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Subject: Public Assistance Deadlines Over Holidays

Good Afternoon All,

As we move closer towards the Holiday season, we at SCEMD wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season. We would also like to share the following updates regarding Public Assistance deadlines and Community Disaster Loan information.

Public Assistance Deadlines:

Please keep in mind that PA deadlines still apply and some of you will cross the 60 day damage identification window during the Holidays. You have 60 days to identify and report your damaged facilities to FEMA from the date of your kick-off meeting; State and Federal holidays are not excluded from this timeline, so please be mindful of when your kick-off meeting occurred and when your 60 day mark is.

The first kick-off meetings occurred the week of October 22nd, so please be aware that if your kick-off meeting occurred in late October and early November you will hit the 60 day deadline over the Holidays. To avoid any issues, please send your FEMA and State rep a list of your damaged facilities this week. This list doesn't have to be final, and you can update it as required, but if possible, we would like to receive weekly updates until you hit the 60 day mark to ensure nobody missed the deadline without making their damaged facilities known.

Community Disaster Loan Program:

We are still gauging interest in the FEMA Community Disaster Loan Program. This program provides funds to any eligible jurisdiction in a designated disaster area that has suffered a substantial loss of tax and other revenue. To be eligible for this program a local government or other eligible jurisdiction in a designated disaster area needs to demonstrate a substantial tax loss and a need for financial assistance to perform its governmental functions. These loans are provided as assistance, but cannot exceed 25 percent of the local government's annual operating budget for the fiscal year in which the major disaster occurs, up to a maximum of \$5 million. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact your State PA rep.

General Information:

And just a reminder of our key topics of interest to keep your State Rep informed of:

1. Your progress moving through the grant process.
2. If eligibility determinations are being made in the field by a FEMA representative. These absolutely should not be happening, and if they are please notify your State representative immediately.
3. All claims should appear on a Project Worksheet as this then allows for appeal rights should there be a discrepancy. When in doubt, please contact your State representative.
4. Any meetings you have with FEMA, so we can attempt to be present as well.

In addition to your State Rep, the PA duty phone number is 803-367-7756 and the duty email is PA@emd.sc.gov. Should you not be able to reach your State Rep over the holidays, please try either of these options and someone will be able to assist until your assigned rep returns from vacation.

Thanks, and have a great holiday season!

Thank You,
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