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**RESOLUTION
GENERAL
FLOOD CONTROL**

Delta Council maintains its position that protection from floods, bank stabilization, the integrity of the main line levee and maintenance of favorable navigation conditions on the main stem of the Mississippi River and the major tributary streams are of paramount concern and economic opportunity in the area, State and Nation. The full economic development of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta depends upon the completion of all phases of the program for headwater and backwater protection, and interior streams improvement. Further, Delta Council views that the Congress should take the necessary actions to expand the mission of the Corps of Engineers to include water supply.

Delta Council, therefore, urges all citizens and agencies of the area to lend their support and urges the Congress of the United States to provide funding equivalent to the full capacity of the Corps of Engineers in order that the authorized Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control system may be brought to completion as quickly as possible.

Delta Council emphasizes that the most critical unfinished flood protection feature, the Yazoo Backwater Pumping Plant, should be the highest priority of citizens, elected officials, Levee Boards, and state and federal agencies.

Delta Council is appreciative of the January 2021 Record of Decision on the Yazoo Backwater Project and for Congress allocating continuing funding so the Corps can continue its design and study work so construction can commence. We commend the Mississippi Levee Board for harnessing significant resources to ensure that Congress and the public are aware of the project benefits and the commencement of construction. In the face of continued legal and political challenges, we especially want to thank our two U.S. Senators – Cindy Hyde-Smith and Roger Wicker – and our Congressman Bennie Thompson for their continued support and efforts in Washington.

The Upper Yazoo Project is ongoing, but Delta Council urges that Congress, the Corps, the MS River Commission, and others significantly increase funding so the project can continue its way north and alleviate much of the continued flood problems in the Quitman County area. This area has been inundated multiple times in the last decade with costly flooding that could have been alleviated by the UYP project.

Delta Council expresses sincere appreciation to the Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission for their effective efforts in improving flood protection for the citizens of the Lower Mississippi Valley. We also commend the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners and the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board for their persistence and resolve, aimed at protecting the area from flooding.

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