South Carolina Emergency Management Division
Agenda

Federal Disaster Declaration Process
Role of SCEMD
Non-federal share concerns
Best practices
Lessons learned
Disaster Declaration Process

- Damage assessment process
  - Public Assistance threshold
- Governor’s Request for Assistance
- Presidential Approval/Denial of Request including Stafford Act programs
- Public Assistance program implementation
Role of SCEMD

- Grantee for Public Assistance funds
- Assist in coordination between local applicants and FEMA
- Provide guidance to applicants in navigating FEMA policies and processes
- Approve and provide payments to applicants
- Advocate for legislature to fund non-federal share
- Not contracting for debris
Non-federal Share

Federal Share
- 75% of eligible Public Assistance Costs
- Public Assistance Alternative Procedures for Debris Removal
  - Option for applicants
  - Debris management plan
  - Sliding scale for federal reimbursement

Process
- EMD estimates
- Governor’s budget
- Legislative determination in state budget

Previous disaster funding of non-federal share

Advocating for funding
Hazard Mitigation

Projects must

• Contribute to a long-term solution
• Demonstrate cost effectiveness
• Conform with state and local mitigation plan
• Comply with environmental regulations

Project examples

• Acquisition/relocation
• Elevation
• Retrofit
• Structural flood control
• Warning systems/outreach
SCEMD Lessons Learned

Understanding legal responsibility
Communication of division of responsibility
Understanding federal agency funding authority
Impacts vary widely as do jurisdiction capabilities
This issue is very political and very expensive
Pre-event contracts with waterway debris included are critical to success
Recovery Operations Summary

2014 Ice Storm Public Assistance Estimates
- $267 million in total costs
  - $155 million in state costs
  - $112 million in local costs

2015 Flood Public Assistance Estimates
- $241,885,546 in total costs
  - $72,212,115 in state costs
  - $169,673,431 in local costs

2016 Hurricane Matthew Public Assistance Estimates
- $360,054,526 in total costs
  - $130,618,446 in state costs
  - $229,436,080 in local costs