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2013 Flooding

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Thank you Chair Heath, Vice-Chair Kitchel and members of the Committee. I am Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and today I am pleased to brief you on the storms and flooding of 2013.

- 1. May 22-26, 2013 Memorial Day Storms- (FEMA DR-4120-VT)
 - a. Flash flooding In Chittenden, Lamoille, and Essex Counties
 - i. Impacted entities include Averill, Cambridge, Colchester, Eden, Essex, Jericho, Milton, South Burlington, Underhill, Westford, Williston, Champlain Housing Trust, Chittenden Solid Waste District, and Vermont Electric Co-op
 - b. Approximately \$1.5 million (Project Worksheets PW's are still being written) in damage eligible for Public Assistance at 75% federal share
 - c. No Individual Assistance (widespread major damage to destroyed; 100 to 150 homes) no dollar value associated with IA
 - d. Approximately \$225,000 (15% of PA costs) made available for Hazard Mitigation projects within the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - e. Damage numbers are approximate because project worksheets are currently being fleshed out
 - f. AA1 \$800,000 (FEMA Grantor)
- 2. June 25- July 11, 2013- (Not Yet Declared)
 - a. Extended weather pattern bringing several storms over the state causing flash flooding, home and infrastructure damage





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- b. Currently finalizing the Major Disaster Declaration request to be sent to the President via the Governor
 - i. Request for Public Assistance to include seven counties, Caledonia, Chittenden, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, and Windsor with the most significantly impacted jurisdictions to include Windsor, Williamstown, Underhill, Jericho, Williston, Hinesburg, Huntington, Richmond, Essex, Pomfret, Braintree, Roxbury, Granville, Barton, Fairlee, Brookfield and Duxbury
 - ii. Estimated to be \$3.9 million in damages to public infrastructure assessed
 - iii. 15% will be made available for HMGP
- c. No Individual Assistance (requires widespread with major damage to destroyed; 100 to 150 homes) no dollar value associated with IA
- d. If Declaration is received, Applicant Briefings will be held

3. Summary -

- a. Assuming that the final total for a June-July disaster will be in the \$4-5M range, it is fair to estimate that total damage from the 2013 disasters (thus far) is in the \$5-7M range
- b. If all applicants were to qualify for 15% Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF), the projected State share for these disasters will be approximately \$750,000 to \$1,050,000

Thank You

