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One Step Closer to Feeding our Starving Wetlands

CRCL Applauds Federal-State Cooperation, Bi-Partisan Support for Action on Mid-Barataria Diversion

(Baton Rouge – April 2, 2018) Earlier today, the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) and the [Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority](#) announced updates to the [timeline](#) on permitting the [Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion](#). The updates reflect a plan to accelerate the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement from 2022 to 2020. Additionally, the Army Corps now expects the issuance of decisions for Section 408 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and Clean Water Act Section 404 permits in 2020, an advancement of the timeline by two years.

In response, Kimberly Davis Reyher, Executive Director of the [Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana](#) (CRCL) released the following statement:

“This is all talk until there is a shovel in the ground, but we’re very pleased to see the bureaucratic process moving in the right direction. We appreciate the effort the federal agencies, the state, and our Congressional delegation have made in the past few months to come together to accelerate this crucial project.

“As we’ve been reminded just recently with the high water and the opening of the spillway that protects New Orleans, we live beside a mighty river. We have the muddy Mississippi and nearly 100-million tons of sediment at our disposal annually. The Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project will move sediment and water from the river to feed our starving wetlands. This project will be one of the most ambitious environmental restoration projects ever undertaken by our nation. It will provide protection and, also economic opportunity in our rapidly developing water industry sector.

“Scientists have been calling for large-scale sediment diversions for nearly 30 years. It’s well past time that we finally start construction. Now we’re on track to break ground before the end of 2020. We’d like to see this moving even faster, but we’re pleased that the timeline is shifting in the right direction.”

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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