

Louisiana Water Resources Commission

December 6, 2017

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana enjoys an abundance of surface water resources that has attracted interest in the past and likely will continue to be of interest in the future to public and private entities outside the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, current state law, in particular Act 784 of 2012, sets forth certain approvals necessary to the sale of such surface water resources to out-of-state entities by the Sabine River Authority-Louisiana but does not provide for such approvals or processes from other state-owned water bodies; and

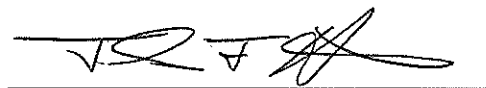
WHEREAS, prior to entertaining any potential offers to divert surface water to outside entities beyond its borders, the State of Louisiana must first have a good understanding of its own needs for population growth, economic development, environmental conservation, wildlife protection, and a sustainable coast, in accordance with the mandates of the state Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Water Resources Commission, with its breadth of experience as embodied in its members and set forth in its charge from the Legislature, has studied the major issues of water resource management in the state and worked to improve current management practices; and

WHEREAS, this experience has given the Water Resources Commission particular insight into Louisiana's water resource management needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Water Resources Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to constitute at his discretion a work group of members to study existing state laws governing the sales of surface water to out-of-state entities and make recommendations for improvements and/or additional processes for such sales that will guarantee that the State of Louisiana not only protects its own needs but also receives a fair market value for its water resources, such study to be reported back to the Water Resources Commission for final approval before being forwarded to the Legislature.

On behalf of the Members of the Louisiana Water Resources Commission



Thomas F. Harris
Chairman