

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
MARCH 18, 2009**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

**A Resolution Regarding Orleans, London, and 17th Street Outfall Canals
on Lake Pontchartrain**

WHEREAS, Outfall canals on Lake Pontchartrain served as a conduit to storm surge during Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the protection system on the outfall canals failed to perform to the appropriate standard and resulted in significant flooding, loss of life and property in the New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has installed storm surge barriers and pumps on the three outfall canals on Lake Pontchartrain, Orleans, London and 17th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Corps should be commended for these interim protection features being put in place under an alternative, expedited project development and implementation processes; and

WHEREAS, the interim protection features on the canals were designed with a service life of five to 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Congress fulfilled the Corps of Engineers' request to provide funds to carry out a permanent solution on the three outfall canals on Lake Pontchartrain, Orleans, London and 17th Street canals; and

WHEREAS, Congress requested a technical analysis of alternatives and cost estimates associated with permanent protection on the 17th Street outfall canal; and

WHEREAS, the technical report submitted to Congress identified Option 2 and Option 2a as the best technical solutions to provide permanent protection on the outfall canal; and

WHEREAS, Option 1 would require the synchronization of the inland pumping station, Pump Station #6, and the lake pumping station to ensure that newly-established "safe water levels" on the outfall canal are not exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA) recognize "lessons learned" from Hurricane Katrina that suggest minimizing possible points of failure and the need for redundancy in protection systems; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 includes re-grading, hardening the outfall canal and removing the inland pumping station, Pump Station #6; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 would eliminate the need to synchronize the pumping stations and eliminate the very low "margin of error" required to maintain water levels below the Corps' determined safe water level on the 17th Street canal; and

WHEREAS, Option 2a would include the recommendations of Option 2 as well as an additional component that would divert water from the 17th Street Canal drainage basin to the Mississippi River, known as "Pump to the River"; and

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WHEREAS, the CPRA has concerns with the accurate comparison of the three outfall canal options communicated in the cost estimate report provided to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the CPRA is concerned that delays in the permanent solution could pose problems with relying upon the interim outfall canal protection features beyond the intended service life; and

WHEREAS, the CPRA will serve as the non-federal sponsor for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the CPRA’s position is that before a proper solution for permanent protection features on the outfall canals is chosen for the outfall canals an accurate, peer-reviewed comparison of options be performed;

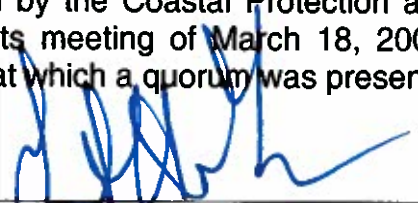
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED FURTHER, that the CPRA will withhold the approval of a Project Partnership Agreement until all alternatives for the three canals are compared on a level playing field;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED FURTHER, that based upon discussions with Jefferson Parish, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, and in reviewing the limited information available the CPRA believes that Option 2a is best alternative to ensure the protection of the Greater New Orleans area;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Congressional delegation, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the Chief of Engineers for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Mississippi Valley Division Commander, the director of Task Force Hope, the New Orleans District Commander, Jefferson Parish and the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of March, 2009.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority at its meeting of March 18, 2009, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.



GARRET GRAVES, CHAIRMAN
COASTAL RESTORATION AND
PROTECTION AUTHORITY OF
LOUISIANA

This 18th day of March, 2009 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.