



**“RE-BUILDING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY”**

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## **City-SWB Enter Into Cooperative Endeavor Agreement**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** – Today, the Mayor Mitch Landrieu joined the leaders of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB) to announce a new plan to coordinate infrastructure management. Under a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Orleans and S&WB, an Integrated Infrastructure Management System will be created to coordinate all infrastructure projects and repairs to ensure that they are performed properly and in a timely manner.

“Upon taking office, I committed to the citizens of New Orleans that we would not just rebuild our city, but that we would be a city for the ages,” Mayor Mitch Landrieu said. “As part of that commitment, I promised to reform and modernize the Sewerage and Water Board because it is our most important utility. To meet the challenges we face, everyone must be on the same page but for too long the City and S&WB were not working with each other. Today, we aim to change that. By creating an Integrated Infrastructure Management System between the City and S&WB, we will create efficiencies on all projects and produce real time savings while at the same time minimizing disruption to our streets, sidewalks and other public spaces. By working hand in hand like never before, we will build a stronger, more resilient city.”

Under terms of the agreement, the S&WB will coordinate all its repair, maintenance, and construction projects with the City, including the Department of Public Works, Department of Property Management, and Capital Projects Administration including the Disaster Recovery Unit and all Disaster Community Development Block Grant funded projects. All water management planning and implementation for both the City and S&WB will be under direction of the Cedric Grant, Executive Director of S&WB. City and S&WB personnel will coordinate jointly on projects including construction, acquisition, improvement, maintenance and promotion of any public improvement or project, specifically including activities related to public utilities, sewerage, flood control, drainage, and streets. Through combined procurement and project development, efficiencies will be created resulting in real time savings on programs and projects.

Cedric Grant, Executive Director of S&WB said, “I am 100% committed to reforming and modernizing this critical public utility and bringing it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We have an unbelievable opportunity to build for our future starting right now. By implementing a comprehensive and integrated maintenance plan, all City infrastructure repairs and projects will be coordinated from start to finish. With the City and S&WB working hand in hand, we are positioned to build a more resilient system that can handle the challenges of the future and improve customer service.”

Ray Manning, President Pro-Tem of S&WB said, “We are excited about the future of the Sewerage and Water Board. This is an opportunity for this vital public utility to take a leading role in our City’s future. This Integrated Infrastructure Management System between the City and S&WB will save money, save time, and it just makes sense.”

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