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Subject: Re: Beaufort County's Efforts to Get Assistance from FEMA

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Tom - I just left you a message on your cell. I apologize I'm just getting back with you. Could you forward me an email showing their position? My assumption is that state of emergency would be enough as well. I left my cell phone on your voicemail if you want to give me a call.

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On Oct 21, 2016, at 12:24 PM, Keaveny, Thomas <tkeaveny@bcgov.net> wrote:

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Ms. Taylor:

We have not yet met. I serve as County Attorney for Beaufort County; we need your help in our efforts to recover from Hurricane Matthew.

We are aggressively trying to convince FEMA to extend assistance for debris removal from private property here in our County pursuant to FEMA's Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) program. We are running into trouble and we need Governor Haley's assistance.

CFR requires us to satisfy many elements in order to qualify for the program. We are working to satisfy all the requirements. But the first requirement is a declaration at the state level. We believe CFR requires only a Declaration of Emergency in order for FEMA to render the assistance we are requesting. We believe Governor Haley's Executive Orders 2016-26 and 2016-39 satisfy the CFR requirements. However, we are being told the state needs to declare a "public health emergency" and that because the state has not made such a declaration we do not meet the requirements. We disagree.

I have several emails between myself and FEMA on this issue. I am happy to forward them to you if you would like to see them. They will get you up to speed on where we are in our efforts. I would appreciate your calling me to discuss this situation. We are fielding calls for assistance constantly and we need to move forward on this issue. My cell number is: (843) 709-3721.

Thank you.

Tom

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