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RESOLUTION

MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE ENLARGEMENT

Delta Council acknowledges the overriding importance of maintaining flood protection from headwaters of the Mississippi River. To underscore the role which the Mississippi River levee system plays in the economy and livability throughout the Northwest Mississippi region, it is estimated that if the levees were confronted with a project design flood today, the Mississippi River would overtop the Mississippi River levees and cause extensive flooding (8-10 feet) over an area encompassing all or parts of those areas from Highway 82 south to the confluence of the Yazoo and Mississippi Rivers.

Levee Boards throughout the Lower Mississippi Valley have been notified that due to a combination of factors, the current levee height on certain portions of our Mississippi River levee system in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi does not meet the necessary elevation to pass a Project Design Flood. Consequently, the Levee Boards are being called upon to join with the Corps of Engineers in a partnership to acquire the necessary right-of-way for construction of levee-raising throughout these specific reaches of insufficient levee protection. Delta Council lends its universal support to the Levee Boards for the implementation of these projects.

Delta Council offers its cooperation and assistance in this effort and requests that all public officials throughout the region give their support to the Levee Boards in its efforts to maintain the integrity of the mainline levee system. Further, Delta Council urges the Congress to re-examine actions aimed at repealing continuing contract practices, and the loss of reprogramming authority at the local level, which are fundamental to fiscal responsibility and cost-efficiency for multi-year projects. Also, the proposed changes to the Principles and Guidelines for the Federal administration of the Clean Water Act, which are administered by numerous agencies (NRCS, Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, etc.), are threatening to all future actions to improve flooding or maintain drainage.

Further, Delta Council is alarmed by the far-reaching consequences of Corps Headquarters' recent interpretation of Section 408 of the Clean Water Act. The consequences of this recent regulatory guidance is certain to cause major issues to arise for our two Levee Boards, cities, counties, industry and agriculture in the Yazoo Basin.

**Adopted by: Delta Council Board of Directors
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