

1 Introduced December 14, 1993, by
2 Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by
3 Councilwoman Williams
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6 **RESOLUTION R93-54**
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9 A resolution opposing the West Pearl River Navigation Project under
10 consideration by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.
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12 WHEREAS, the West Pearl River Navigation Project was authorized by the
13 River and Harbor act of 1935; and
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15 WHEREAS, said project provided navigation from the river's mouth to the
16 vicinity of Bogalusa, Louisiana, a distance of about fifty-eight (58) miles; and
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18 WHEREAS, prior to 1950 less emphasis was placed on scenic rivers,
19 ecosystems and the preservation of natural environment; and
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21 WHEREAS, the West Pearl River is of vital importance to thousands of
22 Slidell residents because of its unique ecological and recreational value; and
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24 WHEREAS, the past for future economic viability of Slidell is based heavily
25 on an outdoor quality of life including hunting, fishing, canoeing, camping, birding and
26 many other outdoor activities along the West Pearl River; and
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28 WHEREAS, if this project proceeds forward, heavy barge traffic will occur
29 on the river which will create a real potential for spills of hazardous cargo, collisions with
30 small boaters and significant environmental damage to the river; and
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32 WHEREAS, heavy barge traffic on this small, fast river is a totally non-
33 compatible use in direct conflict with the needed protection of this unique area; and
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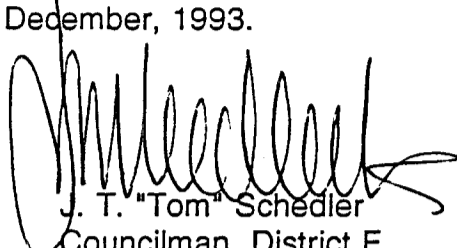
35 WHEREAS, we feel that millions of dollars of public tax payers funds should
36 not be spent to promote the special interest of a small group of private individuals.
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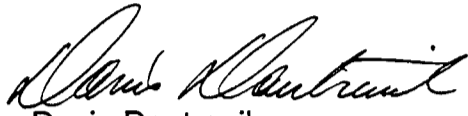
38 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it
39 does hereby notify the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers of its opposition to resuming the
40 West Pearl River Navigational Project identified in the River and Harbor Act of 1935, and
41 encourages the Corps to de-authorize the project.
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43 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that there are new highways and other means
44 of helping the economical conditions in the Bogalusa area and the transporting of
45 materials thereto.
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6 Adopted this 14th day of December, 1993.

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12 J. T. "Tom" Schedler
13 Councilman, District F
14 President of the Council

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18 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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