



# CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY

Governing Authority of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

PRESS RELEASE

## Parish Officials Monitoring Disturbance in Gulf of America

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June 16, 2026 -- The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is closely monitoring the developing weather system in the Gulf of America and is coordinating with local, state and federal partners to stay informed on any potential impacts to Southwest Louisiana.

While it is too early to determine what specific impact the system may have on Calcasieu Parish, residents are encouraged to review their preparedness plans and monitor forecasts from the National Weather Service and local media outlets for the latest information.

"Now is the time for residents to make sure they have a plan and the supplies they may need if severe weather threatens our area," said Police Jury President Brian Abshire. "We encourage everyone to stay informed through official sources, sign up for Calcashout alerts and take a few simple steps now to prepare their families."

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Calcashout, the Parish's emergency and community notification system, to receive important updates by text message, email, and phone calls. To sign up, text 'Calcashout' to 78015 or visit [calcashout.com](http://calcashout.com).

Additional preparedness tips include:

- Review and update emergency plans for their household.
- Know evacuation routes and have a destination in mind if evacuations become necessary.
- Assemble or replenish emergency supply kits with food, water, medications and other necessities.
- Ensure important documents are stored in a safe, waterproof location.
- Charge electronic devices and have backup batteries available.
- Check generators and other emergency equipment to ensure they are operating properly.
- Secure outdoor items that could become projectiles during high winds.
- Stay informed through official sources and avoid spreading unverified information on social media.
- Visit [getgameplan.org](http://getgameplan.org) for additional preparedness and safety tips.

The Police Jury has sand and bags available to residents free of charge at multiple Parish locations. For sandbag locations, as well as other updates, visit [calcashout.com](http://calcashout.com). Residents are encouraged to follow the Police Jury on social media as the Parish continues to monitor the system and provide additional information.

Parish departments are reviewing plans and preparing resources should conditions warrant additional response efforts.

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