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Subject: Long Term Recovery Situation Report (SITREP #19)

Attachments: Updated Federal Register Durations for SC.XLSX

Governor - this week's SITREP for your review and comments:

1. We are making no progress getting the Federal Registry published. Bottom line up front: Unless the Federal Registry is published by Tuesday I do not expect to have the Action Plan approved by HUD and in turn, a contract awarded by the Anniversary date of the storm (using the absolute most aggressive timelines assessed – no complications). You, and the citizens of our State, have an expectation from this team that we will provide concrete recovery “deliverables” before the October anniversary of our severe weather event. While we have accomplished a great deal (primarily using an apolitical vulnerability approach, targeting VOAD efforts, and building / sustaining Long term Recovery Groups across the State). We are now in a position where, without the release of the Federal Registry, we are not producing concrete deliverables in the recovery process. Please take the time to review the attachment. It reflects the time it took to publish the Registry in other states. Assuming a release Tuesday, we have waited 246 days since the Presidential Declaration. To place this in context, Hurricane Katrina's Registry was published in 168 days, Hurricane Rita 142 days, Hurricane Rita 231 days, Hurricane Sandy 126 days. There are a couple of examples of waiting periods greater than 246 days, but they are not nearly as complicated as those previously discussed. My best guess is that it will take some political clout to expedite. Every additional delay delays the award of our contract and more importantly, delays any construction or replacement that gets families back in homes! Best case now is to announce the who was awarded the contract and to lay out our plan for recovery by the Anniversary date. Refurbishment and replacement using Federal money will not take place before the first of the year.
2. As you know, we hired a vendor to assist us in writing the Action Plan for our recovery

implementation. Past Federal Registers have required this document back to them within 45 days. Given what we know now, and not anticipating any major changes with the release of the Federal Register, we believe we are 90% complete with our draft document. We are planning for a Recovery Board Meeting on 9 June during which we would finalize our plan and prepare the Draft Action Plan for public comment. We would do this by posting the document on the Department of Commerce website, and briefing the plan to the Legislature, County Administrators and to conduct 5 public listening sessions in a town hall format in key areas. Our team will mass at these events, record and address all public comments, and we believe we can have the public comment period complete and the Action Plan sent to HUD within 30 days of receipt of the Federal Register. This is then the trigger which allows us to conduct the procurement action for an implementation vendor.

3. Although not finalized, we believe 8 Days of Hope will commit to the Williamsburg/Georgetown area in October (Proposed dates 8-15 October). The key to their participation to repair 200+ homes in 8 days has 2 components. They need about \$150K of "seed money" to rebuild a large number of roofs. Several other VOADs and the 8 Days of Home Team will provide the other resources. SCONeFund is working hard to assess their ability to source our request. To place this in perspective, it has cost many VOADs approximately \$25K to rebuild a home. In a perfect world, we would see about 200+ homes made ready for occupancy where it has cost about the same as 6 in many other projects. The second commitment is more problematic, they need a commitment of about 2-300 homes that have the case management work done AND on the ground building assessments. We just completed a phone conference with all key players and are getting some great feedback. Assuming their Board supports this effort, we would get informal word on about 15 June. Press Release on or about 1 July. Joint Press Conference on or about 2nd week in July. If the Governor is interested in participating, I would immediately start to press the issue with 8 Days of Hope.
4. SCDR Met with HUD, FEMA, and US Army Corps of Engineers Thursday, May 19 to discuss proposed options for this State's HUD Action Plan using the most current Common Operation Picture and Course of Action proposal. There were no significant issues addressed by FEMA or HUD with our process. We also reviewed their recommendations for the Recovery Support Strategy. Of significance, Colton Bowles of US Army Corps of Engineers announced some of the dam owners, which were breached during the historical rainfall of October 2015, are considering all courses of action to determine whether or not to rebuild new dams. The owners of the Lake Elizabeth dam will probably decide to not rebuild their dam. Also, the Semmes Lake probably won't come back the same way it was prior to the breach. Water Supply levels are being discussed with DNR pertaining to the Saluda River. Georgetown County will be contacted concerning obtaining flood warning information systems.

5. SCDR attended the SC VOAD Quarterly Meeting at Okatee Baptist Church, Ridgeland, SC on Monday, May 23. The meeting was chaired by Doug McDonald. A basic update was received from a variety of organizations. SCDR had a separate coordination meeting with Mike Patterson on the May 12 on improving relationships, reporting and the importance of VOADS. SCDR will be a part of each quarterly meeting. Looking to see how to better track VOADs more closely as they come into respective counties to work.

6. It pains me to state that the Mennonites returned home, on May 26. We made several presentations for excellence at their farewell dinner. They have been magnificent partners and we expect to see them back next fall.

Respectfully,
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