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1. Counties assess damages to homes and businesses (to the extent they are able) and report damages to SCEMD
2. FEMA/State/local Preliminary Damage Assessment teams go to the county to review the damages
3. Damages are assessed based on, but not limited to the following factors:
 - a. Extent of damages (number of uninsured, majorly damaged or destroyed homes)
 - b. Concentration of damages (high concentration of damages in a small area)
 - c. Trauma (deaths, injuries, large scale disruption of community services)
 - d. Special Populations (e.g. elderly, low income, persons with disabilities, unemployed)
 - e. Other assistance available (insurance and voluntary agencies)
 - f. Recent multiple disasters (disaster history within the last 12 months)
4. FEMA submits recommendation to disallow or add to the declaration through the FCO to Region Administrator
5. Additions to the Declaration are updated in the Federal Register and the state is notified of IA resource availability

We have coordinated with the FEMA Individual Assistance Specialist to conduct Joint PDAs for those hardest hit counties to initiate the process to add them to the declaration. We will contact the counties to arrange a date and time to conduct these assessments. We are prioritizing those counties that were not included in the disaster declaration that still have a large number of citizens in shelters. These are Sumter and Clarendon county. We will coordinate to begin the assessments as early as tomorrow based on the recognized immediate need.

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