

Reso.

2012-0353

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RESOLUTION NO. 5938

A resolution imploring that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters fund, install on new hurricane proof foundations and maintain an accurate system of real time gauges and storm surge measurement devices in Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Lake Maurepas Basin, Barataria Bay, Lake Salvador, and Mud Lake.

- WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaac brought forth and reinforced the need for accurate data with respect to tidal flows and storm surge in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Lake Maurepas Basin, Barataria Bay, Lake Salvador, and Mud Lake; and,
- WHEREAS, the present system of gauges and flow meters are a compilation of data from various agencies such as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and local Government; and,
- WHEREAS, all of these systems are dependent on budget for installation, maintenance, and repair which will provide critical information to save lives, protect property, and restore the environment; and,
- WHEREAS, these budgets are not priority for these Agencies; and,
- WHEREAS, various tropical and rain only events have shown failures in the ability for this method of data collection to be available when needed; and,
- WHEREAS, the New Orleans District Commander, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has publicly stated the need for this data.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby implore that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters and U. S. Congress fund, install on new hurricane proof foundations, and maintain an accurate system of real time gauges and storm surge measurement devices in Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Lake Maurepas Basin, Barataria Bay, Lake Salvador, and Mud Lake to be managed and maintained by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez, St. James Parish President Timmy Roussel, St. John the Baptist Parish President Natalie H. Robottom, Governor Bobby Jindal, and Louisiana Congress representing the River Parishes.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, FAUCHEUX, WILSON, TASTET, BENEDETTO, HOGAN, COCHRAN, FLETCHER, NUSS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2012, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Gauges in Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas

CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: Siffany K. Clark / cdm

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: October 3, 2012

APPROVED: [Signature] DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: October 4, 2012

AT: 9:15 am RECD BY: JKC/cdm