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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 11, March 17-18, 2009 Board Meeting
2009 Flood Outlook Report**

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Introduction

The CWCB annually provides information to Colorado communities and interested citizens regarding flood potential, and this year is no exception. The CWCB's Flood Response Program is designed to address possible flood threats in Colorado and high snowpack runoff conditions. Flood Outlook Reports are prepared cooperatively with members of the Colorado Flood Task Force and are posted to the CWCB website. Additionally, communities within the state that have been identified as being at risk are emailed the reports as an added preparation measure. The first meeting of the Colorado Flood Task Force for 2009 is scheduled for March 12, 2009 at the NRCS offices in Lakewood.

CWCB Spring Flood Preparedness Activities

- Chair the Colorado Flood Task Force Meetings as needed to monitor and report on flood threats.
- Distribute a press release reminding communities to be aware of flood threats and the need for purchasing flood insurance.
- Generate SNODAS snowpack mapping to graphically display basin-specific snowmelt flood potential
- Meet with local officials for flood preparedness during March and April as needed. There will be federal and state representatives available to discuss technical assistance and flood related programs.
- Post the daily Flood Threat Bulletin every morning, seven days a week, beginning May 1st. This is the fourth year of this increasingly successful program.
- Other activities, which are posted on the CWCB website.

Flood and Water Outlook Presentation

The current snowpack situation along with weather outlooks for the runoff season will be presented by staff members from the Watershed Protection and Flood Mitigation Section. Information presented will be taken from discussions and presentations from the first Flood Task Force meeting, which will be held on March 12th.