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High Adventures in the Wilds of New Zealand with a Stop or Three in Hawaii and Phoenix

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Abstract: Mr. Rietschier will discuss the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.

Biography: Dietmar Rietschier is the Executive Director for the Amite River Drainage and Water Conservation District (ARBC). He has been with the ARBC since 1994. Since the year 2000, the ARBC, in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, LA Department of Transportation and Development, and East Baton Rouge City/Parish, has been involved in the largest Flood Control Project in the Amite River Basin, the Comite River Diversion Canal Project. Mr. Rietschier is a strong proponent of a holistic, basin wide approach towards the amelioration of flooding losses in the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area that requires cooperation and coordination of all political entities within the Basin. Prior to his work with ARBC, Mr. Rietschier worked in the private sector with various engineering/planning consulting firms, the Capital Region Planning Commission on Transportation Planning for Federal Highway projects in the Baton Rouge Urban Area, and the City of Denham Springs as Director of the Office of Planning and Public Works. Mr. Rietschier is a graduate of LSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering (Systems Analysis).