



1 including coastal protection and restoration projects and hurricane protection projects, which  
2 are projects that may require, without limitation, funding for associated measures such as the  
3 beneficial use of dredged material, rehabilitation and repair of state restoration projects,  
4 environmental and regulatory compliance, acquisition of land easements, rights-of-way,  
5 relocations and disposal areas, maintenance programs, conservation and restoration  
6 partnerships, reserve fund contingencies, and other innovative programs, provided that such  
7 funding for associated measures shall be allocated to the projects based on priority status as  
8 identified by the annual state integrated coastal protection plan in order to more effectively  
9 respond to the ever-changing coastal crisis; and

10 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.8.1 et seq. requires that the annual state integrated coastal  
11 protection plan provided for in R.S. 49:214.2 include the annual basin plan for the  
12 Atchafalaya Basin and such annual basin plan is included as Appendix E to the annual state  
13 integrated coastal protection plan; and

14 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 requires that, as part of the development of the annual  
15 state integrated coastal protection plan, the board shall conduct not less than three public  
16 hearings in separate locations in the western, central, and eastern areas of the coastal area  
17 for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations from the public and elected  
18 officials; and

19 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 also requires that at least two weeks prior to each public  
20 hearing, the board must contact the parish governing authorities, regional flood protection  
21 authorities, levee districts, and the state legislators of the parishes in the coastal areas for the  
22 purpose of soliciting their comments and recommendations and notifying them of the public  
23 hearing to be held in their area; and

24 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 requires the board to receive written comments and  
25 recommendations until thirty days prior to the submission of the annual state integrated  
26 coastal protection plan to the legislative committees; and

27 WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3, the annual state  
28 integrated coastal protection plan adopted by the board shall be submitted to the House  
29 Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the Senate Committee on Natural  
30 Resources, the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the

