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**Great Water Cities continue to work together – learning from each other, sharing innovative solutions, and collaborating for a more resilient future.**

The Great Water Cities Summit 2015: Collaborating for a Resilient Future on July 21 and 22, 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana, will propel forward the discussion on how the water sector is collaborating, managing water in extreme conditions, addressing workforce development and economic challenges, and continuing to foster innovation and investment.

Hosted by the Water Environment Federation, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, and Greater New Orleans, Inc. this event brings together leaders and practitioners in the water sector to exchange ideas and lessons learned on how to embrace the future of water management with a sharpened focus on resilience. The Summit is the latest in a series of dialogues to examine the case studies and elicit discussion that can distil lessons learned from leading cities and potentially change the agenda for other great water cities facing similar challenges.

*(Panel IV cont'd)*

**Facilitated by:**

Mike Eckert | Chairman, Propeller Water Accelerator-NO/LA Angel Network

**Panelists:**

Ernest Jolly | Energy Chief, DC Water

Andrew Richardson | CEO, Greeley & Hansen

Sue Schneider | CEO, Spartanburg Water

Martin Vilhelmsen | Project Manager, RAMBOLL

**3:00-3:15 pm**

**Break**

**3:15-4:00 pm**

*Room #213 Kendall Cram Lecture Hall*

**Panel VI – Katrina+10 and beyond: How will we be measuring progress?**

**Facilitated by:**

Robin Barnes | Executive Vice President and COO, Greater New Orleans Inc.

**Panelists:**

Claire Anderson | Project Co-Director of Ripple Effect

Ginny Hanusik | Water Program Coordinator, Propeller Water Accelerator

**4:00 pm**

*Room #213 Kendall Cram Lecture Hall*

**Next Steps**

Eileen O'Neill | Executive Director, Water Environment Association

Michael Arceneaux | Deputy Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan Water

**4:15-5:30 pm**

*Room #212 Qatar Ballroom*

**Continued Networking and Discussion Time**

**1:30-2:10 pm***Room #213 Kendall Cram Lecture Hall***Panel III – Workforce Development & Economics**

Great Water Cities are increasingly focused on internal workforce and external community economic needs. Resilience planning causes communities to think about broader needs of their communities and how to inspire a more engaged workforce focused on continuous improvement and excellence. Great Water Cities deploy innovative recruitment and training programs while working with their communities and addressing more basic needs as part of their operational planning.

**Facilitated by:**

Ashleigh Gardere | Sr. Advisor to the Mayor, City of New Orleans

**Panelists:**

Karen Pallansch | CEO, Alexandria Renew Enterprises

Joanie Mahoney | County Executive, Onondaga County

Michael Ruffin | Program Manager, The Network for Economic Opportunity

Ted Henifin | General Manager, HRSD

**2:15-3:00 pm***Room #213 Kendall Cram Lecture Hall***Panel IV – Innovation and Investment**

Great Water Cities use innovation and investment to build more resilient communities. These cities prepare for the future through substantial investments in grey and green infrastructure, innovative technologies, and other capital projects. This panel focuses on how Great Water Cities make decisions about partnerships while optimizing their investments. Hear how innovation in other countries can help build our body of knowledge and improve our ability to leverage resources.

<b>8:30-8:45 am</b> <i>Room #213 Lecture Hall</i>	<b>Event Welcome from Ed McCormick &amp; Cedric Grant</b>
<b>8:45-10:00 am</b> <i>Room #213 Lecture Hall</i>	<b>Panel I – Utility / Utility Collaboration</b>
<b>10:00-11:15 am</b> <i>Room #212 Ballroom</i>	<b>Coffee and Structured Roundtable Discussions</b>
<b>11:15 am-12:00 pm</b> <i>Room #213 Lecture Hall</i>	<b>Panel II – Managing Water in Extremes</b>
<b>12:00-1:15 pm</b> <i>Room #212 Ballroom</i>	<b>Luncheon Speaker Kyle Graham</b>
<b>1:15-1:30 pm</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>1:30-2:10 pm</b> <i>Room #213 Lecture Hall</i>	<b>Panel III – Workforce Development &amp; Economics</b>
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<b>4:15-5:30 pm</b> <i>Room #212 Ballroom</i>	<b>Continued Networking and Discussion Time</b>

**8:30-8:45 am**

*Room #213 Kendall Cram Lecture Hall*

**Event Welcome**

Ed McCormick | Water Environment Federation President

Cedric Grant | Executive Director, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

**8:45-10:00 am**

*Room #213 Kendall Cram Lecture Hall*

**Panel I – Utility / Utility Collaboration**

Great Water Cities collaborate with each other and learn best practices that are adaptable and resilient. Innovative communities will share key actions they have adopted that helped them integrate, innovate, and optimize their operations. This panel discusses specific approaches they implemented that helped make a difference in their water operations.

**Facilitated by:**

Lynn Broaddus | President, Broadview Collaborative

**Panelists:**

Barry Gullet | Director, Charlotte Water

Scott Haskins | Sr. Vice President & Director of Strategic Consulting, CH2M

Tony Parrot | Executive Director, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati

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*Room #212 Qatar Ballroom*

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**Panel II – Managing Water in Extremes**

Great Water Cities are managing their operations under extreme events. Resilient communities are facing drought, floods, sea level rise and other challenges while maintaining service and continuing to protect water quality and the environment. These extreme events are challenging resources, but are also leading to innovation, creativity and new approaches to managing water needs in affected communities.

**Facilitated by:**

Julie Minton | Director of Research Programs, WaterReuse

**Panelists:**

Adel Hagekalil | Assistant Director, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

Vincent Sapienza | Deputy Commissioner, NYCDEP

David Waggonner | President, Waggonner & Ball Architects

Doug Yoder | Deputy Director, Miami Dade Water & Sewer

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*Room #212 Qatar Ballroom*

**Luncheon Speaker**

**Kyle Graham**

Executive Director, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

**1:15-1:30 pm**

**Break**