

NOTICE & CERTIFICATION TO HOLD VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

COUNCIL ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Posted Thursday, August 4, 2021

The Council on Watershed Management will hold a meeting at **9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021.** This meeting is in furtherance of <u>Louisiana Watershed Initiative</u> activities and is integral to providing a sustainable, institutional basis to increase continuity, improve flood resilience and enable more effective flood reduction throughout the state.

In an effort to reduce and limit the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana and to preserve the health and safety of all members of the public, the governor has declared COVID-19 a public health emergency and ordered that it is necessary to limit public gatherings in a single place to avoid individuals being in close proximity to one another.

As a result of the public health emergency and the limitations imposed on public gatherings and personal interactions, the chair of the Council on Watershed Management hereby certifies that in order to protect the lives, health and safety of the citizens of Louisiana, it is necessary to conduct the Council on Watershed Management's Aug. 5 meeting by teleconference or video conference to assure a quorum of council members.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 4 of the Governor's Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020: Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Council on Watershed Management will hold its meeting virtually. The Council on Watershed Management will use the online platform Zoom to livestream the meeting.

The undersigned chair of the council certifies that the agenda of the meeting will be limited to one or more of the following:

- Matters that are directly related to the public body's response to the disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety or welfare of the public
- Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship
- Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body
- Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the undersigned should not be delayed
 - Such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the body present at the meeting approve the consideration of the matters by a two-thirds vote.



To participate in the meeting beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 5, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Register to join the Zoom webinar by clicking or entering in your web browser: us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kvogxTieRWu-mBsyO8aq-Q
- 2. After registering, you will receive an email with information on how to join the webinar.

Public comment procedure: Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. To submit a comment, please enter it into the Zoom Q&A feature. The council will address public comment at the beginning and end of the meeting.

BREN HAASE, CHAIRMAN COUNCIL ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

If you need further information, call Lori Dupont at 225.342.1626.



MEETING AGENDA

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Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Date: Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021 Zoom registration: <u>us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kvoqxTieRWu-mBsy08aq-Q</u>

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Approval of May 27, 2021, meeting minutes
- VI. Opening Remarks
- VII. Updates
 - A. Summary of project announcements and statuses
 - B. Statewide planning, program and policy development
- VIII. Action Items
 - A. Watershed Projects and Programs: Round 1 regional awards
 - B. Regional Capacity Building Grant Program: Phase 2 budget
 - C. Statewide Data and Modeling Program: Long-term Model Use, Storage and Maintenance Plan upcoming public comment period
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Closing Remarks
- XI. Adjournment

If special accommodations are needed, contact the council secretary, Lori Dupont, prior to the meeting at <u>Lori.Dupont@la.gov</u> or 225.342.1626.