

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL LAGO, TEXAS: OPPOSING THE CONCEPT AND ANY ACTION TO PURSUE STORM SURGE SUPPRESSION ALTERNATIVE #2 (CR#2) 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 MORGAN’S POINT.

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

WHEREAS, an alternative in the report known as CR#2 (2.2.2.2 Central Region Alternate #2 (CR#2) – Texas City Levee Modifications and Extensions North (SH-146) and West-Galveston Ring Levee) has recommended a levee along SH 146 from Dickenson Bayou north through Seabrook to Old La Porte Road; and

WHEREAS, the levee proposed in CR#2 would have elevations ranging from 21.5 feet to 27 feet; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Lago, Texas (the “City”) is located in Harris County, near the proposed project site with a population of 2709 and is a community that is bordered by the city of Seabrook which is on Galveston Bay and is in relative proximity to the City of Morgan’s Point bordered by the Houston Ship Channel on the east side; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Products, the world’s largest ethane export facility, is located within the City of Morgan’s Point in addition to the Port of Houston Authority’s Barbours Cut Terminal, the largest U.S. port on the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, CR#2 would place all of Morgan’s Point and Seabrook residents and entire business community supporting the cities’ economic stability, into harm’s way for being on the “wrong” side of the levee; and

WHEREAS, the region in which the City of Morgan’s Point is located is also home to North America’s largest concentration of petroleum refining and petrochemical processing plants, second largest in the world, causing an economic impact to our region; and

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

WHEREAS, the City supports CR#1 – High Island to San Luis Pass Costal Spine by GCCPRD.

WHEREAS, the City strongly opposes and does not support that CR#2 should remain an alternative to any study moving forward because of the consequences such a measure would have on the community and the region;

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

That City Council of the City of El Lago, in order to secure and protect surrounding areas and cities residents and businesses from permanent damage and loss, hereby opposes CR#2 by GCCPRD.

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