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Presentation to the

## House Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness Committee

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- Access roads to county
- Coast
- Neighboring counties



# Local “regular” disasters



## Recent severe weather events:

- November 2006 – 50 year flood
- December 2006 – 10 year wind event
- January 2007 – 20 year snow event
- December 2007 – hurricane-force winds & flood
- Winter 2008-09 – 3 floods
- January 2011 – Flood
- March 2012 – Flood
- November 2012 – Flood



## Wind/Flooding

Easy to forget – thanks in part because of preparedness





# Local “regular” disasters



## Challenges:

- Work needs to be started/completed immediately, most often before a disaster is federally declared
- Funding





## Happened elsewhere, effects come later



### Challenges:

- Timing unknown
- Quantities *at best are* only a guess





## Happened elsewhere, effects come later



- Funding does not fit present formulae
- example: EPS densifier





# Large disaster

- Debris Management Plan adopted in 2007/2008
- Mutual Aid Agreements
  - With cities
  - With other counties
  - With other agencies
- Contracts in place
  - With local contractors
  - Engineering Consultants

## Known unknowns:

- Will we be cut off from other counties?
  - For how long?
  - Which roads/bridges will be usable?
- Will our present agreements suffice?
- Where will priorities be higher?

# Debris Plan updates

## Barriers:

- Time
- Experience & Education
- Land Use
- Funding

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# Summary

- We have a proven ability to bounce back from smaller storms
- We have good volunteer and education networks in place
  - Regularly informing and educating
- We struggle with daily challenges, which inhibit our ability to better plan for an event which may or may not occur during our lifetimes