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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Flood recovery center opens in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC16/151019495>

Christina Elmore, Gavin Jackson

Two weeks have passed since an historic downpour flooded much of the state, claiming lives and leaving survivors to contend with homes and businesses left damaged in the storm's wake. Those impacted aspire to return to a sense of normalcy that was lost the moment the waters hit. Getting there is a process that can take months, or even years, to achieve.

**'Going to be OK'** Gov. Nikki Haley and state agencies on Friday also assisted residents in Sumter, one of the areas hardest hit by floods this month, in their recovery. Haley has spent much of the last two weeks traveling the state, assessing the damage and citizens' needs. "There's an army here to help you," Haley told two men at the Sumter County Civic Center. "Y'all hang in there."

**Note:** Haley inspired resident Carolyn Phillips, who volunteered after hearing the governor on television ask citizens to help their fellow neighbors and state recover. On Friday, Phillips stood side-by-side filling care boxes with Haley. "I got flooded, my roof, my air conditioner and my car," Phillips said. "You got to give what you get and I appreciate the governor taking her time, I'm going to give mine."

**Note:** "It's painful to hear their stories, because they've lost a lot, and they're scared and our job is to show them that it's going to be OK," Haley said. "We're not going to stop in South Carolina until we rebuild our state to get her back to where she needs to be."

**WIS:** Team South Carolina kicks off flooding assistance in Sumter

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30283835/team-south-carolina-kicks-off-flooding-assistance-in-sumter>

Will Whitson

The state of South Carolina is trying to pull together all the help available for flood victims, some of whom have no home to return to. Today, the first Team South Carolina was held in Sumter for people to get flood relief information across the state. Governor Nikki Haley was there and says she heard emotional stories from people who have lost everything.

**Note:** Government agencies like FEMA and the Small Business Association at the federal level, DHEC at the state and dozens of volunteers worked to give flood victims a little reassurance. But even they weren't immune to the supercharged emotion in the room. Governor Haley fought back tears during an afternoon press briefing.

**Note:** "It's painful to hear the stories because they've lost a lot, and they're scared, and it's our job to show them it's going to be okay, and that's what we'll do," Governor Haley said.

**Note:** Governor Haley says the plan is to hold a Team South Carolina about once every three days. The next team South Carolina day is set for Tuesday in Richland County.

**WLTX:** Flood Victims Get Vital Resources at Team SC Days

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2015/10/16/flood-victims-get-vital-resources-team-sc-days/74082460/>

Janae Frazier

The first ever Team South Carolina Day was held at the Sumter County Civic Center Friday. Governor Nikki Haley was on-hand for the event that gives flood victims access to more than 26 different organizations. People could take advantage of several opportunities including free tetanus shots, food, cleaning supplies, well water kits, information about food stamps and unemployment benefits, and help with financial assistance.

**Note:** Haley said the reason behind this one-stop-shop event was the need to bring the resources directly to the people who need them the most.

**Note:** "We've gone through something that was historic, but we're going to come out of it stronger than we started," Haley said passionately. "It's painful to hear the stories because they've lost a lot and they're

scared and our job is to show them that it's going to be okay.”

**Note:** Governor Haley said more of these events will be held across the state. The next Team South Carolina Day is Tuesday at the Lower Richland County Disaster Recovery Center.

### **S.C. Flood Recovery News:**

**The State:** When will your road get fixed? SC highway agency releases time line

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article39544416.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

Drivers who take Polo Road as part of their commute will have to wait until after Thanksgiving before multiple washouts along the Northeast Richland road will be repaired, the state Transportation Department estimated Friday. That road is one of 15 roads and bridges in Richland County that it could take until after Nov. 26 to repair, the roads agency says.

**Greenville News:** State hopes federal agencies will pay for most of flood recovery

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/16/state-hopes-federal-agencies-pay-most-flood-recovery/74041092/>

Tim Smith

As the state continues to tally the cost of repairing what is expected to be hundreds of millions of dollars in damaged roads and bridges, some in Columbia are banking on significant help from Washington and expressing few qualms about taking the federal funds.

**Note:** Rep. Tommy Stringer, a Greenville Republican who pushed Gov. Nikki Haley's income tax cut and road-funding bill earlier this year, says the flood damage “changes the entire complexion of the argument” over infrastructure funding.

**Anderson Independent:** Anderson County eligible for federal money for storm repairs

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-county-eligible-for-federal-money-for-storm-repairs\\_46266756](http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-county-eligible-for-federal-money-for-storm-repairs_46266756)

Kirk Brown

Anderson County is now eligible for federal money to repair an estimated \$700,000 in damage from the torrential rains that soaked South Carolina earlier this month. The damage in Anderson County includes a washed-out culvert that created a sinkhole on Guyton Road, which is near Exit 32 on Interstate 85, and a sagging bridge on Sullivan Road, which is between Whitehall Road and Pearman Dairy Road.

**Note:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced Friday that Anderson is among 11 additional South Carolina counties that have been approved for public assistance, according to Chaney Adams, a spokeswoman for Gov. Nikki Haley.

**The State:** DHEC orders lake levels to be dropped behind hazardous dams

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article39556677.html>

Sammy Fretwell

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control has ordered the owners of what are considered potentially dangerous dams to lower lake levels or drain their lakes completely by Oct. 20, according to agency records released Friday night.

**Greenville News:** Forestry officials estimate flood losses at \$65 million

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/16/forestry-officials-estimate-flood-losses-65-million/74044532/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina's forest industry has sustained losses of at least \$65 million from this month's historic flooding, state officials say. The assessment does not include what are expected to be additional millions of dollars in damage and repair to private forest roads, which is unknown, according to the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

### **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**Post and Courier:** State lawmakers require counties to provide offices, but some accept cash instead

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC16/151019626>

David Slade

Four times each year, Berkeley and Dorchester counties write checks to all the state lawmakers

representing parts of those counties, ostensibly to compensate them for the lack of a county-provided office. It's one of the many ways some lawmakers end up getting paid far more than their official \$10,400 salaries for serving in the Legislature, and it's a practice that's been repeatedly panned in opinions by South Carolina attorneys general.

**Note:** The money — vetoed by Gov. Nikki Haley — was described as a doubling of payments for in-district expenses, but those funds are really income and are counted toward lawmakers' pension calculations.

### **S.C. Political News:**

**The State:** SC campaign donors still favor Graham's long-shot White House bid

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article39397953.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

South Carolina political donors continue to give more to U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and his long-shot White House bid than any other candidate. The Seneca Republican has raised \$1.3 million in the Palmetto State since announcing his White House bid, according to campaign finance reports filed late Thursday.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Tickets for Winthrop's presidential forum go quickly, frustrating some

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article39418221.html>

Anna Douglas

A change in venue reduced the number of seats available for the Nov. 6 Democratic presidential candidate forum at Winthrop University, frustrating some local residents who won't see the MSNBC-hosted event in person.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** Welcome easing of gag order

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151017/PC1002/151019382>

Editorial

The families of the victims, and the public who mourn with them, deserve as much information as possible about that dreadful June night when nine souls were shot dead during Bible study at Emanuel AME Church. Ninth Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson made the right move Wednesday when he lifted portions of the gag order he had imposed on the case in July.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Emanuel AME to share financial records with attorney for shooting victim's husband

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC16/151019457>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Emanuel AME Church leaders will allow attorneys for a man whose wife was killed in the June 17 Bible study massacre to inspect documents related to millions of dollars donated after the tragedy. Lawyers for the church and the victim's husband negotiated for almost an hour outside of a hearing scheduled Friday in a lawsuit that seeks to gain a full accounting of the donations.

**Aiken Standard:** Need to fill 37,000 jobs reinforced by SRS Community Reuse Organization

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151016/AIK0101/151019499/1004>

Derrek Asberry

A local organization reiterated its findings that there will be 37,000 job openings in a nine-county region from 2014 to 2019. Many of the employment opportunities are nuclear-related jobs at the Savannah River Site, according to the SRS Community Reuse Organization, or SRSCRO.

**Times and Democrat:** Santee Cooper board OKs solar incentive package

[http://thetandd.com/business/santee-cooper-board-oks-solar-incentive-package/article\\_3903fe45-fb76-566e-b642-d616d021653c.html](http://thetandd.com/business/santee-cooper-board-oks-solar-incentive-package/article_3903fe45-fb76-566e-b642-d616d021653c.html)

Santee Cooper customers interested in purchasing or leasing rooftop solar panels or buying into a community solar program will benefit under a comprehensive incentive package approved today by the Santee Cooper Board of Directors. The incentive package focuses on three areas:

### **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** How Riley influenced Obama on Charleston Harbor deepening

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC05/151019400>

David Wren

Joe Riley knew he had to act fast, but he didn't want to be a boor, especially not at the White House. It was Jan. 18, 2012, and Charleston's mayor was in the nation's capital with a few other city leaders from around the country for a photo-op with President Barack Obama. It wasn't a sit-down-and-chat event.

**National News:**

**Associated Press:** Oklahoma agrees to hold off executions until at least 2016

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article39585405.html>

Jill Bleed

No executions will be scheduled in Oklahoma until at least next year, as the attorney general's office investigates why the state used the wrong drug during a lethal injection in January and nearly did so again last month, the office said Friday.

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