

# The Virgin Islands Consortium

## Dept. of Interior Assistant Secretary to Visit U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, November 12 – 15

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U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Doug Domenech and Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) Director Nik Pula will be in the U.S. Virgin Islands next week from November 12 – 14, on the islands of St. Croix and St. Thomas to meet with local federal partners for discussions on Hurricane Disaster Recovery efforts, follow-up on OIA funding provided for the Office of Disaster Recovery, and review other disaster-related efforts.

“I look forward to seeing what progress has been made with respect to hurricane disaster recovery,” said Mr. Domenech. “We had fruitful discussions with Governor Bryan and his team when they visited Washington, D.C. last week and we look forward to seeing the

actual progress made on the ground.”

Federal partners with whom Mr. Domenech will be meeting include FEMA Joint Field Office Director Jaqueline Heyliger, and local business entities such as the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce, and the Virgin Islands Hotel Association. Mr. Domenech will also meet with National Park Service Superintendent Gregory Camacho, to follow-up on Government of the Virgin Islands and the National Park



Douglas Domenech

While in the Caribbean, Mr. Domenech will also stop in Puerto Rico for meetings with the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico. Mr. Domenech represents the Department of the Interior on the board of Conservation Trust, a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to secure functional and healthy ecosystems in the territory.