

Existing law provides for La. to participate in the Westwego to Harvey Canal hurricane protection project, which includes the Lake Cataouatche area and the East of Harvey Canal hurricane protection project.

New law adds the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Charles for any future project modifications or additions for the Westwego to Harvey Canal hurricane protection project.

Existing law designates DOTD as the nonfederal sponsor for the hurricane protection project to include the Lake Cataouatche area and the East of Harvey Canal hurricane protection project. Further authorizes the secretary to negotiate and contract with the U.S. to provide cooperation for any modifications to the current local cooperation agreement between the West Jefferson Levee District and the Dept. of the Army.

New law retains all provisions of existing law and adds the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Charles. Also gives the secretary of DOTD authorization to negotiate and contract with the U.S. for any future modifications to the current local cooperation agreement.

Existing law requires the West Jefferson Levee District, the Orleans Levee District, and Plaquemines Parish to operate and maintain the hurricane protection system for those portions of the system within their respective parishes.

New law retains all provisions of existing law and adds the parish of St. Charles for maintenance and operation of the hurricane protection system.

Existing law authorizes the secretary of DOTD to call upon the West Jefferson Levee District, the Orleans Levee District, and Plaquemines Parish among other commissions, districts, agencies, and political subdivisions for full and complete cooperation and assistance in carrying out the provisions of prior law.

New law adds the parish of St. Charles to the entities that the secretary of DOTD is authorized to call upon for complete cooperation and assistance in carrying out the provisions of existing law.

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(Amends R.S. 38:100(intro. para.), 101, and 103(B))