

RESOLUTION NO. 2327

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF THE WEST LOUISIANA PUBLIC COORDINATION DISTRICT LEGISLATION FOR LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE REGION 4 AS APPROVED BY THE COALITION POLICY COUNCIL (CPC).

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission is the contracted administrator for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) Region 4; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 4 is managed by a Coalition Policy Council with representation from nine parishes, municipalities, ports and an indigenous tribe operating under adopted Bylaws; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Coalition Policy Council (CPC) was preceded by a Region 4 Steering Committee that had identified establishment of a regional governmental entity as a priority for the Watershed; **AND**

WHEREAS, two Louisiana Watershed Initiative regions have had governmental districts established by the state legislature (District 9 and District 5); **AND**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 6 is currently preparing legislation to establish a governmental entity in the next session of the legislature; **AND**

WHEREAS, it was declared intent of the original Steering Committee and the subsequent Coalition Policy Council to establish a governmental entity not dependent on discretionary grants to plan and manage LWI Region 4; **AND**

WHEREAS, the proposed West Louisiana Public Coordination District is modeled on LWI legislation creating District 9 and 5; **AND**

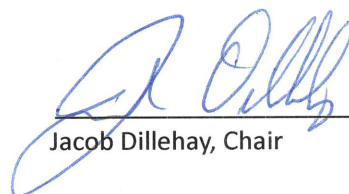
WHEREAS, significant investment and resources have been made in developing hydraulic models for the watershed that require on-going maintenance and utilization to evaluate water impacts on local governments; **AND**

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan for planning and development of LWI Region 4 is nearing completion in 2026; **AND**

WHEREAS, the CPC has adopted specific objectives identified in the "Seven Spokes of the Wheel" that address depletion of regional aquifers, the need for fresh water; economic development challenges and flooding mitigation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF THE WEST LOUISIANA PUBLIC COORDINATION DISTRICT LEGISLATION FOR LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE REGION 4 AS APPROVED BY THE COALITION POLICY COUNCIL (CPC).

THIS RESOLUTION BEING APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.



Jacob Dillehay, Chair

ATTEST: 

Michael Hollier, AICP, Director