

1 beneficial use of dredged material, rehabilitation and repair of state restoration projects,
2 environmental and regulatory compliance, acquisition of land easements, rights-of-way,
3 relocations and disposal areas, maintenance programs, conservation and restoration
4 partnerships, reserve fund contingencies, and other innovative programs, provided that such
5 funding for associated measures shall be allocated to the projects based on priority status as
6 identified by the annual state integrated coastal protection plan in order to more effectively
7 respond to the ever-changing coastal crisis; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, these committees shall provide guidance for and approval of the annual
2 state integrated coastal protection plan; and

3 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan shall become
4 effective and implemented upon approval of the annual state integrated coastal protection
5 plan by a majority of both houses of the legislature, or if a majority of both houses of the
6 legislature fails to disapprove the annual state integrated coastal protection plan by July 1,
7 2024, it shall become immediately effective and implemented.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 approve the state's Fiscal Year 2025 annual plan for integrated coastal protection, as adopted
10 by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

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

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Approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2025, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.