

State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority 11/30/2016 Contact: Chuck Perrodin Public Information Director (o) 225-342-7615

Public Hearings Being Held on CPRA's 2017 DRAFT Coastal Master Plan and the Fiscal Year 2018 DRAFT Annual Plan

In accordance with Louisiana Legislative Act 8 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2005, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority was created to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive protection and restoration Master Plan for Louisiana. It is also mandated that CPRA provide an update to the Master Plan every five years, to take maximum advantage of new science, innovation, and lessons learned.

CPRA is also required to update their Annual Plan, to showcase near-term projects and budget allocations forecasted over the next three fiscal years.

As part of the Master Plan and Annual Plan process, CPRA has scheduled four public meetings to take comment on both Draft Plans. Public comment and feedback will be accepted until March 26, 2017.

The schedule for public hearings is as follows:

Lake Charles January 17, 2017 Lake Charles Civic Center Jean Lafitte Room 900 Lakeshore Drive

New Orleans

January 18, 2017 Port of New Orleans Auditorium 1350 Port of New Orleans Place Houma January 24, 2017 Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center Pelican Room 346 Civic Center Boulevard

Mandeville January 25, 2017 David C. Treen Instructional Technology Center -Conference Center 2024 Livingston Street All four public meetings will include:

- **3:30–5:30 p.m.** Open house with information about both the Coastal Master Plan and Annual Plan;
- **5:30–7:30 p.m.** Presentation on the 2017 Coastal Master Plan and public comment session followed by presentation on the FY 2018 DRAFT Annual Plan and public comment session.

2017 Coastal Master Plan– As part of the process to update Coastal Master Plan, the Coastal Protection and Authority is taking public comment on the 2017 draft of the 50 year plan to protect and restore Louisiana's coast. CPRA will present the state's most up-to-date information on future land change and flood risk, as well as the best investments the state can make to create a more sustainable coast now and in the future. Feedback will be used in the development of the final master plan. *For more information on the 2017 DRAFT Coastal Master Plan, please visit* http://coastal.la.gov/2017 or contact *masterplan@la.gov*.

FY 2018 Annual Plan— The meetings will also provide an opportunity to comment on CPRA's Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Annual Plan. This annual spending plan provides more information about near-term projects, anticipated revenue sources, and expected funding allocations over the next three years. *For more information on the FY 2018 DRAFT Annual Plan, please visit* <u>http://coastal.la.gov/a-common-vision/annualplan/</u> *or contact chuck.perrodin@la.gov*.

We want to hear from you!

- Feedback is encouraged in person and all comments at the public hearings will be recorded by a court reporter. Participants may also submit written comments during the meetings.
- If, because of a disability, you require special assistance to participate, please contact the CPRA Administrative Assistant, at P.O. Box 44027, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4027 or by telephone at (225) 342-7308, at least five working days prior to the hearing.
- If you can't make the events, email the master plan team at <u>masterplan@la.gov</u>; or email <u>chuck.perrodin@la.gov</u> with comments pertaining to the annual plan.
- If you prefer mail, please send written comments to: Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority, c/o Chuck Perrodin, P.O. Box 44027, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4027; letters must be mailed to arrive no later than March 26, 2017.
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