

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Accepting Responsibility    )  
for Storm Debris Removal Related to the    )  
2007 Declared Emergency                    )

Order No. 11-2008

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2007, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners declared an emergency to exist within the County related to a series of Pacific storms, causing substantial flooding and property damage; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared an emergency to exist within Columbia County related to such flooding and property damage, which will allow the County to be reimbursed for certain costs associated with the storms, including storm debris removal; and

WHEREAS, the flooding and other property damage resulted in substantial storm debris which was required to be removed to approved land fills; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the County for Columbia County to accept responsibility for the removal of storm debris associated with the 2007 storm event from December 1, 2007 to December 17, 2007, in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has incurred costs associated with removal of storm debris on State lands, related to the 2007 storm events, and will seek reimbursement from FEMA independently from the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Columbia County accepts responsibility for storm debris removal from both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County, with the exception of storm debris located on State lands.
2. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the submission of two applications for FEMA assistance related to such storm debris. The first application is for storm debris removal costs incurred by the Columbia County Road Department. The second application will be for all other storm debris removal costs as described herein.

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3. The Board of County Commissioner's acceptance of responsibility is contingent upon County eligibility for FEMA reimbursement .

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Approved as to form

By: *John Kelly*  
Office of County Counsel

By: *[Signature]*  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: *Not available*  
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By: *Rita M. Bernhard*  
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner