MVD Planning Conference Bullets for Col. Peter Rowan October 20, 2003

Welcome to New Orleans. (Unfortunately planned in a flood zone by Bienville, but the Corps careful planning has taken care of flood problems. HaHa, funny? no? delete!)

Planning is important to any organization; important to the Corps.

What's being said today is important; about 30 of our planners in attendance from the district today. New planners, journeyman planners in attendance as training exercise (Steve Cobb's vision for the conference.)

Importance of planning to our customers factors into 2012; responsibility to our customers, partners and stakeholders who have expressed concern on the Corps process. Impetus to streamline planning process.

2012 reorganization initiative to help support division and HQ (operating costs have remained constant)

Near future direction to regional planning centers within MVD, dovetails into 2012. Will have a plan in January 04 on how to accomplish this.

National center for ecosystem restoration located in MVD; fortuitous for MVN and the LCA study.

MISC: Ed Theriot will cover the agenda and might possibly run the meeting if he stays the entire day.