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**Resolution**  
**Yazoo Basin Flood Control**  
**A Systems Approach**

Delta Council does not advocate additional federal funding for new major channel modification projects in the Mississippi Delta, until such time that a consensus-based plan is developed which possesses the promise of producing South Delta flood protection.

Delta Council requests that the two Levee Boards, in concert with Delta Council remain in periodic communications related to this *systems approach* with the aim of ensuring that the South Delta susceptibility to flooding is not without a plan and certainly not subject to the attention of Delta Council, our two Levee Boards, and the Corps of Engineers while experiencing a flood event.

Delta Council does not view that any plan can be successfully implemented until such time that our two elected Levee Boards, acting in concert, fully concur and share in the responsibility for addressing a *systems approach*, including the South Delta Backwater area which receives the transport of rainfall runoff from a 10-county, 4,093-square mile area extending over both levee districts. Considerations such as time, effort, and associated costs similar to that experienced in the joint effort which the two Boards exhibited when the resumption of channel maintenance and enlargement occurred two decades ago on the Sunflower River, Upper Steele Bayou, the Upper Yazoo Project and the enlargement proceeding on the Mississippi River Levees.

We urge our two Levee Boards to initiate dialogue among all of the State and Federal resource agencies, as well as stakeholder groups, to address this common, Delta-wide objective in order to avoid intraregional disputes over drainage maintenance and drainage improvements in the future. Delta Council pledges its full support for these efforts.

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