

County Council Briefing  
Hurricane Matthew Recovery  
June 12, 2017 4pm

Recovery Status:

1. Emergency Response
  - a. Estimated at \$2,000,000. Staff is preparing support documentation to submit to FEMA to complete project worksheet and submit them for reimbursement. See additional discussion about the project worksheet in 2.a. Billing below.
  - b. Mosquito Abatement – This effort was unique enough to require a separate project worksheet. FEMA staff is still working on the project worksheet. See additional discussion about the project worksheet in 2.a. Billing below.
  
2. Road Debris
  - a. Debris collection on Public and Private right-of-ways is complete.
  - b. Billing – Staff recently met with SCEMD and FEMA staff and has reviewed submittal status for the various project worksheets created for the work eligible for reimbursement. The “Matrix” spreadsheet summarizing project worksheet status is attached to this report. Marine debris is considered Category A work and will be reported together with road debris. Private road debris (PPDR) is not shown on the Matrix and is being tracked separately.
    - i. To date, the County has received bills totaling:
      1. CERES - \$ 24,571,525
      2. Ashbritt - \$ 3,068,239
      3. Tetra Tech - \$ 4,998,093When you compare these costs with the project worksheets in the “Matrix”, you will note that the project worksheet(s) for PPDR and Debris 91-180 days are still in progress.
  - c. Appeal of the 180 day time extension under Public Assistance Alternative Procedures (PAAP) – The County Attorney’s office submitted an appeal to the denial decision prior to the June 5, 2017 deadline. A response to our appeal is pending.
  - d. PAAP v. Traditional reimbursement – The County petitioned FEMA to allow us to withdraw from the PAAP for reimbursement for debris cleanup. As a reminder, PAAP allowed for higher reimbursement rates in the first 90 days based on a condition that all clean-up efforts would be complete within 180 days. Delays with Marine Debris caused the County to go beyond the 180 days. Even though we continue to appeal the decision to deny the County an extension of time under PAAP, the financial risk was too great so the County requested to be removed from the PAAP program so that marine debris work completed after April 2, 2017 (180+ days) would be covered at 75% reimbursement rate.
  - e. Reimbursement for debris removal by private POAs, etc. – Staff has received several inquiries and requests for reimbursement for work on private right-of-ways that was completed prior to the County receiving approval for PPDR and taking over this type of clean-up effort. No decision has been made on whether these reimbursements will be made and the cost associated with this is NOT included in any of the values presented in these reports to date.
  
3. Stormwater infrastructure related debris
  - a. Debris collection within stormwater infrastructure areas is complete.
  - b. Staff is working with our consultant Tetra Tech to prepare the needed documentation to submit to USDA-NRCS for reimbursement.
  
4. Marine Debris
  - a. Water borne debris collection is complete.
  - b. Boats – removal is still ongoing for 8 of the additional 18 boats found during survey. The remainder have either been claimed by owners or removed from the waters. Current estimate of time to remove the remaining boats is 21 days.
  - c. Cost - Currently estimated cost is \$6,696,775.

5. Infrastructure Damage

- a. Flyover Bridge (Exit 5A) Slope erosion - FEMA has determined the County is only eligible for 120 ft. of the approx. 1,200 ft. of damage, with the remainder being the responsibility of SCDOT. DOT has informed the County they do not desire to partner with us to make repairs under our current contract. Staff will not be utilizing the current contract for the work due to the change in scope and inability to re-negotiate a fair price with the contractor. Staff is working on a revised scope of work for advertising for bids. The FEMA Project worksheet is on the "Matrix".
- b. Central Drive Culvert replacement - nearing completion. \$1,343,620 is estimated final cost and includes a small amount of Force Account Labor and Equipment. The FEMA Project worksheet is on the "Matrix".
- c. Spanish Moss Trail slope erosion –work is complete. The FEMA Project worksheet is on the "Matrix".
- d. Boat Ramps (marinas) and Docks - Repairs ongoing. \$199,250 contracted amount. Schedule is 180 days ending 10/14/17. The FEMA Project worksheet is on the "Matrix".

6. Facilities Damage (significant items only listed)

- a. Lady's Island Airport - Emergency Repairs are complete. In the project worksheet summary, FEMA stated some of the requested repairs are not eligible for reimbursement. Staff prepared additional documentation associated with the long term repairs to the runway lights and associated mitigation projects with an estimated cost of repairs of \$370,186. Only the approved work has been included in the project worksheet at this time. The FEMA Project worksheet is on the "Matrix".
- b. Fences on County properties throughout the County - \$42,335+ (several quotes still pending). The FEMA Project worksheet is on the "Matrix".

7. Individual Assistance

- a. Reverse 911 - This is an auto call to those that registered for FEMA assistance. The call prompts applicants to respond if they continue to have needs for flood and structural repairs or other unmet needs so that the State's Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office and/or the Human Services Alliance can reach out for assistance. A second round of calls will be beginning on June 15 and continue through June 17. The information collected will be reviewed by the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office (PDRO), an affiliate of the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) and the state's case manager, to help PDRO further assess and prioritize the needs of Beaufort County residents. The PDRO/SCDRO oversees grant programs that focus on rebuilding or repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew by managing federal funds available to assist individuals in disaster recovery. The program is managed with the support and guidance of the South Carolina Department of Commerce. Questions should be directed to the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office at 1-888-860-7137.
- b. SC set up the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office. Location in Building 6 at TCL Beaufort Campus. M-F 8:30am-5pm. 1-888-860-7137. Case managers can assist FEMA IA applicants with continued needs.
- c. Intake center locations and times will be forthcoming in the weeks to follow.