

TUWaterWays

Water News and More from the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy
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Hurricane Matthew: What You Can Do

Hurricane Matthew has moved back to sea but it is far from over for the people in [Haiti, Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas](#). As the news cycle moves on it is easy to forget that the tragedy is still unfolding and that for many in the affected areas, the worst is still to come. If you would like to help you can. Here are [some options](#).

The Theory of Relativity Updated: Progress—Or Not—on Iowa's Water Clean Up

When it's your job to promote farming in Iowa you have an important job. When your job is to help reduce farm based water pollution you have a hard job. If you are the Secretary of Agriculture in Iowa (which Bill Northey is) you have both jobs. That makes life interesting because of the increasingly sharp divide between the City of Des Moines's water utility and the farm sector over who should bear the burden of removing nutrients from the City's water supply. Sec. Northey sees "[exciting progress](#)" on a state wide nutrient reduction strategy but acknowledges that there are conflicts over just how it should be paid for. On the other hand, the folks at the Des Moines Water Works who currently have to pay to remove nutrients from the water it delivers to its customers are distinctly [less excited](#), seeing a general fuzziness and lack of accountability in the state's water clean-up efforts. Apparently what constitutes progress and excitement is a relative to whether you are on the producing or receiving end—an observation we expect the Nobel Prize folks to take note of, [finally](#).

Reminder: The Best Darned Takings Conference Around—November 4 at Tulane Law School

Yes, we stumped for this conference last week, but because it really is worth attending (and because we are hosting it along with Vermont Law School) we are going to keep doing it. If you want know more about "takings law" and how it fits with land use and environmental programs, thanks to the [19th Annual Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations](#) you can. The conference, coordinated by Vermont Law School and hosted by Tulane Law School, is a must-attend event for governmental lawyers, practitioners, scholars and advocates

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The Institute is dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation and understanding of the vital role that water plays in our society and of the importance of the legal and policy framework that shapes the uses and stewardship of water.

Coming up:

[Anba Dlo Water Symposium](#)

New Orleans, LA

October 13, 2016

[Anba Dlo Halloween Festival](#)

New Orleans, LA

October 15, 2016

[CPEX 2016 Louisiana Smart Growth Summit](#)

Baton Rouge, LA

November 1-2, 2016

[The 19th Annual Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations](#)

New Orleans, LA

November 4, 2016

[RAE/The Coastal Society Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration](#)

New Orleans, LA

December 10-15, 2016

Water jobs:

[Water Program Senior Research Associate](#)

The Pacific Institute

Oakland, CA

[Executive Director](#)

Galveston Baykeeper

Houston, TX

[Energy and Climate Program Director](#)

Coastal Conservation League

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who work in the environmental and land use areas. It will also make you the envy of everyone at the family Thanksgiving table. Don't miss it.

Tour de Teche: [This Ain't No Party, This Ain't No Disco, This Ain't No Fooling Around](#)

It sure wasn't for James Short and Dylan McHardy, who took the top spot in the [2016 Tour de Teche](#) kayak/canoe race along the 135 mile course of Bayou Teche in south Louisiana. The race is part of a [series of paddling races](#) spanning the year that challenge paddlers at various age and skill levels. Now in its 5th year, the races are part of an effort to bring attention and use back to [Bayou Teche](#), a water way that once played a far greater economic and strategic role than it does now.

The Future of British Sea Power

[Lord Nelson and Trafalgar](#), names of a man and a place that embody England's [historic claim to sea power](#) the same way that Shorrock and Swansea promise to herald England's (or perhaps Wales') future claim. Who? What? Really? Maybe not, but [Mark Shorrock, CEO of Tidal Power Lagoon](#), has big plans to turn the Swansea estuary into an important producer of green energy by building a tidal barrier that contains turbines that will use the tides to generate hydropower. According to [press reports](#), the project (a prototype actually) could be greenlighted for construction soon. With the push away from fossil fuels gaining steam ideas like this will have appeal they might not have a short while ago. That is not to say they are easy or sure bets. Building walls in estuaries has a troublesome tendency to impact fisheries and shift water from one place to another not to mention the basic engineering challenges. But if the project team has really figured out ([as the artist's rendering suggests](#)) how to get parents and small kids to gleefully walk nearly endless distances on an exposed causeway to a visitor's center then the rest of it should be easy as pie. [Lord Nelson](#) would be proud.

Will You Anba Dlo on October 13 and 15?

Now entering its ninth year, the [Anba Dlo festival](#) at the New Orleans healing center is a unique community festival that celebrates the artistic and cultural heritage of the crescent city. Anba Dlo (pronounced Ahn-BAH-dlo) is Haitian Kreyol for "beneath the waters." The name alludes not just to the tragic aspects of the city's history with water, but also to cultural links running beneath the waters around us, connecting the city to the vast Mississippi valley, the Caribbean, Africa, and beyond.

Included in the program this year is a [Water Symposium](#) on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 PM. The Water Symposium brings together a group of scientists, policymakers, educators, and even this Institute's director, Mark Davis, to discuss the future of water in New Orleans and coastal Louisiana. After the discussion, stick around for a community pot luck dinner (and [bring a dish!](#)).

Audubon Louisiana Seeking [New Executive Director](#)

Birders know that Louisiana sits at the convergence of the Mississippi Flyway and the Gulf Coast and has great and varied bird life, but they also know that Louisiana's bird life is hugely dependent on the state's water and coastal management. Therefore, it only makes sense for Audubon Louisiana's next Executive Director to be a TUWaterWays reader!