

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT: Approves the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for FY 2013-2014

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Basin Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as adopted
3 by the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection
4 and Restoration Authority.

5 WHEREAS, R.S. 30:2000.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and
6 responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Program, in the office of the secretary of the
7 Department of Natural Resources, and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion
8 Board; and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 30:2000.11, a technical advisory group has been
10 appointed to review, evaluate, and approve all water management and water quality projects
11 proposed for inclusion in an annual plan to determine if the project meets the criteria for
12 inclusion in the Annual Basin Plan, and make recommendations to the Atchafalaya Basin
13 Research and Promotion Board; and

14 WHEREAS, public participation in the development of the Annual Basin Plan is
15 essential to the success of the Atchafalaya Basin Program; and

16 WHEREAS, nominations for water quality projects were accepted from July 1, 2011,
17 through June 30, 2012, at which time the technical advisory group reviewed and evaluated
18 the water quality projects that were nominated by the public and selected projects for
19 inclusion in the Annual Basin Plan as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(B); and

20 WHEREAS, the Annual Basin Plan was then presented for public comment and
21 discussion at meetings that were held on November 13, 2012, in Morgan City, Louisiana,

1 on November 14, 2012, in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and on November 15, 2012, in
2 Plaquemine, Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board at a public
4 meeting held on November 29, 2012, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after receiving and
5 considering the comments of the public, and the recommendations of the Atchafalaya Basin
6 Program staff, unanimously approved the draft Annual Basin Plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the Annual Basin Plan was submitted on January 22, 2013, to the
8 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) pursuant to R.S. 30:2000.11(E) for
9 their review and approval as consistent with the master plan for coastal protection and
10 restoration for a sustainable coast and was unanimously approved by CPRA at that meeting;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on February 6, 2013, the Atchafalaya Basin
13 Research and Promotion Board, as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(D), considered and
14 unanimously approved the proposed Annual Basin Plan; and

15 WHEREAS, such committees must take action on the Atchafalaya Basin Annual
16 Basin Plan, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the Annual Basin Plan by
17 resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Basin Plan shall not be effective or
19 implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the annual plan or fail to
20 disapprove the annual plan; and

21 WHEREAS, the secretary shall implement the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Basin Plan
22 if the legislature approves the plan or if the legislature fails to timely disapprove of the plan.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Basin Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as presented
25 by the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and adopted by the Atchafalaya
26 Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and
29 Promotion Board.

DIGEST

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