

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
PROPOSED ONE LAKE PROJECT ON PEARL RIVER

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, Mississippi, is aware that a proposal has been initiated regarding the construction of a dam and a 1,500 acre lake on the Pearl River near Jackson, Mississippi, downstream of the Ross Barnett Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the construction of an additional dam on Pearl River will, without question, significantly reduce the already diminished amount of water coming downstream in the Pearl River; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water would lower the water oxygen content thereby negatively impacting the lower Pearl River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water would lower the water table of the Pearl River South of the aforementioned One Lake Project and would have a devastating impact on communities and property down stream; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water and lowering of the oxygen content would also jeopardize threatened species of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water would affect the salinity levels in the Mississippi Sound and would adversely affect oyster and other seafood populations in both Louisiana and Mississippi fishing industries; and

WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water and lowering of the oxygen content would jeopardize the efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the entire lower Pearl River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the additional dam and lake would erase 1,500 acres of wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the additional dam and lake would further reduce the natural seasonal flows of freshwater into Mississippi's estuarine waters; and

WHEREAS, the additional reductions in the flow of the Pearl River during the summer months may further impact the river's larger ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, Mississippi, finds and determines it necessary and in the best interest of the people of said County and State to oppose the permitting or construction of the proposed reservoir located on the Pearl River designated as the Mississippi Pearl River Lake Project or One Lake Project located near Jackson, Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, Mississippi, that this Board does hereby oppose the proposed plan to dam the Pearl River South of Jackson, Mississippi, unless and until environmental studies are completed and show no adverse effect to the Pearl River and surrounding areas in Pearl River County.

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, Mississippi, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the following officials and authorities as evidence of Pearl River County's opposition to the proposed plan:

Governor of the State of Mississippi  
Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District  
U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Rankin Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Mississippi Department of Natural Resources  
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Scenic Streams  
System Coordinator  
Federal and State Legislators

Supervisor Farron Moeller moved the adoption of the foregoing Order which motion was duly seconded by Supervisor Donald Hart, and adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

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| Supervisor Donald Hart voted: | <u>Yes</u> |
| Supervisor Malcolm Perry:     | <u>Out</u> |
| Supervisor Hudson Holliday:   | <u>No</u>  |
| Supervisor Farron Moeller:    | <u>Yes</u> |
| Supervisor Sandy Kane Smith:  | <u>Yes</u> |

WHEREUPON, the President of said Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly and legally adopted on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D., 2018.

  
SANDY KANE SMITH, President