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**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR DISASTER RECOVERY AND
RENEWAL**

Organizational Meeting to be held Friday, January 16

The Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal will hold its first meeting this Friday at the Galveston Convention Center. Former Harris County Judge Robert Eckels chairs the group. The Commission's organizational meeting will include testimony from a variety of state and local officials, as well as a time for public comment. An agenda is attached.

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The Houston-Galveston Area Council (www.h-gac.com) is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region—an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 5.4 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps them analyze trends and conditions affecting the region in order to respond to their needs.

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DRAFT AGENDA

The Galveston Island Convention Center at The San Luis Resort
5600 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77551

Friday, January 16, 2009
9:00am – 3:45pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation of State Recovery to Date
 - a. Establishment of Division of Disaster Recovery and Renewal
 - b. Overview of Storm Impact and Response
 - c. Development of Texas Rebounds Report
 - d. Overview of Community Development Block Grant Funding
 - e. Overview of General Land Office's Work
3. Tour of Galveston Affected Areas
4. Presentations by Local Officials and Community Leaders
5. Overview of Long-Term Recovery
6. The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor
7. Public Testimony
8. Adjourn