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Water News and More from the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy

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A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats...

But, it can also flood lots of docks, roads, land, homes, and estuarine habitat. With sea levels on the rise and projected to keep rising, the time to make plans for that is nigh. That certainly is the conclusion of a new [report](#) from California's Legislative Auditor. Faced with the possible inundation of \$8-10 billion of land and tidal flooding of an additional \$6-\$10 billion of property by 2050, the Auditor is calling attention to the fact that the impacts on life, business, and tax bases will radiate throughout the state. For example, in the San Francisco Bay area alone, sea level rise is projected to bring daily flooding to 28,000 socially vulnerable residents. The year 2050 may seem like a long way off, but it really isn't. It is now within the window of a 30-year mortgage, so it does not require much imagination to see how the alerts like the Auditor's might catch the attention of lenders. Indeed, it probably is the Auditor's hope that it does. If Bette Davis [said it once](#), she said it, well, once....

The Webinar You Have Been Waiting For?

Could fans' dreams of a [One Direction reunion](#) be coming true? Did the four lads (sans Zayn) have to adopt a pseudonym to end run the lawyers and music industry honchos so they could perform once again for their long-suffering fans? Probably not, but if there is any chance that they now call themselves the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group (LTIG) then you (and any 13-18 year-olds in your home) better hedge your bets and register for the [LTIG's "Annual Public Meeting Webinar" on September 9](#). If you are just interested in how the restoration of the natural resources damaged by the 2010 [Deepwater Horizon](#) disaster is progressing in Louisiana you should register too. [One way or another](#), it might be worth your while.

It Aint Easy Being (Blue) Green

If algae blooms did not have enough to worry about following the news reported in [last week's TUWW](#), word that the EPA and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) are about to take a good hard look at federal efforts to stem harmful algal blooms should make the chlorophyll in their little metaphorical veins run cold. Specifically, in response to a bipartisan Congressional request, GAO will be updating a [2016 report](#) to assess the [effectiveness of the myriad efforts by the federal government to stem the tide of harmful algal blooms](#). Simultaneously, the Office of Inspector General at [EPA plans to begin \(which is not exactly the same as beginning, which is not exactly the same as carrying out\) an evaluation](#) of EPA's efforts to address harmful algal blooms (which is not exactly the same as reducing or eliminating those blooms). Both of these moves are

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Coming up:

[Public Comment Deadline for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Regional Plans](#); August 14 (Region 5) & August 20 (Regions 2, 7, and 8); Email watershed@la.gov; call (504) 556-9733; or Mail comments to the address below:
Louisiana Office of Community Development
Attn: Alexandra Carter
1450 Poydras St., Suite 1441
New Orleans, LA 70112

[SLFPA-W Meeting of the Nominating Committee](#); August 14

[Early bird registration for WEFTEC Connect Virtual Conference](#); Now - August 14

[Public Comment Deadline](#): Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion; August 16

[Facebook live public meetings on the Atchafalaya Basin project solicitation process](#); August 19

[CPRA Board Meeting](#); August 19; Baton Rouge, LA

Louisiana Watershed Initiative Regional Steering Committee Meetings; August 19 ([Region 2](#)) and August 20 ([Region 5](#))

[Webinar: Wildfires and Resulting Impacts to Water Bodies Used as Drinking Water Sources](#); August 26

EPA's Drinking Water Virtual Workshop: [Pre-Workshop In-Depth Training](#) (August 31) and [Workshop](#) (September 1-3)

[Water Budgeting Webinar](#); September 2

[Public Comment Deadline on Lake Powell Pipeline Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#); September 8

[Gulf Spill Restoration—Louisiana Area Annual Public Meeting Webinar](#); September 9

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[AVP \(Environmental Justice & Equity Initiatives\)](#); EDF; Various Locations, U.S.

[Policy Specialist \(Resilient Coasts & Floodplains\)](#); NWF; D.C.

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welcome news and we will be [shocked, shocked](#) to learn that progress is not being made.