

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL LAGO, TEXAS: SUPPORTING STORM SURGE SUPPRESSION ALTERNATIVE #1 (CR#1) FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016, PHASE 2 REPORT BY THE GULF COAST COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND RECOVERY DISTRICT (“GCCPRD”) AND PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO GCCPRD, REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND STATE LEGISLATORS THAT REPRESENT THE CITY OF EL LAGO.

WHEREAS, storm surge suppression alternatives have been published by GCCPRD identifying potential alternatives to the Harris County/Galveston County region and this district held a public hearing to evaluate moving into Phase 3 of the study on March 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, an alternative in the report known as CR#1 (2.2.2.1 Central Region Alternate #1 (CR#1) – High Island to San Luis Pass Coastal Spine) has recommended a coastal protection system for a levee on high ground north of High Island running along SH-87 along the Bolivar Peninsula and tying into the existing Galveston Seawall continuing along the length of the island terminating at San Luis Pass; and

WHEREAS, the levee proposed in CR#1 would have elevations ranging from 18 feet to 21 feet and would also include a large navigation gate located at Bolivar Roads; and

WHEREAS, CR#1 offers a comprehensive approach to protecting the entire Harris/Galveston region and secures a more sound economic and social factor with this alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston Bay area suffered significant impact from the storm surge of Hurricane Ike and supports the need of a coastal barrier system to protect industry, citizens, and regional partners in the Harris/Galveston County region before a future event hits; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Resolution No. 2013-09 was approved by City Council and supported that a Coastal Barrier System study be funded and eventually constructed to safeguard Houston/Galveston Region from storm surge and subtropical rain events;

WHEREAS, the City supports a coastal barrier system that is technically feasible, economically sound, environmentally friendly and socially equitable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF EL LAGO, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS;

That City Council of the City of El Lago supports CR#1 – High Island to San Luis Pass Coastal Spine, by GCCPRD, the only plan that does not divide protection among the region and provides a comprehensive and fair approach for storm surge protection to the people, industries, businesses, schools, government facilities, and residences and associated infrastructure within the Houston/Galveston region.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of El Lago, this 4th day of April, 2016.

Robert White, Mayor
City of El Lago

ATTEST:

Ann Vernon, City Secretary