



# **2024 Annual Meeting**

***Upper Mississippi, Illinois, and Missouri Rivers Association  
(UMIMRA)***

***AGENDA - (as of 2/6/24)***

***Friday, February 16***

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| 7:00 AM          | Continental Breakfast & Registration opens   |
| 8:00 – 8:30 AM   | Update on WRDA 2024 & other Federal Water Legislation – <i>Julie Ufner, NWC &amp; Bryan Nichols, Congressman Sam Graves office</i>         |
| 8:30 – 8:50 AM   | A Perspective on Federal Flood Plain Management - <i>David Human Jr., HUSCH BLACKWELL</i>  |
| 8:50 – 9:30 AM   | Preparing for the next disaster – <i>Kevin Scheibe, Monroe County Emergency Manager &amp; Bob Flemming, IL Emergency Management Agency</i> |
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM  | Weather Outlook & Climate Trends for the Upper Mississippi River – <i>Trent Ford, Illinois State Climatologist</i>                         |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Break  |
| 10:15 – 10:45 AM | Understanding the WRDA Process & Tips for Legislative Success – <i>Jon Parlow, retired House Transportation &amp; Infrastructure staff</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:30 AM | USACE District Updates – <i>MAJ Matthew Fletcher, USACE Rock Island District &amp; LTC Thomas Sears, USACE St. Louis District</i>          |
| 11:30 AM – Noon  | The Future: One River! – <i>Stephen Gambrell, Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association</i>   |
| Noon – 1:30 PM   | Luncheon & UMIMRA Annual Meeting   |
- Keynote – “UMIMRA at the Intersection of Expertise, Law and Process, Level of Analysis, and Resourcing Issues (aka Politics)” – *Peter (Duke) DeLuca, Retired Brigadier General of the U.S. Army, and Senior Adviser of The Roosevelt Group*