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Subject: Governor's County Days - Flooding

Staff,
As we move into Flood Recovery, the Governor is asking her executive team and staff to be “all hands on deck” to assist with a new “County Days” initiative. Her plan is to have teams of staff from appropriate state agencies and non-profits go to affected counties to be one-stop-shop, on-the-ground assistance to communities and individuals.

We are currently working on a plan but we hope to start going to at least one county by the end of the week. We are thinking Sumter right now but that may change. This effort will be data-driven based on needs of each county which we should be able to gather from EMD over the next few days.

The agencies involved at this point will be:

DEW
DOI
DSS
DOT
DOA
DHEC
DNR
PPP
SLED

**Austin and Beth will be coordinating with the agencies above. AS – please flesh this list out to see if we should add to or take away. And make sure we know what services they would provide.

FEMA (USDA and SBA)

**Becca will be coordinating with FEMA. We should reach out to Hugh Weathers as well.

Non-profits – United Way, Harvest Hope, Red Cross

**Halti will be coordinating with these groups.

Outreach to local officials

**KV and Haley – please coordinate this effort.

The initiative will be similar to the O6 County Days in terms of set up.

Please let me know if you have any comments/concerns/questions. Again, we are working out details and need to get data from our agencies and counties to understand what the needs are and which counties we should visit but we hope to have that in short order.

Finally, we are working on a how to help individuals and businesses that are denied help from FEMA. We will set up a SC Flood Recovery Help page on our website with various resources. We will also need to train constituent services staff on all of the resources that are available. We are working on these details now and will follow up soon.

Thanks again for your responsiveness and help! There is still so much work to be done with the recovery effort which will be a long-term project and number one focus for our office.

Swati