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State and Federal Agencies Sign Agreement to Ramp up Permitting for Diversions

One step closer to the coastal restoration we need

(Baton Rouge – Jan. 26, 2018) Earlier today, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards announced the issuance of a memorandum of understanding between the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and other state and federal agencies to collaborate on permitting for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion under the guidance of Trump Executive Order 13807. Located in Plaquemines Parish, the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion is a Louisiana Coastal Master Plan project that would direct sediment, freshwater and nutrients from the Mississippi River into nearby wetlands to build and maintain land in Louisiana’s Barataria Basin.

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

“We applaud Governor Edwards and the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority for working diligently with the federal government to meet the ambitious construction timeline of breaking ground on the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion by 2020. Today’s agreement will hopefully make that goal a reality.”

“We live on a sinking river delta and the water is rising around us. We need to do this now. The best available science says harnessing the power of the Mississippi River through the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion is the most effective way to rebuild land along Louisiana’s disappearing coast.

“CRCL called for construction of sediment diversions nearly 30 years ago in our report “[Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?](#)” We’re pleased with this step. But there are still many more between where we are now and construction of the project. It is critical that we keep this moving forward.”

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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