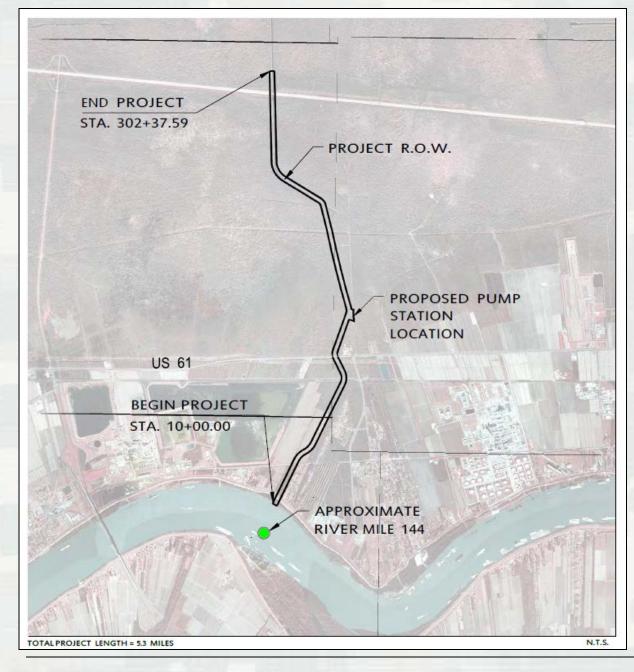
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Martin Mayer September 25, 2014



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# Project Plan View

Mississippi River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp



# Louisiana Coastal Protection Authority (CPRA): MVN-2013-1561-CQ

# Mississippi River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp (PO-29)

 Proposed Project: Construct three 10'x10' concrete box culverts and a 5.5-mile conveyance channel to divert up to 5000 cfs freshwater to Maurepas Swamp.

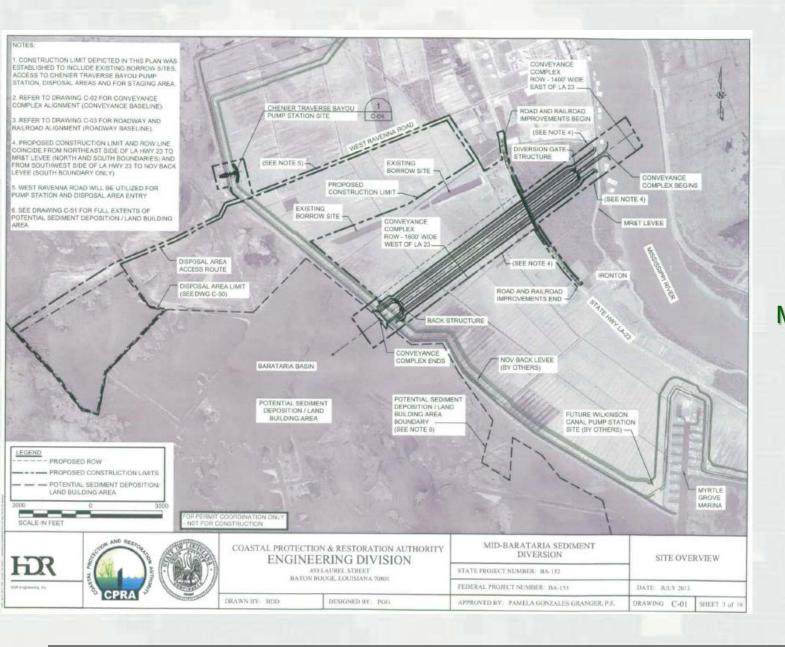
# Project Evaluation Milestones

- ▶ Application complete on August 14, 2013; 30-day JPN issued August 26, 2013.
- ► Comments received from: USFWS, EPA, LDWF, NMFS, USCG, Entergy LA, MNSA, NGOs.
- Comments forwarded to applicant on October 29, 2013.
- Applicant provides large data package December 11, 2013; JPN comments not addressed.
- ▶ MVN completed EA May 21, 2014; concluded EIS required due to:
  - potential significant impacts on MR&T,
  - potential significant impacts public safety (FPS/hurricane evacuation routes),
  - ecosystem changes Pontchartrain Basin dynamics (HSDRRS/WSLP).
- ► Applicant informed MVN on August 22, 2014, it will not fund Third Party Contractor for EIS.

#### Status

- ▶ Publication of NOI in Federal Register pending.
- Resolution of Third Party Contractor issue pending.





# Project Plan View Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion



# Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration(OCPR): MVN-2012-02806-ETT Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion

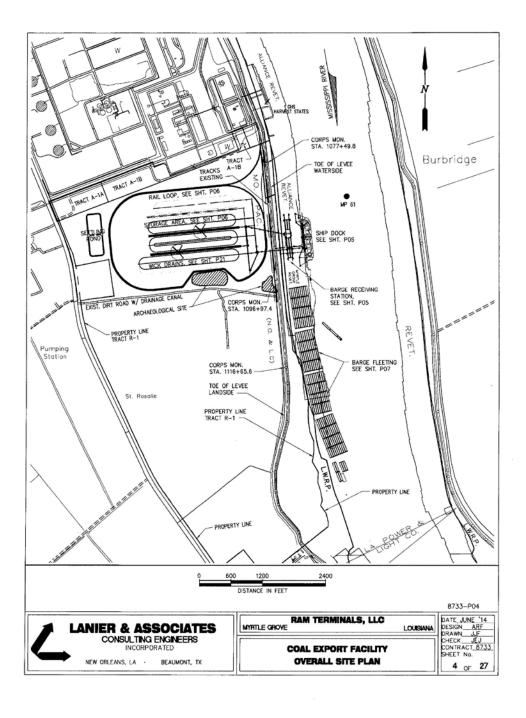
 Proposed Project: Construct a conveyance complex w/gated diversion structure and concrete channel approximately 2 miles long to divert up to 75,000 cfs of sediment-laden flow for land-building in Barataria Basin.

# Project Evaluation Milestones

- ► Application complete August 13, 2013.
- ► Significance determination issued August 28, 2013.
- ▶ Notice of Intent to prepare EIS published in Federal Register October 4, 2013.
- ► MVN provided applicant information/documentation to support preparation of an EIS (draft SOW, SOR, etc.) on February 4, 2014.

#### Status

- ▶ MVN and OCPR continue discussions to fine-tune language of documents.
- ► Applicant to submit list of qualified Third Party Contractors available for EIS preparation.
- ▶ Upon selection of the TPC by MVN, scoping process will be initiated.



# Project Plan View

RAM Terminals, LLC Coal Export Facility



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# RAM Terminals, LLC MVN-2012-0123-EPP Coal Export Facility

# Description

► Clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill to construct an approximately 200-acre coal export facility including: coal storage, terminal, barge fleeting and rail access.

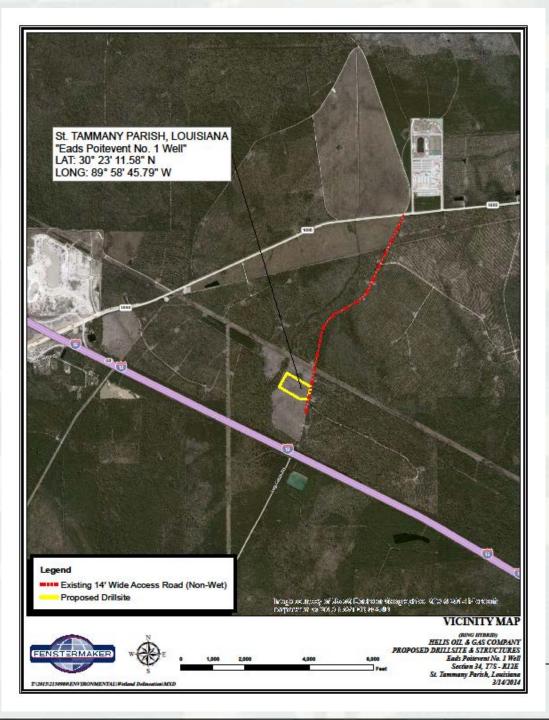
# Project Evaluation Milestones

- ▶ March 12, 2012: Received application.
- ▶ April 16, 2012: Posted project on Public Notice for 30 days.
- ▶ September 2012: Internal coordination completed.
- ► September 11, 2013: Issuance of CUP.
- December 20, 2013: Issuance of WQC.
  - Verified Air and LPDES permits received.
- ► August 7, 2014: Received revised permit application (reduction of wetland impacts to 3.7 acres).
- ► September 11, 2014: Received receipt of mitigation credits purchased.

#### Status

► Finalizing Decision Document.





# Proposed Project Site

Helis Oil & Gas Co. Exploratory Well Pad



# Helis Oil & Gas Company, L.L.C. MVN-2013-02952-ETT Oil & Gas Exploration In St. Tammany Parish

Project Description: Clear, excavate and deposit fill for a road upgrade and 3.2-acre drill site to install a single vertical well for the purpose of collecting data from the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale Play to assess site viability for fossil fuel production.

# Project Evaluation Milestones

- ▶ March 28, 2014: Application for a 10.35-acre HF production well complete.
- ► April 14, 2014: Posted project on Joint Public Notice for 20 days.
- ▶ May 26, 2014: JPN extended to June 16, 2014 (63-day total comment period).
- ▶ July 29, 2014: Geological Review meeting. Based on information presented, LGS recommended site viability is first assessed via data collection from a vertical well on a reduced pad; agency concurrence is unanimous.
- ➤ September 10, 2014: MVN received revised application proposing to install a single vertical well for the purpose of collecting data to determine site viability for fossil fuel production. The revised plan proposes direct impacts to ± 3.13 acres of wetlands managed for pine production.

#### Status

- ► Revised application incomplete, pending information clarification.
- ► A JPN will be published when application is deemed complete.

