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Resolution

Carter-Rocky Bayou Watershed Project

The 2008, 2011, 2016, and 2018 flood events in the Carter and Rocky Bayou backwater areas of Yazoo and Humphreys County demonstrated the need for adequate flood protection for residents, employers, catfish processing facilities, and extremely valuable cropland throughout this unprotected area of the Yazoo Headwater and Backwater Projects **area**. The historic, *record* flood of 2011, which, like 2008, 2016, and 2018 was caused by high stages on the Mississippi River, ~~inundating~~ **inundated** vast areas of the east bank and west bank of the Yazoo River from the ~~Sartia~~ **Belzoni** vicinity to ~~Silver City~~ **Sartia**. These successive Mississippi River backwater floods **have** clearly signaled that backwater and headwater protection for this region ~~was~~ **is** essential.

Working through the Office of the Governor, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, USDA-NRCS, the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the two Levee Boards, and local interests, Delta Council has concluded that sufficient local support exists to construct levees throughout this reach of the Yazoo River.

Delta Council expresses its appreciation to Governor Phil Bryant for continuing to press for a resolution to the flooding which occurred in 2008, 2011, 2016, and 2018 in order to avoid the costly losses to property and people throughout this 185 square-mile area. And, certainly Delta Council remains deeply grateful to former U.S. Senator Thad Cochran for the necessary support extended to NRCS-USDA in order to fully complete this project.

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