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CRCL Applauds Science-Based Approach in 2017 Draft Master Plan

Sediment diversions remain cornerstone of Master Plan

Baton Rouge, LA—January 3, 2017) Kimberly Davis Reyher, Executive Director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) released the following statement in response to the release of the 2017 Draft Coastal Master Plan by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA):

“Louisiana is unique in so many ways—its culture, its industry, its fisheries and its land loss crisis. But we are also unique, in that, since 2007 we have had a plan, based on the best available science, to direct our efforts to address this crisis. With today’s release of the draft 2017 Coastal Master Plan, we are heartened to see that harnessing the power of the Mississippi River to build land through sediment diversions is still the cornerstone of the master plan.

“We look forward to studying the draft plan more thoroughly. Early indications are that this third iteration of the master plan continues to build on the best available science to ensure that Louisiana can leverage available funds to make wise, urgent choices that will build land, slow erosion, buffer our coast against storms and protect infrastructure.

“CPRA has announced plans to break ground on the state’s first sediment diversion by 2020. It is critical that we meet that deadline and also pursue the other projects prioritized in this plan. This isn’t a choice for us. We have to do this sort of thing to be able to continue to live here safely.”

About CRCL:

Founded in 1988, The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana is the longest standing statewide organization driving bold drive bold, science-based action to rebuild Coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration and advocacy. With the support of members and volunteers, CRCL advocates for strong coastal policies and implements restoration projects across coastal Louisiana. Visit crcl.org.

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