

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY SENATOR WARD

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. Approves the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

WHEREAS, R.S. 30:2000.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Program, in the office of the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 30:2000.11, a technical advisory group has been appointed to review, evaluate, and approve all water management and water quality projects proposed for inclusion in an annual plan to determine if the project meets the criteria for inclusion in the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, and make recommendations to the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board; and

WHEREAS, public participation in the development of the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan is essential to the success of the Atchafalaya Basin Program; and

WHEREAS, nominations for water quality projects were accepted from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, at which time the technical advisory group reviewed and evaluated the water quality projects that were nominated by the public and selected projects for

1 inclusion in the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(B); and

2 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was then presented for public
3 comment and discussion at meetings that were held on October 6, 2015, in Henderson,
4 Louisiana; on October 7, 2015, in Plaquemine, Louisiana; and on October 8, 2015, in
5 Morgan City, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board at a public
7 meeting held on November 5, 2015, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after receiving and
8 considering the comments of the public, and the recommendations of the Atchafalaya Basin
9 Program staff, unanimously approved the draft Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan; and

10 WHEREAS, the draft Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was submitted on December
11 16, 2015, to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) pursuant to R.S.
12 30:2000.11(E) for their review and approval as consistent with the master plan for coastal
13 protection and restoration for a sustainable coast and was unanimously approved by CPRA
14 at its January 13, 2016, meeting; and

15 WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on February 2, 2016, the Atchafalaya Basin
16 Research and Promotion Board, as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(D), considered and
17 unanimously approved the proposed Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan in its final version; and

18 WHEREAS, such committees must take action on the Atchafalaya Basin Annual
19 Plan, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan by
20 resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

21 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan shall not be effective or
22 implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the annual plan or fail to
23 disapprove the annual plan; and

24 WHEREAS, the secretary shall implement the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan if the
25 legislature approves the plan or if the legislature fails to timely disapprove of the plan.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as presented by the
28 secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin
29 Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and
2 Promotion Board.

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

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