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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT: Approves the 2014-2015 Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, as adopted by
3	the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and
4	Restoration Authority.
5	WHEREAS, R.S. 30:2000.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and
6	responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Program, in the office of the secretary of the
7	Department of Natural Resources, and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion
8	Board; and
9	WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 30:2000.11, a technical advisory group has been
10	appointed to review, evaluate, and approve all water management and water quality projects
11	proposed for inclusion in an annual plan to determine if the project meets the criteria for
12	inclusion in the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, and make recommendations to the
13	Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board; and
14	WHEREAS, public participation in the development of the Atchafalaya Basin
15	Annual Plan is essential to the success of the Atchafalaya Basin Program; and
16	WHEREAS, nominations for water quality projects were accepted from July 1, 2012,
17	through June 30, 2013, at which time the technical advisory group reviewed and evaluated
18	the water quality projects that were nominated by the public and selected projects for
19	inclusion in the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(B); and
20	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was then presented for public
21	comment and discussion at meetings that were held on November 12, 2013, in Morgan City,

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2	in Plaquemine, Louisiana; and
3	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board at a public
4	meeting held on November 21, 2013, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after receiving and
5	considering the comments of the public, and the recommendations of the Atchafalaya Basin
6	Program staff, unanimously approved the draft Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan; and
7	WHEREAS, the draft Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was submitted on December
8	3, 2013, to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) pursuant to R.S.
9	30:2000.11(E) for their review and approval as consistent with the master plan for coastal
10	protection and restoration for a sustainable coast and was unanimously approved by CPRA
11	at its January 15, 2014, meeting; and
12	WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on January 22, 2014, the Atchafalaya Basin
13	Research and Promotion Board, as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(D), considered and
14	unanimously approved the proposed Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan in its final version; and
15	WHEREAS, such committees must take action on the Atchafalaya Basin Annual
16	Plan, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan by
17	resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and
18	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan shall not be effective or
19	implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the annual plan or fail to
20	disapprove the annual plan; and
21	WHEREAS, the secretary shall implement the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan if the
22	legislature approves the plan or if the legislature fails to timely disapprove of the plan.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24	approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, as presented by the
25	secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin
26	Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28	secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and
29	Promotion Board.

Louisiana, on November 13, 2013, in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and on November 14, 2013,

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