

Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of Quorum

In accordance with R.S. 42:17.1, this notice shall serve as certification of the SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST's (SLFPA-W) inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to such a meeting being detrimental to the health, safety, and/or welfare of the public as a result of the public health emergency, as declared by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 11, 2020 by JBE 2020-25.

The SLFPA-W will provide for attendance at its essential government FALPI Committee meeting on 2-9-2021 in person and via telephone conference because it is otherwise unable to obtain a quorum. It is essential that the SLFPA-W continue to operate because the SLFPA-W protects the citizens and businesses of the West Bank of the Greater New Orleans area in Jefferson and Orleans parishes from hurricanes and riverine flooding by daily operations, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement (OMRR&R) of the levees, floodwalls and floodgates, sector gates and pump stations (33 miles of Mississippi River protection and 47 miles of hurricane protection).

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with R.S. 42:17:1 and JBE 2020-25, the SLFPA-W meeting on 2-9-2021 at 3:30 P.M. will be held in person and via telephone conference, and in a manner that will allow for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the notice posted on 2-8-2021.

The meeting may be attended at 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072. Members of the public may submit public comment on an agenda item by sending an email to publiccomments@slfpaw.org or calling: 1-888-585-9008; and using conference room number: 959-966-430 at 3:30 P.M. All public comments will be properly identified and acknowledged, read aloud, and recorded during the meeting. Certified this <u>8th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2021.

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