

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Monday, October 12, 2015

Budget:

Josh and David began agency budget meetings last week, which will continue through the end of October, and potentially into the first week of November due to a number of agencies having to reschedule their time slots because of the flood.

SNAP and Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) Waiver:

Last Friday, David met with DEW and DSS regarding the development of a federally compliant SNAP Employment and Training program managed by DEW. They discussed, among other things, program requirements, staffing needs, information sharing, and implementation timing. There is a follow up meeting tentatively scheduled for next Monday, with the goal to have a recommendation for the Governor—regarding the need for, and structure of, a federal waiver—soon thereafter (REMINDER: DSS is currently operating the SNAP ABAWD program subject to a federal waiver which will expire on December 31, 2015).

Lesson's Learned from Colorado Flood Recovery:

Today, David spoke with Molly Urbina, Executive Director of the Colorado Resiliency and Recovery Office, regarding lesson's learned from Colorado's ongoing 2013 flood recovery. Major points that came out of the conversation:

- Gov. Hickenlooper created the Resiliency and Recovery Office (RRO) two days after the disaster.
 - The RRO's mission is to be a centralized state organization that can coordinate long-term recovery beyond the initial emergency.
- Federal damage assessments determine the amount of relief funding so it is critical that the state be as involved in this process as possible.
- It is important to develop a long-term strategy as the emergency is only the first stage, followed by recovery, and resiliency/mitigation to help limit damage caused by future disasters.
- It was very helpful to create a community resource website (www.coloradounited.com) designed specifically to distribute available information from one place—makes it easy to point people in the right direction.
- Suggested connecting our agencies with their Colorado counterparts to share agency specific information, and to establish good POCs for future disaster related issues that are bound to come up (she specifically named agencies like DOT and DHEC).

Weekly Commerce Update:

71,387 jobs from 506 projects with \$17.1 billion in capital investment.

Announcements this week:

Mon., Oct. 12th- Sea Pac, LLC for 50 jobs in Charleston County with \$32 million investment (new).

Tues., Oct. 13th- Magna International for 153 jobs in Greenville County with \$50.8 million investment (new).

Tues., Oct. 13th- Cypress Creek Renewables for \$10.2 million investment in Darlington County (no new jobs, new project).

Wed., Oct. 14th- AstenJohnson, Inc. for \$25 million investment in Laurens County (no new jobs, expansion).

Wed., Oct. 14th- Haemonetics Corporation for 40 jobs in Union County with \$22 million investment (expansion).

Thurs., Oct. 15th- Enstar for 60 jobs in Richland County with \$500,000 investment (expansion).

Fri., Oct. 16th- Cypress Creek Renewables for \$15.5 million investment in Florence County (no new jobs, new project).

Events this week:

No Commerce events are scheduled at this time.

DSS Class-Action Litigation:

Today, parties had a telephone conference with Judge Duffy. The parties are scheduled to reconvene settlement discussions for two full days on October 27 and 28th in Columbia.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES:**BOND STUDY COMMITTEE:**

- Capital Bond Study Committee - Thursday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. - room 105 Gressette.
- Peeler's office will hopefully email us the agenda tomorrow.
- Walldorf – Gov appointee
- Ellison – Gov appointee
- Sobel – Gov appointee
- Alexander – Leatherman appointee
- Peeler – Peeler appointee
- Setzler – Setzler appointee
- Merrill – White appointee
- Clary – Bannister appointee

- Rutherford – Rutherford appointee

LEGIS MEETINGS/RECEPTIONS:

Should we move forward with the following legis meetings/receptions:

- K-12 Education Conversation Meeting with our legislative group to inform them of our plan:
 - Senators: Courson, Matthews, Hayes, Setzler
 - House Members: Allison, Bingham, Hayes
 - *We have not met with this group together since Phase I.*
- Allison and Bingham K-12 Follow up Meeting – KV and JB
 - Our first meeting with Allison and Bingham was on September 16 at that time we discussed a general list of ideas.
 - We told them we would have follow up meeting with them to discuss more specifics based on their feedback and follow ups with Molly.
- Senate and House Legislative Receptions
 - We cancelled the original Senate reception date for November 5.
 - Potential new dates are Oct 26 or Oct 29 - because these dates are 2 weeks away should we push for a later date or cancel the receptions all together?

RICHLAND COUNTY:

- At the request of Sen. Lourie, on Thursday, October 8th, KV and HM held a meeting with Elizabeth Ryan (SCEMD), Hannah Vick (FEMA), and Christy Hall (SCDOT) to answer legislator questions about the flooding in Richland County. Sen. Lourie, Rep. James Smith, Rep. Bernstein, and Deanne Gray with the Senate Minority Caucus attended the meeting.

Meeting outcomes:

- KV has coordinated with Sen. Lourie and Rep. Bernstein to hold a Richland County Community Meeting. Details below:

EVENT: Richland County Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, [6500 N Trenholm Rd, Columbia, SC 29206](#)

ROOM: Main Sanctuary

ATTENDEES:

Senator Joel Lourie and Representative Beth Bernstein
 South Carolina Emergency Management Division
 FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Team
 South Carolina Department of Transportation
 South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
 South Carolina Department of Insurance

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Governor

- Senators and House members have expressed a need for an informational backgrounder to distribute to Senate and House staff to help them answer constituent questions. We are currently working on this backgrounder.

REFUGEES RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM:

- There are 23 legislators who have asked for information about the Refugee Resettlement Program.
- Attached is the draft Q&A about the Refugee Resettlement Program. DSS has signed off on it.
- **Are we able to send this information to the legislators?**

AWARDS:

- The framing shop (*The Picture Place*) we use for the Governor's Awards, was completely destroyed by the flooding on Forest Drive. The owner, Sheree Smith, is optimistic and is looking for a new location to continue her business.
- HM is coordinating with Halti on having 3 awards/award letters delivered to mansion tonight – to be picked up tomorrow.
 - *Carol Davis – Order of the Silver Crescent (award & letter)*
 - *Martha Ingram – Order of the Palmetto (award & letter)*
 - *Evelyn Edmunds – Order of the Palmetto (letter)*