

Blanco Fills Westbank Levee Board Seats

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BATON ROUGE, La. -- Gov. Kathleen Blanco named seven members of a new regional levee board for the west bank of the Mississippi River on Tuesday.

The appointees from scientific fields:

- * Mark Morgan, a **Baton Rouge** civil engineer
- * Michael Merritt, a **Baton Rouge** geologist
- * Joannes Westerink, a water resources professor from the University of Notre Dame, in **South Bend, Indiana**

Blanco's office said the other appointees are:

- * Susan Maclay, executive director of a nonprofit, of **Harvey**
- * Robert Howson, a retired CEO, of **New Orleans**
- * David Binewald, a project manager, of **Harvey**
- * Kerwin Julien, a **New Orleans** entrepreneur.

In December, Blanco named the members of a parallel panel that oversees east bank flood protection. That body has already held its first meeting.

The governor's office blamed the delay in naming the west bank appointees on confusion over residency requirements.

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