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Date: 10/26/2016 1:54:19 PM  
Subject: FW: Documentation in Support of PPDR Application  
Attachments: RE: Beaufort County Ordinance and Proclamation.eml  
Message from KM\_C224e.eml

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FYI – Keeping you both in the loop.

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From: Keaveny, Thomas [mailto:tkeaveny@bcgov.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 1:02 PM  
To: 'Ryan, Elizabeth'  
Cc: Sommerville, Paul; Kubic, Gary; Gruber, Joshua; Coppage, Allison; 'matthew@marksanford.com'; Taylor, Richele; 'DMaynard@emd.sc.gov'; Lake, Susan; Minor, Jim; Wilhelm, David; Keaveny, Thomas  
Subject: Documentation in Support of PPDR Application

Elizabeth:

In further support of the materials Beaufort County submitted yesterday (Beaufort County Code of Ordinance Section 22-28 and Council Chairman Sommerville's Proclamation which was approved by County Council -- also attached) Beaufort County forwards the attached materials (second attachment). These materials clearly demonstrate that the public health, safety and welfare are at risk in Beaufort County, that we have a public health emergency which constitutes a state of emergency and that it is in the public interest for the County to take immediate action (countywide) to eliminate the conditions giving rise to this emergency.

The first set of material is from Mosquito Control. I have included a statement from Gregg Hunt, Director of Mosquito Control for Beaufort County. Gregg documents the dramatic increase in calls to his department complaining of mosquitos and requesting service. As you will see, in the 2.5 weeks before Hurricane Matthew Mosquito Control received only 42 calls for service. In the 2.5 weeks after Hurricane Matthew Mosquito Control received 689 calls for service. Beaufort County has 57 species of mosquitos throughout the county. The County tailors its abatement program to control those species which carry certain viruses. The species we target carry the West Nile Virus, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus and the Zika Virus. I have also included an email from Mr. Hunt to Beaufort County's Director of Purchasing (Dave Thomas) in which Mr. Hunt indicates he needs to proceed with an emergency purchase of 275 gallons Anvil Insecticide at a cost of \$56,000 in order to "reduce the high levels of adult mosquitos and reduce the risk of several mosquito borne diseases". This purchase is being authorized under Beaufort County's Emergency Procurement ordinance.

The second set of material is from the Beaufort Gazette. I have included two articles. The first article documents a car fire as a boat landing which set a debris field on fire. Firefighters battled the blaze for almost two hours before bringing it under control. This is the kind of danger our citizens face throughout the county (especially on private roads and rights-of-way) due to the presence of these debris fields. The purpose of including the second article is to

further document the fact that private roads and rights-of-way vastly exceed public roads and rights-of-way in our County.

The third set of material is affidavits from three Fire Chiefs, each from different jurisdictions in the County. All three Fire Chiefs allege the debris fields threaten the safety and security of the public at large because these fields: allow water to pool which create breeding ground for mosquitos; provide refuge for rodents, snakes and other vermin; block access to residences and inhibit their ability to respond to emergencies properly, safely and efficiently; block fire hydrants; constitute an attractive nuisance for children and others; and have become tinder boxes.

Finally, I have attached two photographs taken on Spanish Wells Road, a private road on Hilton Head. I will provide more photographs from different areas of the County soon, but these photographs illustrate the overwhelming amount of debris on the shoulders of the road and the danger it presents to the public.

I will continue to forward additional information as it becomes available to us. We are moving forward with efforts to obtain the necessary ROEs and indemnification agreements. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Tom

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From: Ryan, Elizabeth [<mailto:eryan@emd.sc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:36 PM

To: Keaveny, Thomas

Subject: RE: Conference Call tomorrow...

Thanks! And feel free to send the documentation you have whenever you are ready!

Thanks,

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Ryan  
803-201-3739

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From: Keaveny, Thomas [<mailto:tkeaveny@bcgov.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:22 PM  
To: Ryan, Elizabeth <[eryan@emd.sc.gov](mailto:eryan@emd.sc.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Conference Call tomorrow...

Elizabeth:

Thanks for talking to me a few minutes ago. Looking back at the list of roads, the number I gave you is high. But let's say the number will be in the thousands. It may be only 1,000+ but it's not in the hundreds.

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From: Ryan, Elizabeth [<mailto:eryan@emd.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 12:43 PM  
To: Taylor, Matthew; Keaveny, Thomas; [richard.krikava@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:richard.krikava@fema.dhs.gov)  
Subject: Re: Conference Call tomorrow...

Matthew,

Thanks for the invitation. I will be happy to be on the call and may ask a few of the state Public Assistance team to join me as well. 10:00 works great for us if that works for you all.

Thanks,  
Elizabeth

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On Sun, Oct 23, 2016 at 12:33 PM -0400, "Taylor, Matthew" <[Matthew.Taylor@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matthew.Taylor@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Richard, Elizabeth & Tom:

I spoke with each of you individually on Friday about facilitating a conference call Monday (tomorrow) morning between the appropriate contacts for Beaufort County, SCEMD, and FEMA. I know I have contributed a lot of confusion over the course of the last week with regards to the waiver request for debris removal on private property and the purpose of the call tomorrow would simply be to make sure that we are all on the same page moving forward.

Additionally, I would like to make sure our office is doing all we can to help Beaufort County's application for FEMA assistance move along as smoothly and quickly as possible.

I think the three of us should most certainly be on the call but I would also ask your suggestions on who else should join as well... Please let me know by replying all to this message and perhaps Richard can help us with a conference call in number.

Also, please advise what time works best... I suggest something between 10-11 AM tomorrow.

Thanks, matthew\*\*\*\*\*