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2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT: Approves the 2015-2016 Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, 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, 2013,
17	through June 30, 2014, 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 5, 2014, in Plaquemine,

1 Louisiana, on November 6, 2014, in Henderson, Louisiana, and on November 13, 2014, in Morgan City, Louisiana; and 2 3 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board at a public 4 meeting held on December 2, 2014, 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, 2014, 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 the 11 CPRA at its February 11, 2015, meeting; and 12 WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on January 13, 2015, 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, both the CPRA and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion 16 Board must approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan prior to submission of the plan to 17 the legislature, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the Atchafalaya Basin Annual 18 Plan by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the 19 legislature; and 20 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan shall not be effective or 21 implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the annual plan or fail to 22 disapprove the annual plan; and 23 WHEREAS, the secretary shall implement the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan if the 24 legislature approves the plan or if the legislature fails to timely disapprove of the plan. 25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 26 approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, as presented by the 27 secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin 28 Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

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

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

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