Louisiana Trip (Tenative) v6
Objectives of trip: SE Louisiana Freshwater diversions and marsh creation and to meet with: OCPR (Garret Graves), NGOs, Federal partners, Parish Presidents and Mayor of New Orleans

January 3
Depart DC for New Orleans
DCA to MSY Depart 11:40 am Arrive 1:36 pm

Driving tour of New Orleans (1.5 to 2 hours)
Lower Ninth Ward (including Bayou Bienvenue), Gentilly, Lakeview… The purpose would be to discuss Katrina, rebuilding efforts, levee status, and resilient climate-ready development. (JHH, John E, Bill Honker, Clay)

Stay in New Orleans (DoubleTree, New Orleans Airport)

January 4
Site Visit Lake Bourne Surge Barrier
Corps led tour of the Lake Bourne Surge Barrier. Leave from N.O. in a Corps van at 9:00 am. The tour takes about three hours in total. (In previous tours, the Corps started with a brief indoor briefing of the project, which is useful.) The tour will not be by boat. Instead, we will drive to where the surge barrier connects with the so-called "Chalmette Loop" levee. This will allow us to actually walk out on the cantilevered road atop the surge barrier, from which we will see MRGO and the Chalmette Loop (which itself is a quite impressive 32-foot wall and levee combo).
Colonel Sinkler, who heads the levee work, will join us.

We will then return to N.O., where we can hook up with Paul, grab a bite to eat, then head out for the Bayou Dupont tour

Site Visit to Bayou Dupont Marsh Creation project (2-3 hours)
Objective – marsh creation (John H, Bill Honker, John E, Clay)

Dinner meeting (New Orleans) **with CWPPRA Task Force representatives** (1-2 hours) 6:30/7:00 pm: Goal would be to show the strong interagency partnerships and highlight the CWPPRA model.

Stay in New Orleans (DoubleTree, New Orleans Airport)

January 5
9:00 am to 11:00 am - Meeting with City of New Orleans, Parish Presidents (Plaquemines, Jefferson, Orleans, St Bernard, Terrebonne, Lafourche) (1-2 hours) (meeting in New Orleans)

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Coastal Louisiana Science Briefing
Venue: University of New Orleans, Lindy Boggs Conference Center, 2045 Lakeshore Drive.

Presentations:
1. Dr. Robert Twilley - overview of deltaic processes, causes of coastal collapse

2. Dr. Denise Reed – overview of restoration approaches and alternative views

3. Dr. John Day – perspectives on river diversions

4. Dr. Ed Overton – impacts of oil spill as they relate to broader coastal crisis

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm - Meeting with Environmental NGOs, Scientists, and Others Venue: University of New Orleans, Lindy Boggs Conference enter

Dinner meeting (New Orleans) – King Milling (Governor's Advisory Commission, Chair), Anne Milling, Jim Tripp, Paul Harrison, Alan Front

Stay in New Orleans (DoubleTree, Canal Street)

January 6
Governor's Advisory Commission Meeting (Public Hearing) on Coastal Protection, restoration and Conservation (New Orleans)

Meeting with Advisory Commissioners (1/2 – 1 hr)

Over-flight of coast (2 hours) **Louisiana OCPR organized**
Leaving from Baton Rouge area, coverings sights such as Bayou Bienvenue/Central Wetlands, MRGO, Lake Borgne Surge Barrier, Caernarvon Diversion, Myrtle Grove, Bayou Dupont, MS Delta, Barataria Barrier Islands, Grand Isle, Port Fourchon, Bayou Lafourche Ridge, central Barataria Basin, Davis Pond Diversion, cypress/bottomland hardwood logging issues … (John H, Bill Honker, John E, Clay)

Dinner meeting – select small group of NGO's (6-8) 7:30 pm

Stay in New Orleans (DoubleTree, Canal Street)

January 7
10 am -12 noon - Meeting(s) with fishing industry, navigation, oil and gas…groups that make their living on the coastal resources.
Venue: Madewood room on the Nicholls State University campus near the Student Union

JHH Depart New Orleans for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
MSY to FLL -- Depart 6:30 pm Arrive 9:15 pm