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**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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\*\*\*\*Please note that due to the ongoing nature of the current COVID-19 environment, this month's meeting will be held virtually.\*\*\*\*

Dear SAME teammates,

These are exciting times for Louisiana, the Corps of Engineers, and our many partners in engineering, design, and construction as we look at a massive influx of federal investment through the Army Corps of Engineers in projects all across south Louisiana. The New Orleans District is looking at an increase of approximately \$2.6B more in projects and studies – about its current program of about the same amount – due to the Hurricane Ida Supplemental Bill and the IJA infrastructure Act. Additionally, an FY22 work plan is a real possibility, which could further increase our program by several hundreds of millions of dollars of investment, and keep in mind that FY23 is knocking on the door. All of this to say, this massive investment represents a Golden Age of opportunity for many, but especially SAME as our members and their firms' talents, skills, and experiences can contribute to the successful delivery of this work. With such a massive influx of work nationwide, not to mention the continued supply chain challenges and continued recovery from COVID, our partnerships and relationships will be that much more valuable than ever before.

In order that our members understand the opportunities out there, for last month's meeting we had the USACE New Orleans District's Civilian Deputy, Mr. Mark Wingate, present on what the federal opportunities through USACE will be. This month (for March) we are honored to have Chip Kline, the Chairman of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (CPRAB) presenting information on opportunities available through the State, the hundreds of millions of dollars in coastal restoration and protection work that the State of Louisiana is planning towards. Our hope is that after last month and this month, that you and your firms have a better understanding for the Federal (USACE) and State (CPRA) opportunities that are available out there.

Here at the Corps of Engineers New Orleans District we have industry days scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> (Virtual Industry Day) and May 25<sup>th</sup> (Small Business Virtual Industry Day) and are scheduling a third one for some time between September and December. I am also planning to host several monthly SAME luncheon meetings here in the District over the year to help foster improved communications and collaboration on the many opportunities out there. These are some exciting times for the engineering, A/E, environmental, and construction communities in Louisiana given all the federal and state investment.

I hope to see you online and then eventually face to face, sooner rather than later, as it does appear that COVID numbers are dropping across the State.

All the best and hope to see you online.

Sincerely,

COL Murphy

#### **HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION**

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We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS**

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**LOUISIANA POST MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022**

**VIRTUAL SOCIAL – 11:45 A.M.**

**POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:**

<https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?MTID=mdef55e4d8bd74767b595c4f7f6c6d18e>

**Meeting Number (Access Code) – 2761 928 9170**

**Meeting Password - F3yG7YYus?3**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**CHIP KLINE, DIRECTOR OF COASTAL ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; CHAIRMAN, LOUISIANA  
COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD**

**TOPIC:**

**UPDATE ON LA CPRA FUNDING & PROJECTS**

**THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH**

**DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.**

## SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

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### **Chip Kline**

Director of Coastal Activities for the State of Louisiana

Chairman, Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board



Chip Kline has served as Chairman of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) Board and the Director of Coastal Activities for the State of Louisiana since 2018. Kline oversees policy initiatives related to Louisiana's coastal program and manages the day-to-day operations of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities. In this position, he is responsible for integrating the functions of all state agencies as they relate to coastal protection and has been integral in advancing the objectives of the State's Coastal Master Plan in Louisiana and Washington, D.C.

He works closely alongside Louisiana's Congressional delegation and the Louisiana Legislature to advance policies supportive of Louisiana's coast. Kline has successfully negotiated policy initiatives related to permits for hurricane protection and coastal restoration projects; issues regarding the engineering, design and implementation of the mid-basin sediment diversions; strategy and negotiations related to the RESTORE Act; efforts to increase the Federal revenues coming to Louisiana through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act; and the successful passage of CPRA's Master and Annual Plans and other legislation through the Louisiana State Legislature.

Kline represents Governor John Bel Edwards on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation, the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board, and the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council. He is married to Emily May Kline, father to Sydney and Henry, and is an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.