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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Flood Disaster Study Committee
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SUBJECT: Overview of the Flood Disaster Study Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the Flood Disaster Study Committee, which was created by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council on October 9, 2013. It also summarizes the committee's membership and responsibilities. This committee was created in response to the flooding along the front range and eastern plains of Colorado during the week of September 9, 2013. Reports, memoranda, and additional information can be found on the committee's website: <http://bit.ly/floodcom>.

Background

During the week of September 9, 2013, the front range and eastern plains of Colorado received record-breaking amounts of rainfall causing catastrophic flooding. In response to this disaster, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council passed a resolution creating the Flood Disaster Study Committee on October 9, 2013.

Committee Charge

The Flood Disaster Study Committee is required to:

- review existing state policies and resources addressing flood disasters;
- consider new policies to respond to the September 2013 flood;
- address future flood responses, prevention, and mitigation across the state; and
- consider additional matters that the committee deems relevant and appropriate.

Bills

The resolution states the committee may initiate legislation but any proposed bills will count against the members' individual bill limits.

Membership

The Flood Disaster Study Committee is a 12-member committee with 6 members each from both the Senate and the House of Representatives. In each house, there are three members each from the majority and minority party caucuses. The committee will elect two co-chairs at its first meeting. Committee members will receive per diem payment. Table 1 lists the senators and representatives serving on the committee.

Table 1. Members of the Flood Disaster Study Committee

Senators	Representatives
Senator Matt Jones	Representative Brian DelGrosso
Senator John Kefalas	Representative Mike Foote
Senator Kent Lambert	Representative Stephen Humphrey
Senator Kevin Lundberg	Representative Jonathan Singer
Senator Jeanne Nicholson	Representative Jerry Sonnenberg
Senator Scott Renfroe	Representative Dave Young

Meetings

The committee may meet up to five times during the 2013 interim and the 2014 regular legislative session. It will not be subject to the interim committee deadlines. If more than five meetings are deemed to be necessary, the committee may ask the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council for permission to hold additional meetings. Meetings may take place in any location in Colorado that is beneficial to the committee's work. The members will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

The committee will be a forum for public testimony. It may also seek testimony from experts, including federal, state, and local agencies, governments, nonprofit entities, and the private sector concerning flood and disaster relief, policies, and resources. The first meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Task Forces

The committee may create task forces on specific areas of concern. These task forces will report back to the committee. Members of these task forces may include federal, state, and local government officials, the public, and representatives from both private and public sectors. None of the task force members (including legislators) will receive reimbursement for their time or expenses.