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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

EVALUATION OF FLOOD HAZARD IN LOCATING STATE BUILDINGS, ROADS,
AND OTHER FACILITIES, AND IN REVIEWING AND APPROVING SEWAGE
AND WATER FACILITIES, AND SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS, hazardous uses of Colorado flood plains are occurring and potential flood losses and loss of life are increasing despite substantial efforts to control floods; and

WHEREAS, economic losses due to floods in Colorado during the last twelve years place Colorado near the top of the Nation's list for per capita losses; and

WHEREAS, past inadequate land use policy and controls led to the major disaster in the Big Thompson Canyon on July 31, 1976; and

WHEREAS, minimum flood plain and floodway regulation criteria have been promulgated by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Colorado Land Use Commission on the premise that wise use of our State's flood plains is the key to controlling and minimizing future economic losses and suffering of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, wise use of our flood plains will promote public health, safety and welfare, reduce future public costs for relief and rehabilitation and contribute to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has extensive and continuing programs for the construction of buildings, roads, and other facilities and further, State Agencies are involved in the review and approval of water and sewer treatment plants, subdivisions, trailer parks, campgrounds, and many other facilities throughout the State of Colorado; and

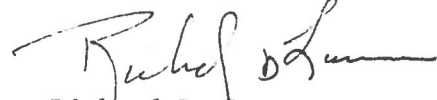
WHEREAS, both Federal and State Agencies have compiled significant data and studies concerning the frequency of floods and the location of flood plains and are expert at estimating flood hazards;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Colorado, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The heads of State agencies shall provide leadership in encouraging a broad and unified effort to prevent uneconomic uses and development of Colorado flood plains and in particular, to promote the public health, safety and welfare and to reduce the risk of flood losses in connection with Colorado lands and installations and State financed or supported improvements.
2. All State agencies directly responsible for the construction of State buildings, structures, roads, overnight campgrounds, or other facilities shall evaluate flood hazards when planning the location for new facilities and as far as practicable shall preclude the uneconomic, hazardous, or unnecessary use of flood plains in connection with such facilities.
3. Whenever practical and economically feasible, flood proofing measures shall be applied to existing facilities to reduce flood damage potential.
4. The Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Land Use Commission in cooperation with the appropriate state and federal agencies shall continue to undertake the evaluation of hazardous flood plain uses in the State of Colorado, proceed with the identification of flood plains, and prepare suitable flood disaster preparedness plans in cooperation with affected cities and counties, including an effective flood insurance information program, early warning system, and related steps to protect against future loss of life and unnecessary economic losses. Priority shall be given to the numerous hazardous canyons in the State of Colorado.
5. All State agencies responsible for the review and/or approval of sewage treatment plants, water treatment plants, interceptor sewers, subdivisions, trailer parks, and other facilities within the State of Colorado shall evaluate flood hazards in writing in connection with such review and approval of facilities and take measures to minimize the exposure of facilities, and development which they may induce, to potential flood damage and the need for future State expenditures for flood protection and flood disaster relief.
6. All State agencies responsible for programs which entail land use planning shall take flood hazards into account when evaluating applications for planning grants, when reviewing water and wastewater facility plans, and area-wide wastewater management plans.
7. Requests for flood hazard information and hazard assessment may be addressed to the Colorado Water Conservation Board or the Land Use Commission.
8. Any requests for appropriations for State construction of new buildings, structures, roads, or other facilities by State agencies shall be accompanied by a statement on the findings of the agency's evaluation and consideration of flood hazards in development of such requests.
9. As used in this Order, the term "State agency" includes any department, commission, division, or other organizational entity of the executive branch of State Government.

10. The State agencies shall proceed immediately to develop such procedures, regulations, and information as are provided for in, or may be necessary to carry out, the provisions of this Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this first day
August, A.D., 1977.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Lamm", written in a cursive style.

Richard D. Lamm
Governor