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Need for Urgency Key Message at Coastal Day

CRCL Urges Swift Passage of the 2019 Annual Plan

(Baton Rouge – April 3, 2018) With the celebration of Coastal Day at the Legislature, Kimberly Davis Reyher, Executive Director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, released the following statement reflecting on the important work and responsibility facing our Legislators in the current legislative session.

“Coastal Day at the Capitol is a wonderful occasion for CRCL and the citizens of Louisiana to celebrate all that makes coastal Louisiana so unique. It is also an important opportunity to highlight the devastating effects that our land loss crisis has had on the people, economy and way of life of Louisiana. Our Legislators will soon be faced with what should be one of the easiest decisions of this session—to approve the [CPRA Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Plan](#). 2019 Annual Plan sets coastal spending priorities for the next fiscal year.

“CRCL delivered its [Legislative Platform](#) and Priorities to each member of the Legislature on March 12th, the first day of the 2018 Legislative session. In that document, CRCL asked the Legislature to focus on five important outcomes:

1. Protect and Increase CPRA Funding
2. Pass the 2019 Annual Plan
3. Continue to Press for Urgency on Large Scale Sediment Diversions
4. Explore Innovative Coastal Funding Mechanisms
5. Ensure Reasonable and Responsible Capacity

“We are confident that our elected officials understand that coastal Louisiana will continue to suffer dramatic land loss without urgent action. We often think of our disappearing coast as a slow-motion catastrophe, but we no longer have the luxury of a slow-motion response.

“We applaud all of our Legislators for their hard work and dedication to the people of Louisiana. We urge them to act swiftly and deliberately to pass the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Plan so that we can get to work saving the coast that we need and love so much.”

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 strong coastal policies and implements restoration projects across coastal Louisiana. Crcl.org.

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