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Citizens,

If anything should make us proud of the success of the levee board reform and consolidation efforts by Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, it is the great work and accomplishments of the 2 boards — the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authorities East and West.

These two boards are comprised of technically qualified, non-politically appointed members who understand and challenge, if necessary, the projects the corps designs and builds — bringing a check and balance to these projects, as well as further flood protection to our citizens in Southeast Louisiana. ***The single focus of these two mirror boards is flood protection for our citizens.***

Below is the testimony John Barry gave in Washington, D.C. this week. As a board member of the S.E. LA Flood Protection Authority - East and the LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, John has been a tireless advocate on behalf of all citizens of coastal Louisiana!

I thought you would like to read his testimony and share it with others!

Ruthie Frierson

Founder and Chair
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THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST LAKE BORGNE BASIN, ORLEANS AND EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICTS



"REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR FLOOD PROTECTION AND COASTAL RESTORATION"



**Southeast LA Flood Protection Authority - East
Commissioner John M. Barry Testifies
Before Oil Spill Commission**

News Release September 28, 2010

Washington, D.C. - Today, at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (SLFPA-E) Commissioner and best-selling author of the book "Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America" John M. Barry testified before the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

Barry addressed the Commission in his capacity as a member of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. His testimony discussed the circumstances that have lead to the erosion of the Louisiana coast and provided possible solutions for long-term coastal restoration, including an intergovernmental group to address coastal issues.

(To view this testimony live between 8:10 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. CST, 9:10 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. EST, click [here](#))

"Identifying a few specific things which need to be done is the easy part," Barry said. "The harder part is to devise a governance structure that can accomplish the goal, that can restore as much of the coast as can be restored, and to get the money for it."

(For a full text version of these remarks, click [here](#))

Other presenters at today's meeting include U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour and Louisiana Lt. Governor Scott Angelle. The Oil Spill Commission is holding the meeting to hear presentations and statements from various experts related to the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on the Gulf.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Barry was chosen by the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to chair a bipartisan working group on flood control. Appointed in 2007 and reappointed in 2009, he serves on the Board of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and is a member of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana. He has appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press*, *PBS NewsHour* and NPR's *All Things Considered*, foreign media such as the BBC and Al Jazeera, and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Fortune Magazine*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Esquire*.

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The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (SLFPA-E), under the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana, was established by the Louisiana State Legislature following Hurricane Katrina as the regional governmental body responsible for a restored, strengthened and enhanced multi-parish integrated hurricane and flood protection system.

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