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Re: Voucher Program Wrap Up

WELD COUNTY WRAPS UP FLOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM

WELD COUNTY, CO – Weld County wrapped up its spring 2014 flood voucher program for debris removal July 31st, issuing an additional 130 vouchers to county residents. The program was extended in April for those residents continuing to recover from the September 2013 flood.

Last fall, the county made 3,500 vouchers available to residents, which allowed them to take flood-related debris to approved disposal facilities at no charge to them. Approximately 1,600 of those vouchers were utilized during that period at a cost of \$47,000 to the county, which was reimbursed by FEMA.

This second round of vouchers was not reimbursable by FEMA as it fell outside of the time-frame FEMA approved for debris removal. Instead, the county used money from its solid waste fund to support the program, which was available only to residents in the unincorporated areas of the county affected by the flood.

“Although this round of vouchers was not reimbursable by FEMA, we knew we had to extend the program to help our residents in their continued recovery efforts,” said Commissioner Chairman Douglas Rademacher. “We’re glad we were able to help those residents who needed the extended period to finish cleaning up their property.”

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