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HIDALGO COUNTY PREPARING FOR TS DON

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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July 29, 2011

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

Ramon Garcia

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Edinburg, Texas – As Tropical Storm Don heads toward the South Texas coast, Hidalgo County officials are preparing for its impact, which is expected to bring much needed rain to South Texas. The storm is expected to impact our area this afternoon, bringing two to three inches of rain with some areas seeing as much as up to seven inches. Heavy wind gusts as the bands of the storm passes through are also expected; residents are encouraged to prepare accordingly.

To help residents prepare their homes for the impact, Hidalgo County will be issuing sandbags beginning at noon today in areas around the County. Local municipalities are also providing sandbags for their residents. Sand and bags will be available at the locations; residents will have to fill their own sandbags and are encouraged to bring their own shovels. Locations and times can be found below and will be updated on Hidalgo County's website at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us.

County officials will be working operate emergency management operations. During business hours residents can contact precinct offices with any questions or concerns; an after-hours number for flooding issues in rural Hidalgo County will be provided later today. Stay informed with up-to-date information on our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus.

SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Precinct 1

- **Sunrise Hill**
1015 and Mile 11, Weslaco
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- **City of Edcouch** (*Edcouch residents*)
Edcouch Fire Department, Edcouch
- **City of Mercedes**
1st & Ohio, Mercedes
Beginning at 1:00 pm
- **City of Weslaco**
Old City Shop
306 S. Bridge (Bridge & Business 83), Weslaco
12:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Precinct 2

- **LJ Park**
Owassa and Tower Road North Alamo
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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- **South Tower CRC**
S. Tower Road, Alamo, Texas
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- **San Juan CRC**
509 E. Earling Rd., San Juan
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Precinct 3

- **Precinct 3 Mansion**
Moorefield Road, Mission
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- **Palmview (Palmview residents)**
400 W Veterans Blvd., Palmview
(From Palmview: We will have a hotline number established 956-432-0364 and encourage citizens to follow us via TWITTER and <http://oes.palmview.us>)

Precinct 4

- **Edinburg**
N. Doolittle Road in front of County Offices, Edinburg
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Roberts Chevrolet Parking Lot, N. Business 281, Edinburg
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- **Hargill**
Hargill Recovery Station
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- **San Manuel**
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