



SCEMD

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

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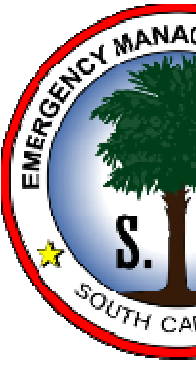
Federal Disaster Declaration Process

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

