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Roy Romer
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES TO MANAGE MITIGATION OF NATURAL HAZARDS IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, various natural hazards have caused physical and financial impacts in Colorado and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, these impacts have resulted in unexpected costs to state and local governments as well as degradation of the state's health, safety, environment, infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities to significantly manage floods, landslides, wildfires, earthquakes and other natural hazards are identifiable and should be executed as funding is available; and

WHEREAS, mitigation recommendations can be effectively prioritized and managed by a state council, supported by interagency working groups; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to provide formal recognition, authority and responsibilities to this organizational structure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, including the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1973, 24-33.5-701, et seq., hereby Order:

1. The Colorado Natural Hazards Mitigation Council is hereby created. The council will be chaired by the Colorado Department of Public Safety and consist of no less than 25 representatives.

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2. The Governor shall appoint members to to council from elected local officials in areas of the state with high-risk natural hazards; relevant state and federal agencies; concerned interest groups; and the general public.
3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Minority leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives may each appoint one legislative representative.
4. All members will serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor will appoint the chairperson.
5. The chairperson will appoint a steering committee to help guide the council and an executive secretary to carry on the administrative activities of the council. The steering committee will meet quarterly and will choose a vice-chair, who will serve for a year.
6. The responsibilities assigned to the council are to:
 - a. Identify vulnerability to various natural hazards and evaluate the options available to mitigate such risks.
 - b. Review current mitigation plans for such hazards as wildfires, droughts, and avalanches.
 - c. Develop a unified management strategy with recommendations concerning state, federal, or local mitigation responsibilities.
 - d. Prioritize hazards statewide.
 - e. Assist local government in seeking funding to implement hazard mitigation recommendations.
 - f. Meet at the call of the chairperson, but no less frequently than once a year.

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- g. Prepare an annual work program and status report covering progress achieved and provide periodic updates to the Governor and the state legislature.
- h. Inform local government and the general public of the activities and recommendations of the council.
- i. The Council is directed to place high priority on use of the Colorado Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Landslide Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Wildfire Mitigation Plan and the Earthquake Mitigation Plan, and it should coordinate and prioritize the projects contained in these plans and any other plans dealing with natural hazards.

This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order B 044 89.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 1st day of July,
1991.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer
Governor