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## RESOLUTION

### UPPER YAZOO PROJECT

Heavy economic losses continue to occur from interior streams and tributary flooding, primarily along the Coldwater, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha, and Yazoo Rivers. In fact, approximately 500,000 acres were flooded in *February, 1991*, including residences, timber, and agricultural land in Coahoma, Holmes, Leflore Quitman, Tallahatchie, and Tunica Counties. Again, in *May, 1991*, the worst flood of recent history inundated approximately 1.5 million acres of property in the Delta, including thousands of residences and businesses. Of greatest significance, the 1991 event claimed a number of fatalities in the Delta. Floods of smaller scope also occurred in the winter of 1989 and 1990, the spring of 1994, the spring of 1997, December, 2001, and October, 2002.

Even with the help provided by the four flood control reservoirs, channel capacities of the Yazoo River system are simply not adequate to accommodate the runoff from heavy storms that have occurred over the watersheds of these streams in 1980, 1983, 1989, twice in 1991 --- February and May, and during December and October, 2001 and 2002, respectively. Delta Council has repeatedly endorsed the authorized channel enlargement and levee protection project for the Yazoo, Tallahatchie, and Coldwater River system (Upper Yazoo Projects). Delta Council supports the Levee Boards' policy which offers support for Option 5, the modified channel and levee plan which is currently proposed for the remaining construction on the Upper Yazoo Project. We encourage the timely completion of the Upper Yazoo Project and the tributaries projects.

Delta Council supports the Levee Boards' efforts to manage the disposal of dredged material in the manner which is least disruptive to adjacent landowners, including options such as thin-layer disposal when desired.

Reservoir levels should continue to be managed in a manner that will minimize downstream flooding.

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