

# Tulane expert helps shape first update to National Water Strategy since Truman era

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John Sabo, ByWater Institute at Tulane University (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

A Tulane University researcher played a key role in developing the nation's first updated National Water Strategy in more than 75 years, contributing expertise on disasters, infrastructure and governance drawn from Louisiana and the Mississippi River Basin.

The updated strategy, led by the Aspen Institute and released Feb. 5, is the first national water strategy since the Truman administration. Developed over 18 months, the effort brought together more than 80 experts from government, industry, utilities, tribal communities, nonprofit organizations and academia to address persistent and emerging water challenges across the United States.

**John Sabo**, director of Tulane University's **ByWater Institute**, was one of only three academic contributors to the initiative and helped shape sections focused on water-related disasters and infrastructure. The ByWater Institute advances interdisciplinary research and policy focused on water security, disaster resilience and climate adaptation, working across multiple schools at Tulane and with partners nationwide.

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