

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING – March 14, 2024  
Resolution No. 2024-04-01**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-01**

**A Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 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

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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, with the assistance of the Board's implementation arm the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), has formulated the *Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*, (Annual Plan 2025), issued in December 2023, using the best science and engineering information available; subjected the Annual Plan 2025 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 Annual 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 duly conducted said hearings in Jefferson on January 10, 2024, virtually by Zoom on January 18, 2024, in Houma on January 31, 2024, and in Lake Charles on February 1, 2024; 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 2025 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 2025;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to law and in order to develop the *Atchafalaya Basin Program Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan* within the Annual Plan 2025, the Board is required to conduct a minimum of two public hearings to receive comments and recommendations from the public and elected officials, and duly conducted said hearings in Breaux Bridge on October 17, 2023, and in

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Plaquemine on October 19, 2023, in addition to the public meetings held on the Annual Plan 2025; 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 18, 2024; 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

**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 2025 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 2025 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 14th day of March, 2024.

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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 14, 2024, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.



GORDON E. DOVE, CHAIR  
COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION  
AUTHORITY BOARD OF LOUISIANA

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.