

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

LEVEES: Urges and requests the United States Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider the mitigation and stewardship plan for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion to include tidal levee protection for Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the United States Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider the mitigation
3 and stewardship plan for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion to include tidal levee
4 protection for Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point.

5 WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana,
6 through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), has submitted a joint
7 permit application to the United States Department of the Army and a permission request
8 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at the New Orleans District for
9 CPRA's proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion; and

10 WHEREAS, the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project was awarded
11 permits by the USACE to allow construction of the project to begin; and

12 WHEREAS, the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion includes a mitigation and
13 stewardship plan to address the anticipated environmental and ecological impacts of the
14 project; and

15 WHEREAS, as a result of the operation of the diversion, some communities inside
16 the project area will be at greater risk of high water levels; and

17 WHEREAS, continued investment and planning for flood mitigation are needed to
18 prevent future loss and damage resulting from natural disasters in the communities of
19 Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point; and

1 WHEREAS, the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point have suffered
2 the adverse effects of the sediment diversion on United States Highway 90 and will suffer
3 from the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion; and

4 WHEREAS, the severe risk of flooding in Jefferson Parish has shown the urgent
5 need to invest resources for the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point as a
6 means to protect life and property in the future, as citizens are continuously impacted by the
7 flooding and rebuilding of their homes and lives.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the USACE to reconsider the mitigation and stewardship plan for the Mid-
10 Barataria Sediment Diversion to include tidal levee protection for Lafitte, Barataria, and
11 Crown Point.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Congressional Delegation take
13 such actions as are necessary to secure funding for tidal levee protection for Lafitte,
14 Barataria, and Crown Point.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 commander and district engineer of the New Orleans District of the United States Army
17 Corps of Engineers and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

DIGEST

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