

COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD
STATE OF LOUISIANA
March 18, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-01

**A Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2021 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)velop 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 2021 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*, (Annual Plan 2021), issued December 18, 2019, using the best science and engineering information available; subjected the Annual Plan 2021 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 public hearings to receive comments and recommendations from the public and elected officials, and duly conducted said hearings in New Orleans on January 6, 2020, in Houma on January 7, 2020, and in Lake Charles on January 8, 2020; 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 22, 2020; 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 2021 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 2021 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana*.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of March, 2020.

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 18, 2020, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.



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

This 18 day of March, 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.