

## **FEMA reverses decision to deny benefits for Lakewood, Lake Delhi**

DES MOINES – Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management has been notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the second appeals filed in 2011 by the Combined Lake Delhi Recreational Facility and Water Quality District in Delaware County and the Lakewood Benefited Recreational Lake District in Warren County have both been approved.

“We are delighted that FEMA has done the right thing and that these two communities will now be awarded the funding they need to recover,” said Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Administrator Mark Schouten. “HSEMD staff have worked tirelessly in cooperation with both districts for several years to secure the assistance they are entitled to receive. This is an important ‘win’ for both our staff and the districts involved.”

### **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

#### **Lakewood Benefited Recreational Lake District**

- **July 2008** – District submits request for Public Assistance funding for damage sustained in floods (Disaster 1763); FEMA approves request
- **Aug.–Oct. 2009** – FEMA obligates \$9.2 million in federal funding
- **Aug. 2010** – FEMA reverses its decision, declaring the district ineligible; requests reimbursement for \$290,716.37 already paid to the district
- **Oct. 2010** – Lakewood files first appeal of the reversal decision by FEMA
- **March 2011** – FEMA issues a denial to the district’s first appeal
- **May 2011** – The district submits its second appeal via HSEMD
- **July 2011** – HSEMD forwards the district’s appeal and additional documentation to FEMA in support of the appeal
- **Nov. 2011** – Director of FEMA’s Public Assistance Division holds conference call with HSEMD and district representatives to discuss appeal of 2008 application
- **June 2012** – FEMA notifies HSEMD that it is granting the second appeal and the district will receive Public Assistance funding (Disaster 1763)

#### **Combined Lake Delhi Recreational Facility and Water Quality District**

- **June 2008** – District submits request for Public Assistance funding for damage sustained in floods (Disaster 1763); FEMA approves request
- **Dec. 2008–Oct. 2009** – FEMA obligates \$7.8 million in federal funding

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- **Aug. 2010** – District applies for Public Assistance funding following dam breach in July 2010 (Disaster 1930); FEMA denies request for funding and reverses decision from 2008 disaster (Disaster 1763), and requests repayment of funds dispersed (nearly \$3.6 million)
- **Oct. 2010** – Lake Delhi files appeal of both decisions
- **March 2011** – FEMA issues denial for the district’s first appeal
- **May 2011** – The district submits its second appeal via HSEMD
- **July 2011** – HSEMD forwards the district’s appeal and additional documentation to FEMA in support of the appeal
- **Oct. 2011** – Director of FEMA’s Public Assistance Division holds conference call with HSEMD and district representatives to discuss appeal of denials for both 2008 and 2010 applications
- **July 2012** – FEMA notifies HSEMD that it is granting the second appeal and the district is eligible to receive Public Assistance funding for both projects (Disasters 1763 and 1930)

Copies of the letters from FEMA and HSEMD are available on HSEMD’s website:

[www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/news\\_room/press\\_releases.html](http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/news_room/press_releases.html).

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