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Flood Protection Authority Signs Over Pump Stations to St. Bernard Parish

New Orleans, LA – On Tuesday, June 29, 2021, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) officially signed over responsibility for internal pumping and draining of St. Bernard Parish over to St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG). This transfer, which begins July 1, 2021, follows the approval of a new millage of 8 mills, approximately \$3.28 million to support the takeover. The Parish will also receive a one-time pay out of approximately \$4.75 million from Lake Borne Levee Basin District (part of the FPA) to support the efforts of the Parish as they ramp up these operations.

Additionally, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority has committed \$4 million to major repairs of the pump stations which are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

The transfer includes all eight pump stations, five personnel, who will now be employed by SBPG and continue to operate the stations, along with various pieces of small and large equipment. Two additional FPA staff members will continue to support St. Bernard Parish in the manning and maintenance of the stations during the transitional period through December 2021.

The signing serves as the culmination of years of effort on the part of the Flood Protection Authority and St. Bernard Parish Government to complete this transition while preserving FPA's ability to properly maintain and manage the perimeter flood defense system in and around St. Bernard Parish.

Officials from both the Parish and FPA have worked diligently since the citizens of St. Bernard passed the millage back in May of 2021, allowing for the transfer of the pumps and canal drainage system. Both agencies are committed to a comprehensive transition and to continue working together to improve the flood protection for the people and businesses of St. Bernard Parish.

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