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Proposed Resolution

Carter-Rocky Bayou Watershed Project

The heavy rainfall and backwater flood events of 2019 continue to dramatically illustrate the need for adequate flood protection in the Carter and Rocky Bayou areas of Yazoo and Humphreys Counties. Construction of sufficient levees, to connect the existing Corps of Engineers levees along the east and west banks of the Yazoo River from Satartia to the ~~Belzoni~~ **Carter** area, now has a general consensus of local support and is viewed to be the best available flood protection for residents, employers, catfish processing facilities, homes, wildlife habitat and extremely valuable cropland. These successive Mississippi River backwater floods have continued to signal that backwater and headwater protection for this region is essential.

Delta Council again expresses its appreciation to USDA-NRCS, the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ~~the~~ **our** two Levee Boards, and local interests for working together to ~~begin~~ **finalize** the planning and design phases of the Carter/Rocky Bayou Watershed Protection Project.

While planning, design, stakeholder support, cultural resource and environmental review are critical milestones, Delta Council remains committed to completion of this project as soon as practicable and encourages all agencies involved to move with all deliberate speed. Delta Council also expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Mississippi Congressional delegation and staff for the necessary support extended to USDA/NRCS to complete this project.

