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of April, 2023.

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 April 19, 2023, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.



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

This 19th day of April, 2023 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.