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Roy Romer
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO THE IMMINENT THREAT OF SPRING SNOW MELT RUN-OFF FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES

- WHEREAS, the May 1st statewide snowpack is 149 percent of average; and
- WHEREAS, this is the highest snowpack the state has experienced since 1984; and
- WHEREAS, in 1984, the spring snow melt run-off caused significant flooding and landslides on the western slope of Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, as a result of the high snowpack, and based on the 1984 floods and landslides, the threat of flooding and landslides is imminent; and
- WHEREAS, the state and its local governments are responsible for taking action to mitigate the impacts of, prepare for, respond to, and recover from those events that may be caused by this imminent threat; and
- WHEREAS, the demands placed upon funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies in coping with the imminent threat of flooding and landslides described above are unreasonably great; and
- WHEREAS, the moneys available in the disaster emergency fund are insufficient to cope with the imminent threat of flooding and landslides; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to §24-32-2106, C.R.S., the Governor may make funds available from the disaster emergency fund and may transfer and expend moneys appropriated for other purposes to meet the needs of the disaster emergency if the funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies are insufficient; and

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WHEREAS, the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council concurs with the findings and actions set forth in this Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the conditions under which funds can be transferred and used to meet the needs of disaster emergency have been satisfied as a result of the imminent threat of flooding and landslides described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, including §24-32-2104, C.R.S., the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992, do hereby declare that a state of disaster emergency exists in the State of Colorado, due to the reasons set forth above, and therefore DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The State Emergency Operations Plan and the State Emergency Response Team be activated.
2. Current fund balances in the State Disaster Emergency Fund be made available to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Office of Emergency Management to support the state's flood/landslide mitigation, preparedness and initial emergency response activities.
3. \$200,000 be transferred from the state's General Fund into the state's disaster emergency fund, to support the state's flood/landslide mitigation, preparedness, initial emergency response activities, and disaster emergency needs as a result of flooding or landslides that occur over the spring and summer months.
4. Prior to expending the funds transferred from the disaster emergency fund, the Office of Emergency Management shall obtain the approval of the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Governor or the Director of the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting.
5. These funds shall be replaced from the fiscal year 1992-1993 General Fund reversions when they become available.

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6. Fund balances are to remain in this account until December 31, 1993, when funds not expended for the purposes intended shall revert to the state General Fund.
7. A report be provided to the Governor, the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council, and the General Assembly identifying how the funds were utilized once all transactions have been completed.
8. All state departments and agencies, local governments and special districts potentially affected by the imminent threat of flooding or landslides throughout Colorado are directed to intensify their preparedness and mitigation efforts to address this potential natural hazard and respond to those events that may occur. These efforts should be coordinated with the state's Office of Emergency Management.
9. This Executive Order shall expire after thirty (30) days unless otherwise extended.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this fourteenth day of
May, 1993.



Roy Romer
Governor

