



Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 8:30AM—9:30AM | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel | Room: Virginia Suite ABC

Caucus Leadership

Chair: Hon. Grover Robinson, Commissioner, Escambia County, Fla.
First Vice Chair: Hon. Dennis Scott, Police Juror, Calcasieu Parish, La.

Draft Meeting Agenda

The purpose of the Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus is to promote a clearer understanding of mutual problems of Gulf Coast counties and parishes and their citizens; to establish a single source of information concerning county and parish governments in the Gulf region; and to advocate on behalf of those residing in Gulf Counties and parishes before federal government.

All NACo county and parish government officials from Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida are welcome to participate in the GSCPC.

Call to Order and Welcome

- **Hon. Grover Robinson**, Commissioner, Escambia County, Fla.

Introductions

RESTORE Act Implementation in the States

Each of the five Gulf Coast counties and parishes states will give an update on the status of RESTORE Act implementation within their state.

- Florida
- Louisiana
- Alabama
- Mississippi
- Texas

Update on the National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was created in 1968 to address the lack of the availability of private insurance and the continued increases in federal disaster assistance. NFIP is managed by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and must be reauthorized every five years. NFIP is up for reauthorization in 2017. During this session, we will discuss any updates to implementation of the 2014 Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act, a pending NFIP resolution which will be debated during NACo's Legislative Conference, consensus issues from October 2015 Annual Meeting on NFIP and next steps for reauthorization.

- **Hon. Grover Robinson**, Commissioner, Escambia County, Fla.
- **Hon. Buddy Boe**, Councilmember, St. John the Baptist Parish, La.

FEMA's Deobligation of Funding

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy – and the subsequent impacts to the Federal Disaster Relief Fund – state and local governments began to observe a marked increase in the number of disaster recovery audits performed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Inspector General's (IG) office. The objective of the audits

is to determine whether entities have accounted for and expended Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds in accordance with federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. As a result of these audits, in recent years local governments have been directed to return funds as a result of the audit finding. This session will discuss what has been happening at the federal, state and local levels in response and next steps.

- **Eric Poole**, Assistant Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties

FEMA's Disaster Deductible Proposed Rule

In January, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) released a proposed rule that proposes to implement "disaster deductibles" for states experiencing a natural disasters. Under the proposal, the state would have to spend a specific amount of its own funds, with specific documentation, before the state or its sub recipient counties could receive any federal monies to clean up after a disaster. This session will give an overview of the proposal.

- **Julie Ufner**, Associate Legislative Director, National Association of Counties

Other Business

Meeting Concludes

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