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MRPC 2015 Annual Meeting October 6-8, New Orleans, LA

Draft Agenda (8/26/15)

Tuesday, 10/6

4pm Board of Directors Meeting

6-8pm Registration

7-9pm Welcome reception

Wednesday, 10/7

8am - Noon General Session

Lunch

2-5pm Technical Committee Meetings

Thursday, 10/8

8a - 11am General Session and Reports

11:30am - 1:30pm - Pilot's Lunch Banquet

2-6pm Field Trip to St. Bernard Parish (Chalmette Battlefield, Islesnois Museum & Village, Hurricane Katrina Memorial)

6-8:00pm Evening Function at Louisiana State Museum in Jackson Square

General Session Speaker Topics Include:

The Water Campus along the Mississippi River

More than \$50 million has been committed by partners, including the State of Louisiana, for developing the first phase of what will be an international destination for leading minds in science, engineering and other specialties. Ultimately, The Water Campus will attract thousands of people, all working together in an effort to understand and better manage the complex relationship between water, land, and people around the world – beginning here at home in Louisiana.

The Great Wall of Louisiana

Looming 26 feet over the bayou, the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier stands as a concrete and steel sentinel against the rising and heaving ocean.

The 1.4-mile-long wall, also known as the IHNC barrier, protects vital commercial arteries and more than 350,000 people in New Orleans. An ambitious and expensive project built on soft soils and hard lessons, this Great Wall of Louisiana is a bulwark against once-in-a-century storms

Burnside Landing Overlook and Interpretive Center at the great bend in the Mississippi River.

The facility will interpret the history and influence of the Mississippi River

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on transportation, commerce, music and the folklife and folklore of river life. It will provide public services, MRT trailhead access and the facility will meet the growing demand for multi-modal byway travelers: tour buses, cyclists, horseback riders and passenger vehicles to enjoy river overlooks, special local events, and learn the preserved and told stories of romantic and perilous times navigating, steamboating and living on the Mississippi River

The Atchafalaya Water Heritage Trail

The Atchafalaya Water Heritage Trail will be a driving trail that explains the ANHA's (Atchafalaya National Heritage Area) water story by guiding visitors through a variety of significant natural, cultural and historical sites with the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area. It will be an interactive and interpretive experience that explains the connect between the water, land and people in this lower Mississippi River region.

The Impact of Nature on the art and artist of the lower Mississippi

Poverty Point

The Mississippi River Parkway Interpretive Center has been recently named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The time was eight centuries after Egyptian laborers dragged huge stones across the desert to build the Great Pyramids, and before the great Mayan pyramids were constructed. The place was a site in what is now northeastern Louisiana. The people were a sophisticated group who left behind one of the most important archaeological sites in North America.

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Master Plan

The CPRA is established as the single state entity with authority to articulate a clear statement of priorities and to focus development and implementation efforts to achieve comprehensive coastal protection for Louisiana.

Living with Hurricanes: Katrina and Beyond at the Louisiana State Museum--visit before dinner

This exhibit tells of rescue, rebuilding and renewal. When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans' badly engineered levee system, it resulted in one of the worst disasters in American history, leaving 80 percent of the city flooded and hundreds dead.

The exhibit through interactive exhibits and artifacts documents the event, the aftermath and southeast Louisiana's ongoing recovery

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