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John W. Hickenlooper
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D 2017-010

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order D 2012-021 to Extend the Availability of Existing Funds for the Weber Fire

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order D 2012-021 to extend the availability of funds for recovery from the Weber Fire.

I. Background and Purpose

The Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters. The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act defines a disaster as “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to . . . fire.” C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(3).

On June 22, 2012, a wildfire (“Weber Fire”) started in Montezuma County approximately 6 miles South of the town of Mancos. It immediately threatened the Elk Stream and Elk Spring Ranch communities and homes in the Cherry Creek, Weber Canyon and U.S. Hwy 160 areas. The fire grew rapidly, fueled by extremely dry vegetation, low relative humidity, high temperatures, and windy conditions. As of June 26, the fire had spread to approximately 9,155 acres. The Weber Fire’s proximity to sub-developments and the extreme growth potential of the fire posed an imminent danger to life and property. I therefore declared a disaster emergency on June 23, 2012 and provided funding for recovery efforts in D 2012-021.

Due to the great destructive nature of the Weber Fire, many projects were not yet complete by the time the funding expired in June 2013. I therefore extended funding for the Weber Fire in D 2013-014. Despite this extension, additional funding is needed for projects that reached closeout on or before December 31, 2016. This Executive Order therefore extends the availability of Disaster Emergency Funds to provide adequate funding for recovery efforts in connection with the Weber Fire.

II. Amendment

The last sentence in Section II(C) of Executive Order D 2012-021 is amended to read as follows:

These funds shall remain available for this purpose for expenses incurred on or before December 31, 2016, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Disaster Emergency Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2012-021 shall remain in full force and effect.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 8th day of
June, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the text block.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor