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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Mississippi Public Service Commission Announces**  
**"FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCE: MISSISSIPPI COASTAL**  
**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT"**

**BILOXI, MS (August 3, 2026)**— The Mississippi Public Service Commission today announced the "*From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit*," a gathering of utility providers, emergency management officials and community leaders focused on strengthening hurricane readiness along Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

This summit, which is free and open to the public, will take place on **Thursday, October 8** at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's **Hospitality & Resort Management Center (420 Debuys Road, Biloxi)**, commencing at **9 a.m.** The summit builds on the momentum of the Commission's earlier *From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit* held in Tupelo focusing on Winter Storm Fern. This coastal-focused event will bring together stakeholders to address the unique challenges facing Mississippi's coastal communities, including infrastructure resilience, storm response coordination, and long-term recovery planning.

The agenda opens with 2026 hurricane season forecasting and storm surge science, then moves through critical infrastructure topics like grid restoration, water and wastewater resilience, and coastal pole hardening, alongside panels on mutual aid partnerships, natural gas safety, cybersecurity, telecommunications, and marine debris response. The day closes with sessions on recovery assistance — including insurance, permitting, and FEMA/SBA support — plus county and municipal coordination, evacuation and sheltering for vulnerable populations. Throughout the day, a Community Resilience Expo will run alongside the summit, giving attendees hands-on access to resources and partner organizations.

"Mississippi's coastal communities have shown time and again what resilience looks like," said Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr. "Our job at the Commission is to make sure the infrastructure and partnerships are in place so that resilience is backed by real preparation — not just after a storm, but before one ever arrives."

The Mississippi Public Service Commission remains committed to ensuring the state's utility infrastructure and emergency response systems are prepared to serve Mississippians when severe weather strikes. This summit is part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to promote resilience across the state, from North Mississippi to the Gulf Coast.

**Register for the free summit:** <https://bit.ly/MPSCHHurricaneSummit>

**Register for the Community Resilience Expo:** <https://bit.ly/MPSCHHurricaneSummitExpo>

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