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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, February 23, 2006, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on the State's emergency preparedness. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The hearing is part of the Commission's review of California's emergency preparedness, with emphasis on the State's capacity to respond to a major catastrophe when local resources are overwhelmed. The recent hurricanes on the Gulf coast, along with the expanding threat of avian flu, have highlighted the need to examine the capacity of local, state and federal officials to respond to a range of possible emergencies. At this hearing, the Commission will investigate opportunities to design funding strategies to meet emergency preparedness goals, and will explore strategies to ensure accountability. The Commission also will explore the State's role and organization in emergency preparedness. A complete agenda is on the reverse.

The Commission intends to complete its review in the spring and issue findings and recommendations for reform to policy-makers.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site: www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Nancy Lyons at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, February 16, 2006. Commission hearings can be viewed via Webcast within a week after the hearing date on the California Channel Web site, www.calchannel.com.



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AGENDA

Public Hearing on Emergency Preparedness Thursday, February 23, 2006 State Capitol, Room 437 Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Presentation – State Preparedness

1. Richard Andrews, Former Director, Governor's Office of Emergency Services and Former Director, Office of Homeland Security
2. Mark Ghilarducci, Vice President and Director, Western States Regional Office, James Lee Witt Associates

Panel – Resources Public and Private

3. Richard B. Cooper, Business Liaison Director for Science and Technology, Private Sector Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
4. David Vucurevich, Vice President, Pharmacy Purchasing, Rite Aid Corporation
5. Dennis S. Mileti, Former Director, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado at Boulder
6. Brent H. Woodworth, Worldwide Segment Manager, IBM Crisis Response Team

Panel – Accountability

7. Emily Bentley, Executive Director, Emergency Management Accreditation Program
8. William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office
9. Harvey G. Ryland, President and Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Business and Home Safety

Public comment will be taken at the end of the hearing. All written testimony submitted electronically is posted on the Commission's Web site at www.lhc.ca.gov.

Business Meeting Agenda

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately noon. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2006
- II. Update on Executive Director Recruitment
- III. Project Selection/Schedule
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from the Bureau of State Audits