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2004-0295

RESOLUTION NO. 5216

A resolution authorizing the Chairman or the Secretary to offer a **STRONG OBJECTION** to ChevronTexaco, COE #MVN-2004-2143-WAA for a permit for site restoration which will consist of planting areas with one-year old seedlings representative of a species assemblage historically common to the hardwood forests and cypress-tupelo swamps of the Mississippi River deltaic plain. It is anticipated that cypress-tupelo swamps will be established on the lower elevations with bottomland hardwoods planted upon the ridges of Sharkey and Commerce soils. Existing forested areas within the project area will be planted with seedlings of those overstory species absent or poorly represented in the canopy. Once seedlings have become established, competition from standing trees will be reduced by thinning to release saplings. Water manipulation devised (e.g., flash board risers) could be installed in the numerous ancillary lateral ditches off the 23 major canals that presently drain the area. Existing drainage structures, i.e. those associated with extant crawfish ponds, could be fitted with risers and water, if needed, could be pumped from the adjacent canal system. In lower elevation areas, portable pumps could dewater the location prior to planting cypress and adjacent canals could be used to return water to the location, if necessary, in St. Charles Parish, near the communities of Paradis and Des Allemands, Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Charles Parish Council acting as the Governing Authority of the Parish:

SECTION I. That the Chairman or the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to offer a **STRONG OBJECTION** in connection with the application of ChevronTexaco, COE #MVN-2004-2143-WAA for a permit for site restoration which will consist of planting areas with one-year old seedlings representative of a species assemblage historically common to the hardwood forests and cypress-tupelo swamps of the Mississippi River deltaic plain. It is anticipated that cypress-tupelo swamps will be established on the lower elevations with bottomland hardwoods planted upon the ridges of Sharkey and Commerce soils. Existing forested areas within the project area will be planted with seedlings of those overstory species absent or poorly represented in the canopy. Once seedlings have become established, competition from standing trees will be reduced by thinning to release saplings. Water manipulation devised (e.g., flash board risers) could be installed in the numerous ancillary lateral ditches off the 23 major canals that presently drain the area. Existing drainage structures, i.e. those associated with extant crawfish ponds, could be fitted with risers and water, if needed, could be pumped from the adjacent canal system. In lower elevation areas, portable pumps could dewater the location prior to planting cypress and adjacent canals could be used to return water to the location, if necessary, in St. Charles Parish, near the communities of Paradis and Des Allemands, Louisiana.

SECTION II. That the offer of **STRONG OBJECTION** is issued per the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION III. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to all interested parties.

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

YEAS: MARINO, FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, WALLS, BLACK, DUHE

NAYS: RAMCHANDRAN

ABSENT: MINNICH

And the resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of August, 2004, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

STRONG OBJECTION Chevron Texaco

CHAIRMAN: Lance J. Marino

SECRETARY: Burhan J. Jucker

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: August 3, 2004

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Albert D. Roy

RETD/SECRETARY: August 4, 2004

AT: 9:45 AM RECD BY: BJO

Exhibit A

1. Adverse affects to the overall Drainage System of the sunset Drainage District.
2. Adverse affects on Flood Zone Rating and Flood Insurance premiums to the residents of the sunset Drainage District.
3. Adverse affect on the ability of the Sunset Drainage District to upgrade and expand protection levees and drainage canals, including routine maintenance thereof.
4. Adverse affect of increased mosquito population on the residential communities.
5. Adverse affect of property values on the surrounding privately owned properties.
6. Adverse affect on the ability of the Sunset Drainage District to function financially with the eventual loss of over seventy-five percent of its tax revenue when the mitigation bank is sold out and donated to a non-profit organization.