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Restore La. Task Force Meets April 13

The Restore Louisiana Task Force will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 13, in House Committee Room 6 at the State Capitol. The meeting will be livestreamed from the State Capitol on the [Louisiana Legislature](#) website and a link to the livestream will be shared on the Restore Louisiana [Task Force](#) website and the Restore Louisiana [Facebook](#) page.

The Task Force will hear about [Gov. John Bel Edwards' recent request](#) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development asking for clarity on the Small Business Administration duplication of benefits policy, an issue that negatively affects thousands of Louisiana homeowners impacted by the disastrous floods of 2016.

The Office of Community Development will provide updates on the Restore Homeowner Program, the Restore Small Business Program and the Restore Rental Housing Programs, as well as plans for hundreds of millions of dollars in federal infrastructure and watershed management funds allocated to Louisiana and included in the recent federal legislation.

Additionally, OCD will ask the Task Force to vote on resolutions regarding the following programs and plans:

- Rental Housing Programs: reallocation of unspent funds from the Neighborhood Landlord Program to the Piggyback Program;
- Watershed Planning and Mitigation Plan: presentation of a broad proposal for investment in resilience projects;
- Public Service Program: creation of a program to assist sheriff's departments in the most impacted and distressed parishes; and reallocation of \$5 million from administration funds to the newly created Public Service Program.

About the Restore Louisiana Task Force

The Restore Louisiana Task Force comprises 21 individuals from throughout the state who were appointed by Gov. John Bel Edwards to oversee the rebuilding process after historic flooding in March and August 2016 impacted 51 disaster-declared parishes. The Task Force's mission is divided into six categories: community planning; economic; health and social services; housing; infrastructure; and natural and cultural resources. All Task Force documents are available at [Restore Louisiana Task Force Resources](#).