JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

January 22, 2018

United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Attn: Regulatory Branch 7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana 70118-3651 State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Water Quality Certifications Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

Project Manager:
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Application #: MVN-2013-0880-WJJ

Project Manager: Elizabeth Hill (225) 219-3225 WQC Application Number: WQC-130708-03

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT IN ST. MARY PARISH

<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>: St. Mary Levee District, c/o: T. Baker Smith, LLC, Attn: Kodi Babin, P.O. Box 2266, Houma, Louisiana 70361

LOCATION OF WORK: Located on and near Bayou Chene at Amelia, Louisiana, in St. Mary Parish (POB: 29.68279, -91.17206; POE: 29.60593, -91.08512), as shown within the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08090302, Terrebonne Watershed)

CHARACTER OF WORK:

ORIGINAL (Public Notice publish date: July 29, 2013): Proposed Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project which will include the elevation of approx. 33,634' of Avoca Road on Avoca Island (i.e., Avoca Road Levee) to approx. 8.5' elevation, approximately 9,822' of the Avoca Borrow Canal Levee to approx. 8'elevation, approx. 966' of the Bayou Chene East Levee to approx. 9.5' elevation and approx. 6,091' of the Tabor Canal Levee to approx.. 9.5' elevation. A flood control structure will be installed at elevation 10.0' in Bayou Chene consisting of a barge gate at the center of the bayou with fixed flood walls extending outward to the bayou banks on either side. A weir structure will be installed in Tabor Canal consisting of steel gates. These structures will minimize high water induced flooding in St. Mary, Terrebonne, St. Martin, Assumption and Iberville Parishes due to high river stages in the Atchafalaya River. During normal Bayou Chene water levels the gate will be open to allow maritime traffic and water to pass through the opening. At the threat of impending

high water events the barge gate will be deballasted to a floating condition, winched or placed by tug into position across Bayou Chene and ballasted into closed position against the receiving structure. Also, an existing weir structure will be removed and replaced on the Borrow Canal Levee, the existing temporary flood control structures used during the 2011 emergency closure will be removed from Bayou Chene and two existing pipelines within Tabor Canal will be crossed with reinforcement installed for pipeline protection. Approx. 470,810 cu. yds. of native material will be excavated from a proposed borrow pit and used for construction activities. An additional 47,798 cu. yds. of native material will be displaced during project activities. Approx. 17,091 cu. yds. of crushed stone/gravel and 19,601 cu. yds. of rock material will be required for project activities. A total of approx. 212.98 acres may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity (approx. 32.40 acres of wetlands and approx. 180.68 acres of non-wetlands/waterbottoms).

MODIFIED (dated 12/21/17): Levee tie-in to USACE Bayou Boeuf Lock was removed. Levee cross section for Avoca Road was revised to stay within existing right-of-way. Proposed borrow area on Avoca, Inc. property was removed. Proposed barge gate opening width was changed from a minimum of 250' to 400' (clear opening). Total excavation reduced from +/- 518,608 CY (+/- 93 acres) to 150,764 CY (+/- 26.85 acres). Total fill reduced from +/- 555,300 CY (+/- 93 acres) to 259,021 CY (+/- 48.13 acres). Wetland impacts below the 5' contour reduced from 18.69 acres to 16.14 acres. Total wetland impacts reduced from 24.73 acres to 21.79 acres.

If a Department of the Army permit is warranted, the applicant has proposed to mitigate any unavoidable wetlands impacts at an approved and acceptable mitigation bank within the N.O. District.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close 20 days from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION**: **REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing, faxing, or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. Letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the South Louisiana Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES), as signed on October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project would have no effect to any listed species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of approximately <u>180</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, before a Department of the Army permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice,

that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

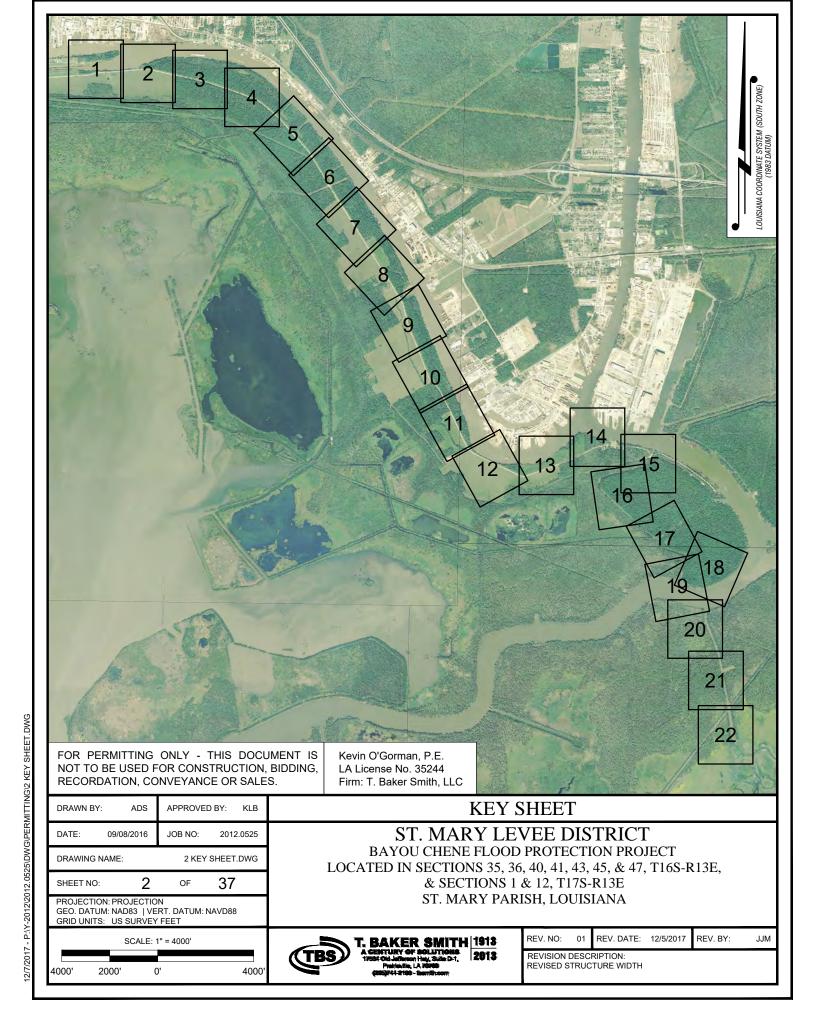
You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

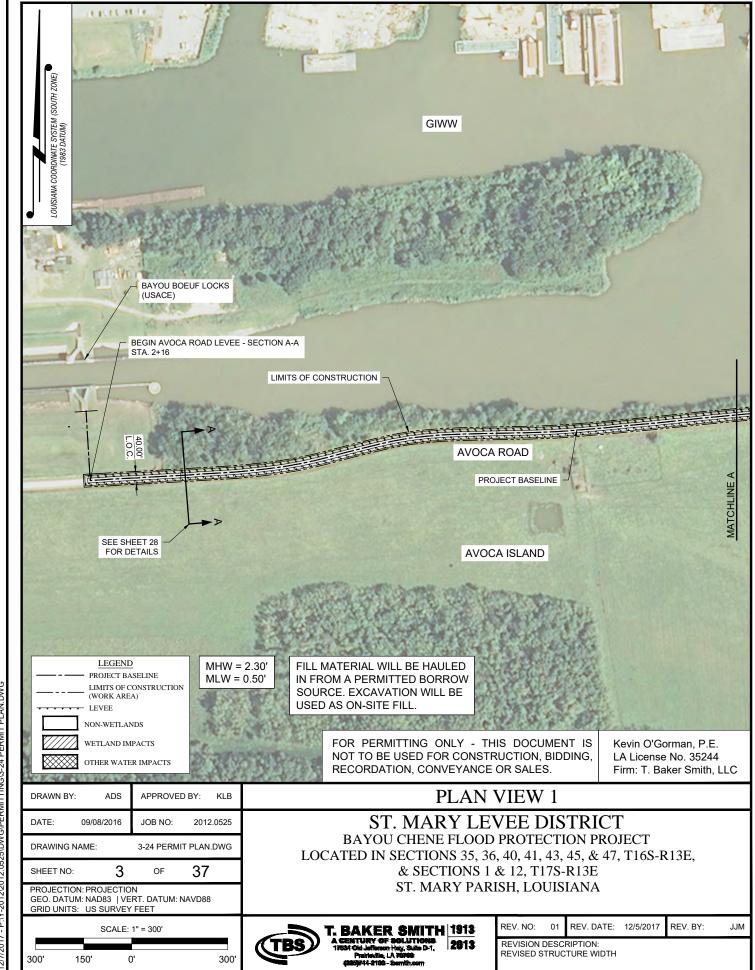
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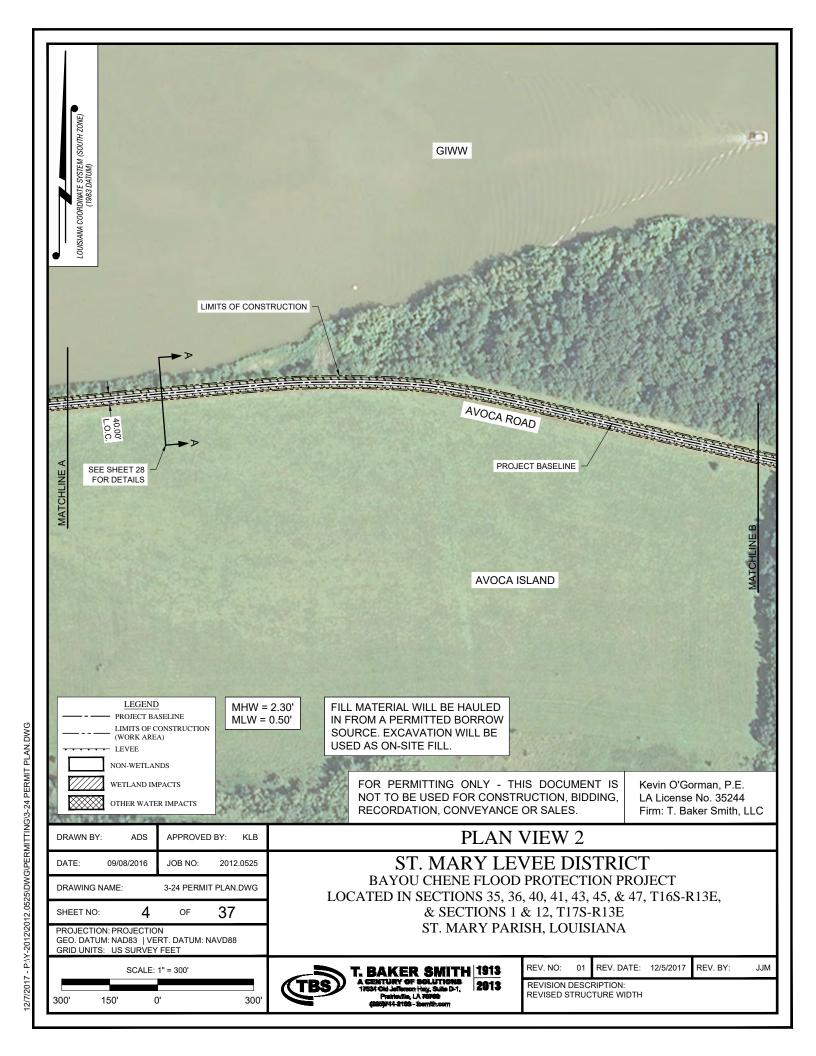
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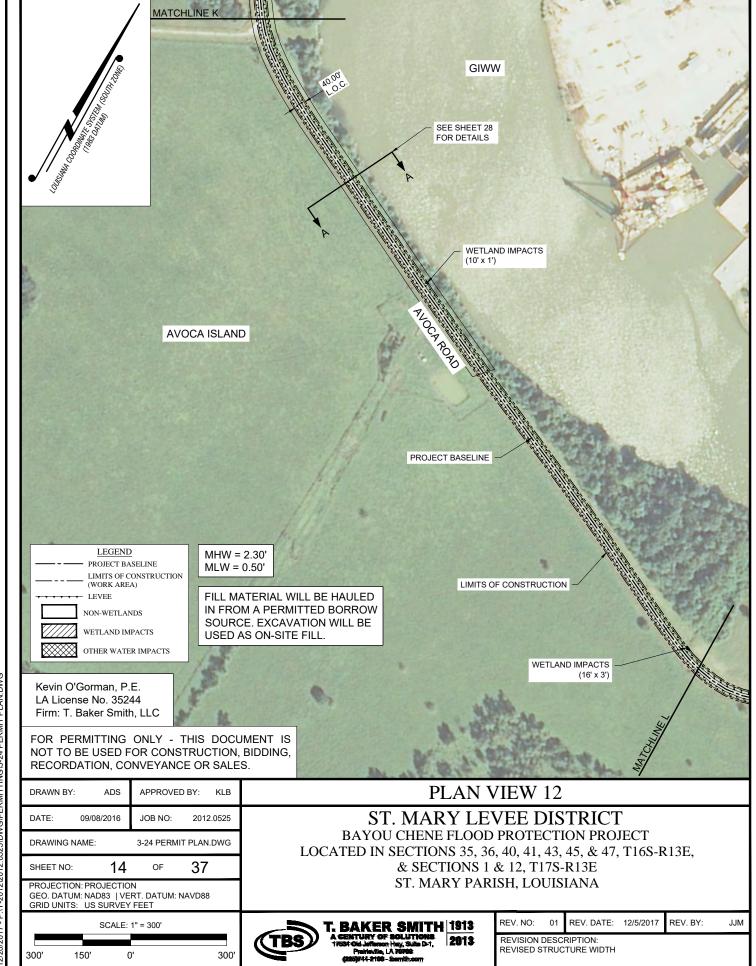
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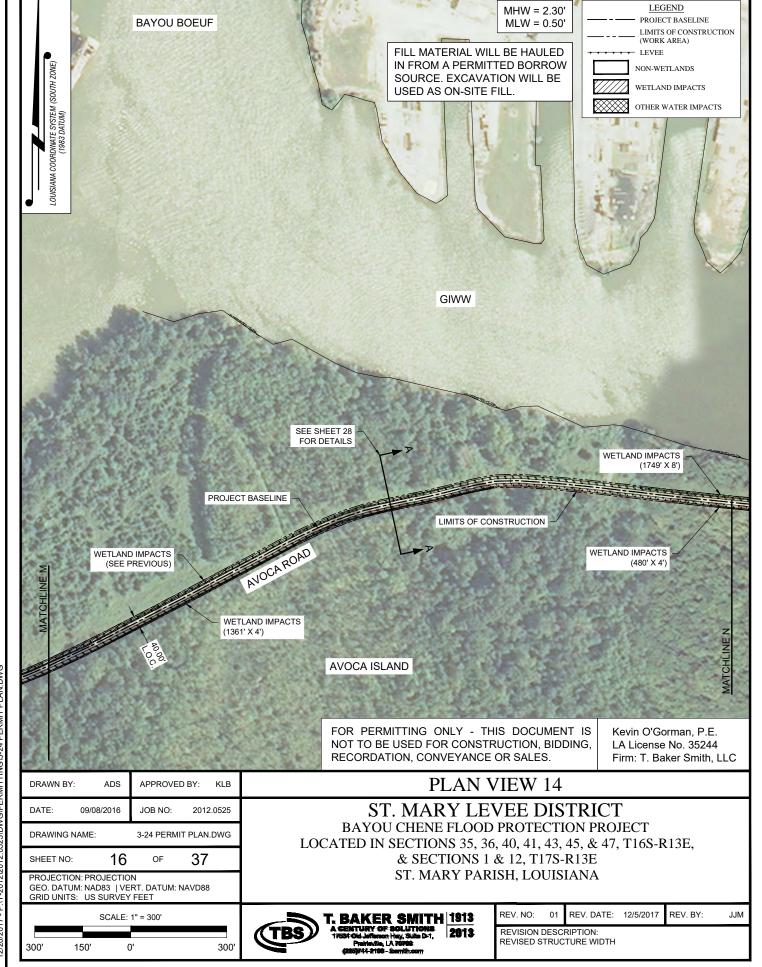
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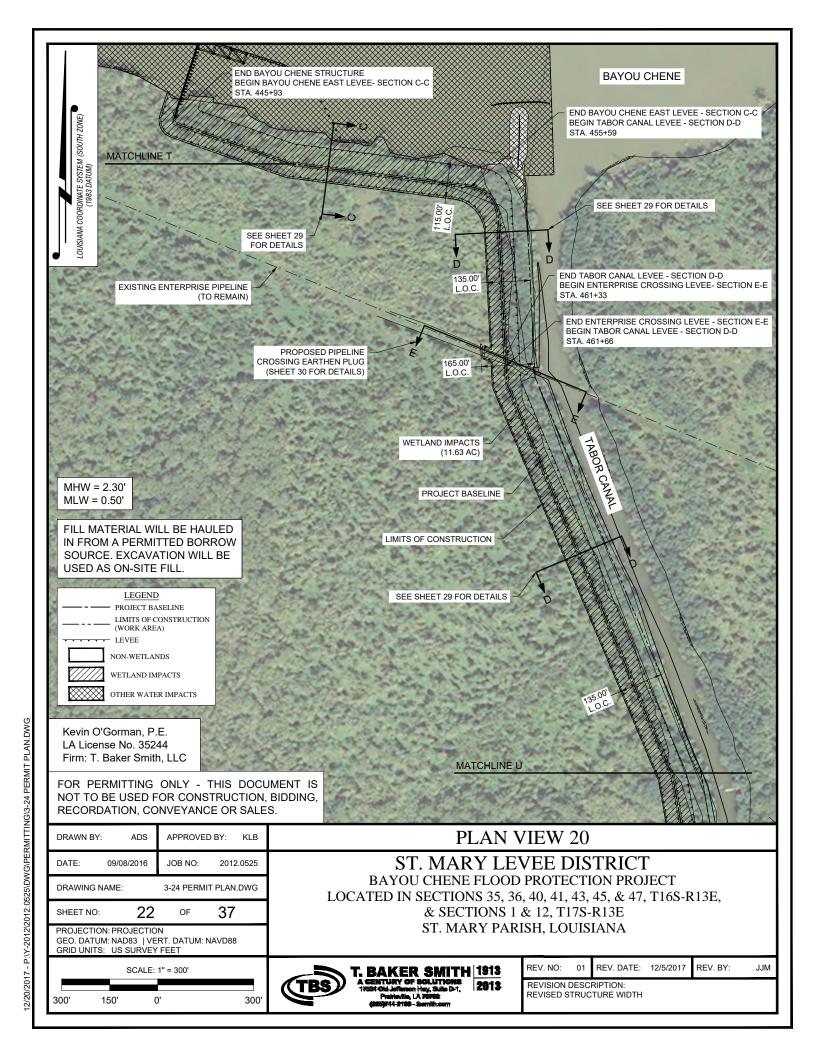
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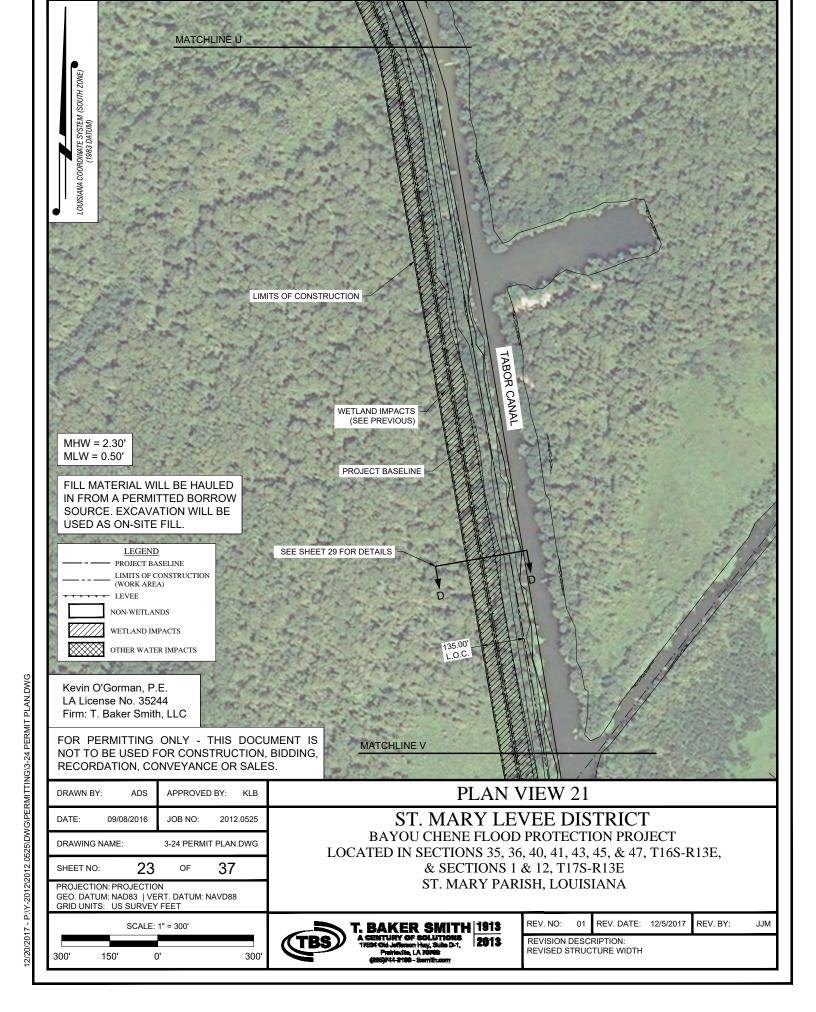




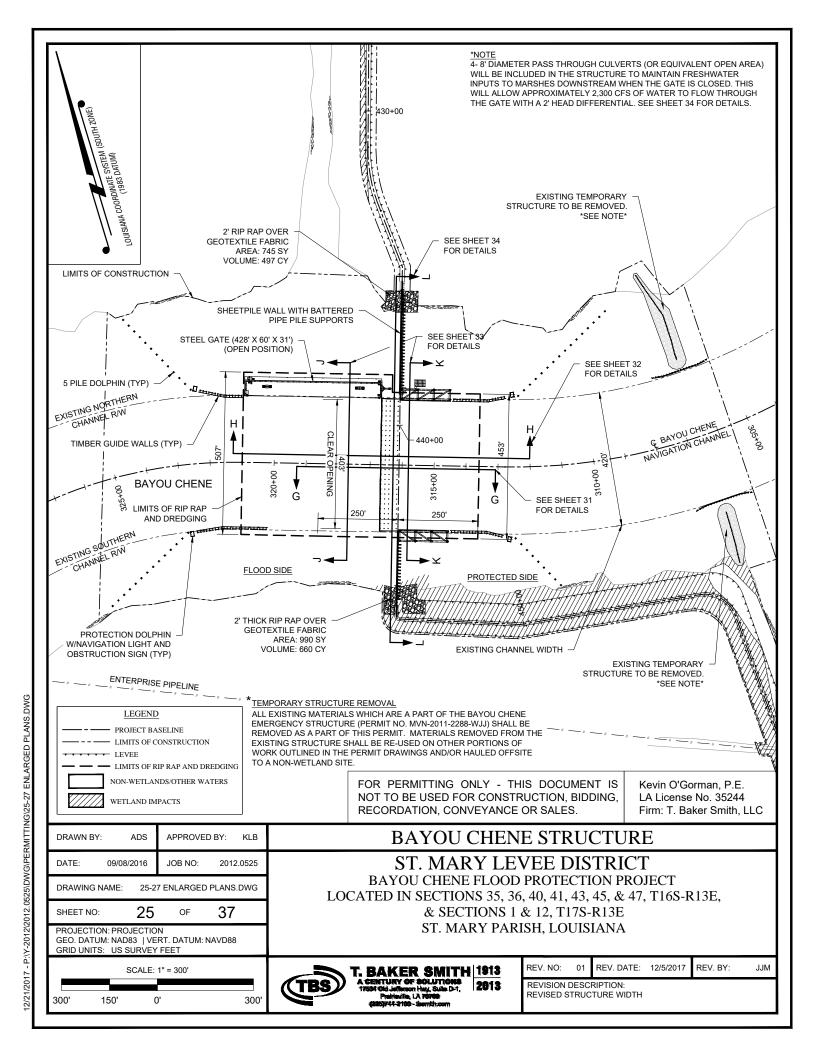
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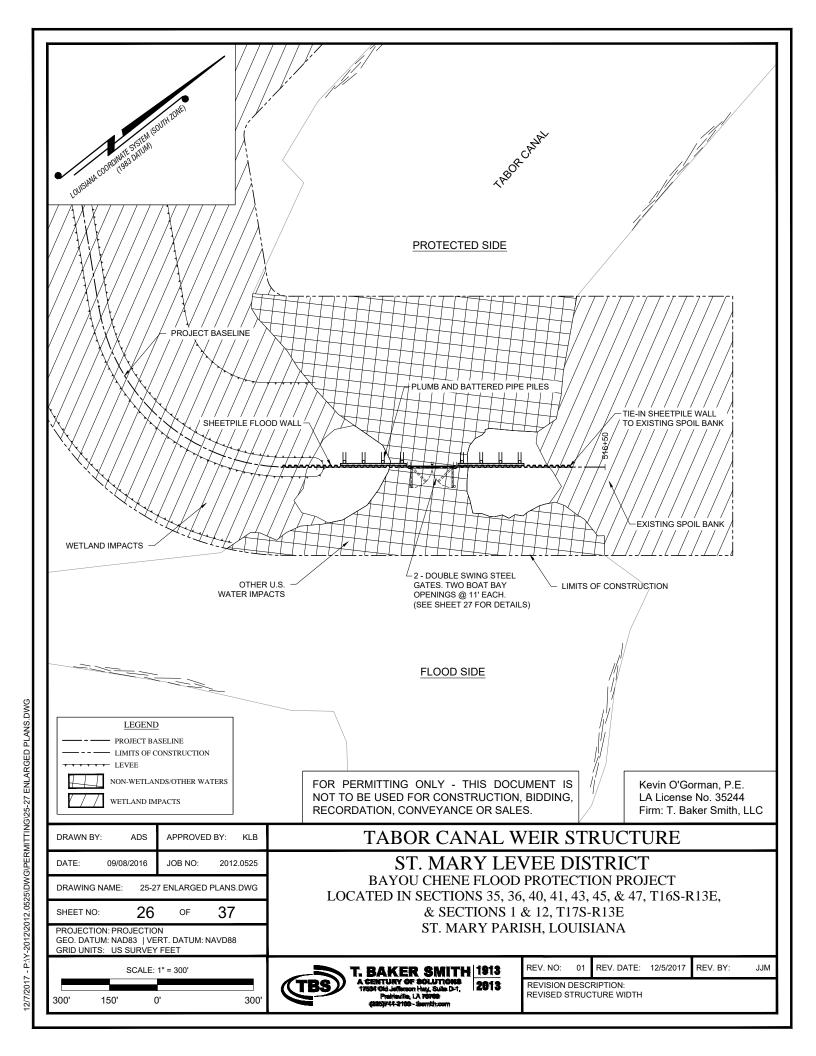
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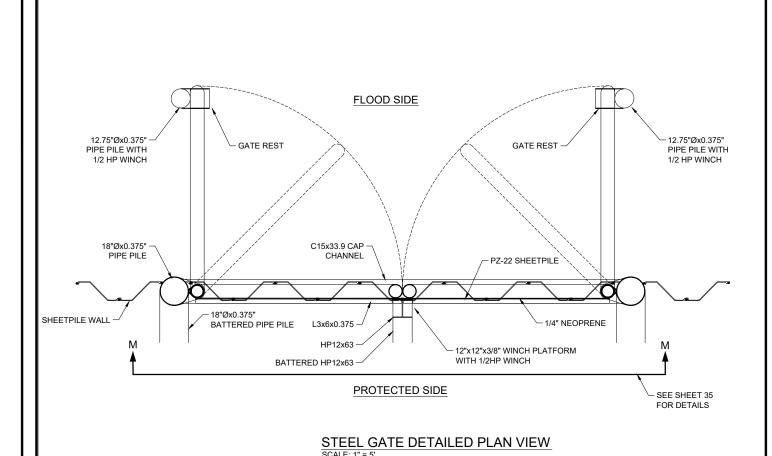




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SCALE: 1" = 5'

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2.5'

TABOR CANAL STEEL GATE DETAIL

ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

BAYOU CHENE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT LOCATED IN SECTIONS 35, 36, 40, 41, 43, 45, & 47, T16S-R13E, & SECTIONS 1 & 12, T17S-R13E

ST. MARY PARISH, LOUISIANA



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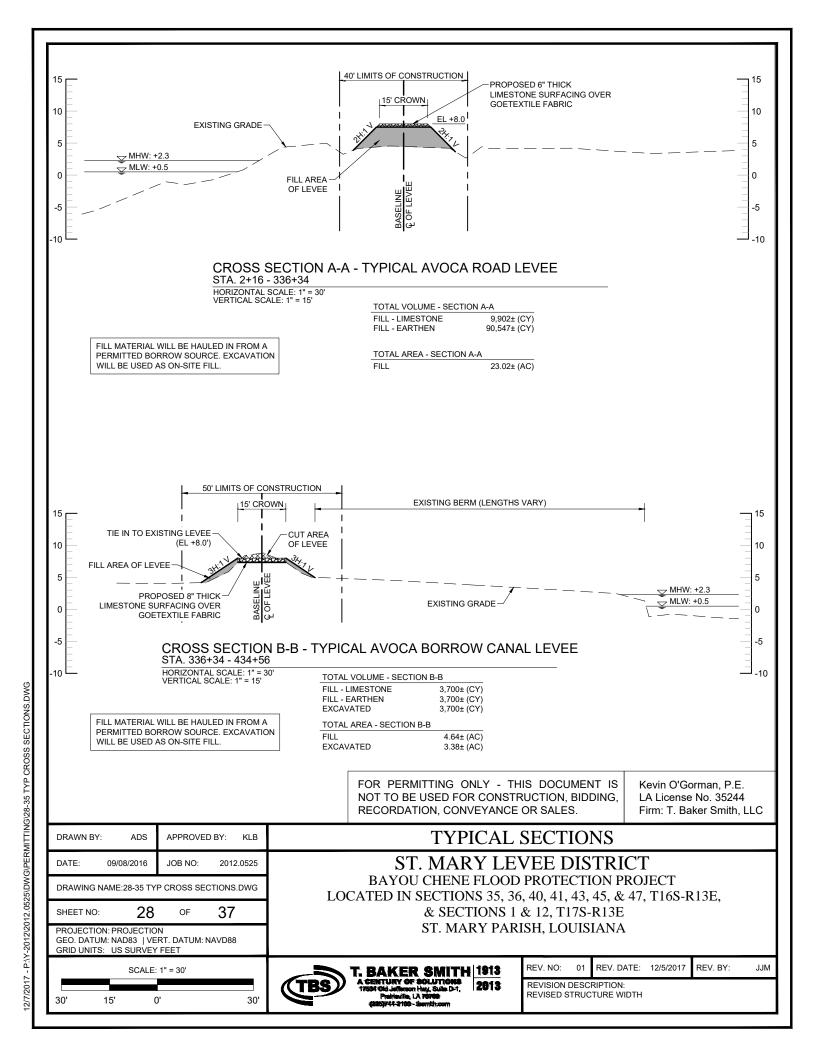
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REVISION DESCRIPTION: REVISED STRUCTURE WIDTH



115.0' LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION

10.0'

45.0

22.7

EL +8.0

EL +6.0

6.0

EL +4.0

PROPOSED EARTHEN LEVEE

15

10

70.0

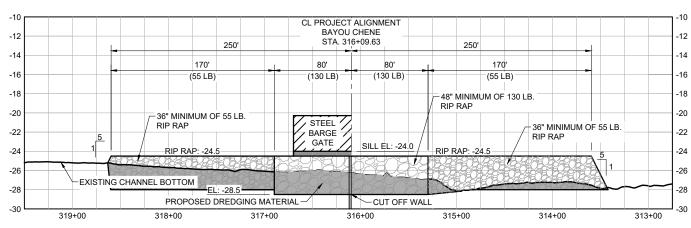
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BAYOU CHENE





NOTE:

- BARGE GATE SHOWN IN CLOSED POSITION
- VOLUME AND AREA QUANTITIES ARE SHOWN ON SHEET 33.

CROSS SECTION G-G - BAYOU CHENE CENTERLINE SOUTH

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 100' VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 50'

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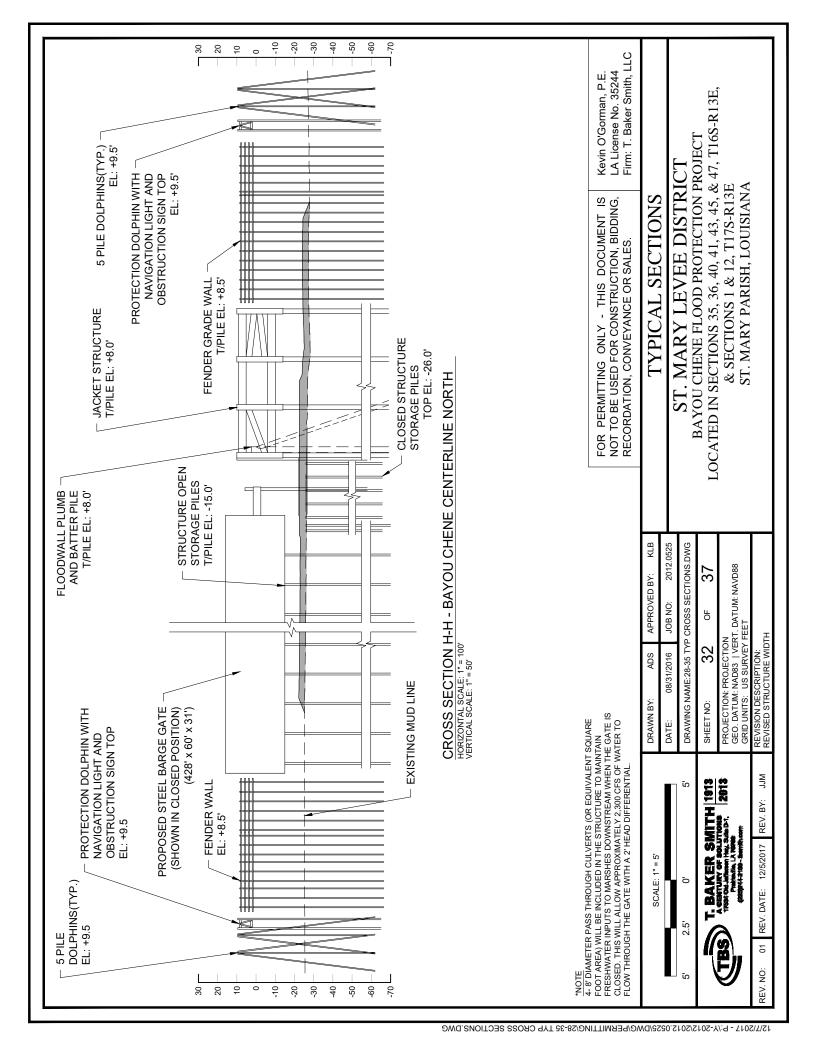
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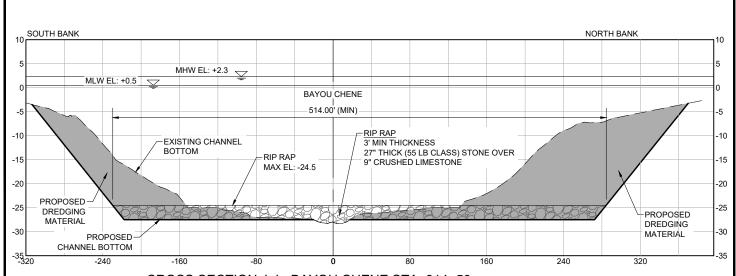
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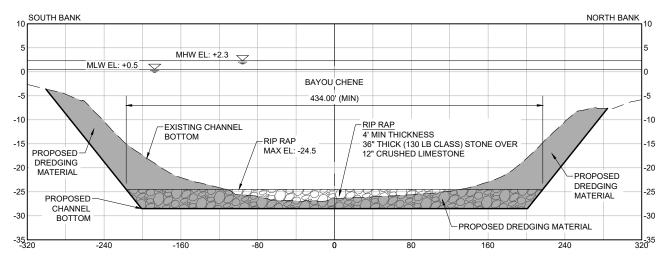
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CROSS SECTION J-J - BAYOU CHENE STA. 314+50

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 100' VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 20'



CROSS SECTION K-K - BAYOU CHENE STA. 315+80

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 100' VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 20'

TOTAL VOLUME OF RIP RAP FOR BAYOU CHENE

FILL 29,425± (CY)

TOTAL VOLUME OF DREDGING FOR BAYOU CHENE EXCAVATION 103,284± (CY)

TOTAL AREA FOR BAYOU CHENE

FILL 5.74± (AC)

EXCAVATION 7.58± (AC)

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PZ-22 TIP EL: -43.0'

67.5 PAIRS

MLW EL: +0.5

80.67'

PZ-22 TIP EL: -20.0

22 PAIRS

EXISTING

10

-10

-20

-30

GRADE

TIP EL: -20.0'

*NOTE

EL: +10

MHW EL: +2.3

PROPOSED

ABUTMENT PILE

GRADE

4- 8' DIAMETER PASS THROUGH CULVERTS (OR EQUIVALENT OPEN AREA) WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE STRUCTURE TO MAINTAIN FRESHWATER INPUTS TO MARSHES DOWNSTREAM WHEN THE GATE IS CLOSED. THIS WILL ALLOW APPROXIMATELY 2,300 CFS OF WATER TO FLOW THROUGH

202.50'

BAYOU CHENE

SILL EL: -24.0'

MATCHLINE

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THE GATE WITH A 2' HEAD DIFFERENTIAL.

44.00'

PZ-40 TIP EL: -60.0'

14 PAIRS

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<u>NOTES</u>

As-built drawings will be submitted within 30 days of completion of this project to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804, and to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487.

All structures, facilities, well and pipelines/flowlines occurring in open water areas or in oilfield canals or slips shall be removed within 120 days of abandonment or the facilities for the herein permitted use unless prior written approval to leave such structures in place is received from the Coastal Management Division. This condition does not preclude the necessity for revising the current permit or obtaining a separate Coastal Use Permit, should one be required.

Structures must also be marked/lighted in accordance with U. S. Coast Guard regulations.

In order to ensure the safety of all parties, the permittee shall contact the Louisiana One Call System (1-800-272-3020) a minimum of 48 hours prior to the commencement of any excavation (digging, dredging, jetting, etc.) or demolition activity.

Applicant is subject to all applicable state laws related to damages which are demonstrated to have been caused by this proposed action.

TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS (ABOVE 5' MSL) - 5.65± ACRES
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS (BELOW 5' MSL) - 16.14± ACRES
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS - 21.79± ACRES

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PROPOSED OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR GATE CLOSURE

ST MARY LEVEE DISTRICT

The following operational plan in based upon a significant riverine flood in the Lower Atchafalaya River with potential for impacting communities of St. Mary, Terrebonne, Assumption, and Lafourche Parishes. The Bayou Chene Flood Gate will be operated under the following criteria to reduce water surface elevations and prevent backwater flooding of communities on the East side of the Atchafalaya Floodway. The closure criteria outlined below are based on publicly available real time gages located in nearby waterways.

Stage 1

USACE/USGS Gage near Morgan City, LA measures +6.0' (MLG) (+4.75' NAVD88)

Provide Notice of Intent (NOI)

- **USACE**
- USCG
- Local Stakeholders

Stage 2

USACE/USGS Gage near Morgan City, LA measures +7.0' (MLG) (+5.75' NAVD88)

Initiate closure of Bayou Chene Barge Gate under slack tide or flood tide condition (Closure Time < 5 hours)

Stage 3

After Flood Crest, USGS Bayou Penchant Gage measures +4.0' (+3.0' NAVD88) or lower AND

The difference in water surface elevation between the Flood Side and Protected Side of Flood Gate is no greater than 1.0'



Initiate Opening of Bayou Chene Barge Gate under slack tide or ebb tide condition (Opening Time < 5 hours)

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OPERATION PLAN

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