

## Sunday, December 2

*Introduction, Skills Training on Corps Legislation, Protecting Wetlands and Making the Network Work For You*

### Noon – 12:30 Welcome and Overview

- **Cyn Sarthou**, Gulf Restoration Network, CRN Steering Committee Member
- **Melissa Samet**, American Rivers, CRN Co-Chair

### 12:30 – 1:45 Concurrent Workshops (Choose One to Attend)

#### *Water Resources Development Act*

- **On the Ground Impacts of Corps Reforms Passed in WRDA**  
David Conrad, National Wildlife Federation
- **Current Pitfalls of Independent Project Review**  
Robert Stearns, Independent Economic Consultant
- **The WRDA Process, Appropriations and Prioritization**  
Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense

#### *Clean Water Act Section 404 Permits and Mitigation Skills Training*

- **Enhancing Your Comments on 404 Permit Applications**  
Matt Rota and Jeff Grimes, Gulf Restoration Network
- **Citizen Enforcement of 404 Mitigation**  
Barry Sulkin, Environmental Consultant

### 1:45 – 2:00 Break

### 2:00 – 3:15 Concurrent Workshops (Choose One to Attend)

#### *Clean Water Restoration Act (CWRA)*

- **How to Determine if Your Waters Lost Federal Protection and Winning Strategies to Pass CWRA**  
Joan Mulhern, Earthjustice and Melissa Samet, American Rivers

#### *Making the Corps Reform Network Work for You*

- **What it Means to be Part of a Network**  
Brad Webb, Institute for Conservation Leadership

### 3:15 – 3:30 Break

### 3:30 – 4:30 A View From the Hill

- Kelly Reed, Office of Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI)

### 4:30 – 5:30 Global Warming and the Corps

- Susan Kaderka, National Wildlife Federation

## Monday, December 3

*Protecting Communities by Reforming the Corps and MRGO Presentations, Swamp Boat-Tour and Reception*

### 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Overview

- **Cyn Sarthou**, Gulf Restoration Network

### 9:15 – 10:30 Panel Discussion: How Protected is New Orleans Two Years After Hurricane Katrina?

- **Ivor van Heerden**, Deputy Director, LSU Hurricane Center, Director, Center for the Study of Public Health Impacts of Hurricanes.
- **Mark Davis**, Director, Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy
- **Pamela Dashiell**, Chairman of the Board, Holy Cross Neighborhood Association

### 10:30 – 10:45 Break

### 10:45 – 12:00 Panel Discussion: MRGO - Reform Lessons From A Devastating Corps Project

- **Carlton Dufrechou**, Executive Director, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
- **Dr. Hassan Mashriqui**, Assistant Extension Professor - Coastal Engineering, LSU Agricultural Center
- **Melissa Samet**, American Rivers, Co-Chair, Corps Reform Network

### 12:30 – 5:00 Swamp Tour (Lunch on the Bus)

- **Field Trip to Honey Island** - one of the wildest swamps in America with a professional wetlands ecologist to narrate through Cypress and rare Tupelo Gum trees.

### 6:00 – 7:30 Reception at Hotel Sponsored by The McKnight Foundation

- **Don Davis**, Louisiana State University – Presentation on History of New Orleans, Wetlands and the Delta

## Tuesday, December 4

*Bus Tour of Hurricane Katrina's Impacts, Press Conference Against Widening the Industrial Canal, Key Note Speaker Major General Don Riley, Chief of Civil Works and New Directions for the CRN*

### 8:30 – 10:30 Bus Tour of Hurricane Katrina Impacts New Orleans, Lower 9<sup>th</sup> and Bayou Restoration

### 11:00 - 12:00 Press Conference at Industrial Canal and Lock

- **Citizens Against Widening the Industrial Canal** in Solidarity with the Corps Reform Network to Release: “*Failure to Hold Water – Economics of the New Lock Project for the Industrial Canal*”

### 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch at Hotel

### 1:30 – 2:30 Key Note Speaker and Q&A

- **Major General Don Riley**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Director of Civil Works – Will be taking questions from CRN Members

### 2:30 – 3:00 New Directions for the Corps Reform Network Discussion

- An open discussion of future paths for the CRN, to direct the Network's upcoming strategic planning efforts

### 3:00 Adjourn