

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY SENATORS MORRISH AND ALARIO

COASTAL PROTECT/RES AUTH. Approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To approve the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018 as adopted by  
3 the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

4 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. creates the Coastal Protection and Restoration  
5 Authority Board (board) to represent the state's position in policy relative to the protection,  
6 conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight  
7 of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. provides that the board shall develop, coordinate,  
9 make reports on, and provide oversight for the comprehensive coastal protection annual  
10 plan; and

11 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.6.1 et seq. provides for the creation, duties, and  
12 responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as the implementation  
13 and enforcement arm of the board and that through its offices and officers, the authority shall  
14 be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the annual state integrated coastal  
15 protection plan; and

16 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan represents a state  
17 policy for protecting, conserving, enhancing and restoring Louisiana's coastal area through  
18 the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs,

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, right-of-ways,  
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. 49:214.5.3 requires that, as part of the development of the annual  
11 plan, the board shall conduct not less than three public hearings in separate locations in the  
12 western, central and eastern areas of the coastal area for the purpose of receiving comments  
13 and recommendations from the public and elected officials; and

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

19 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 requires the board to receive written comments and  
20 recommendations until thirty days prior to the submission of the master plan to the  
21 legislative committees; and

22 WHEREAS, given that the 2017 coastal master plan is also being presented to the  
23 Louisiana Legislature this year, the annual plan has undergone the public comment process  
24 in conjunction with the coastal master plan, which is well above and beyond the public  
25 outreach required by law; and

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

1 fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year; and

2 WHEREAS, these committees shall take action on the annual plan on or before June  
3 first of each calendar year; and

4 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan shall become  
5 effective and implemented upon approval of the annual plan by a majority of both houses  
6 of the legislature, or if a majority of both houses of the legislature fails to disapprove the  
7 annual state integrated coastal protection plan by July 1, 2017, it shall become immediately  
8 effective and implemented.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
10 does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2018 annual plan for integrated coastal protection, as  
11 adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13 chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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