

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-5045

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BLANCHARD/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED PEARL RIVER BASIN FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the project for Pearl River Basin flood control was originated in WRDA 1986 and modified in 2007 to authorize the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to construct a project to reduce flood risk in the Jackson, Mississippi metropolitan area caused by the Pearl River; and

WHEREAS, the Pearl River Basin, Mississippi Section 211 Feasibility Study - Integrated Draft Feasibility and Environmental Impact Statement ("FS/EIS") was released to the public by the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood & Drainage Control District on June 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the selected alternative "Channel Improvements Plan (Alternative C)" in the FS/EIS involves significant channel modifications, including channel excavation and widening of a 9.5 mile reach of the Pearl River, construction of a weir structure, and improvements to levee segments; and

WHEREAS, these modifications will effectively create a 1,500 acre lake in the Jackson, MS area, which will reduce the rate of flow and amount of water flowing downstream in the Pearl River; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water will degrade water quality, thereby having a negative impact on the ecosystem and making permit compliance difficult in St. Tammany Parish and other communities in the lower Pearl River watershed; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water will negatively impact river-based development, recreation and industry in St. Tammany Parish and other communities in the lower Pearl River watershed; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government, having previously passed a resolution (C-3822) in September 2013 opposing the project based on these same concerns, maintains that the Pearl River Basin Flood Control Project will have significant, negative impacts on the quality of life in St. Tammany Parish.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to oppose the proposed Pearl River Basin Flood Control Project for Jackson, Mississippi.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 2 DAY OF AUGUST, 2018, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

S. MICHELE BLANCHARD, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

August 2, 2018

Department of Engineering

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