



State of Iowa  
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2010, the breach of the Lake Delhi dam caused flash floods and massive damage to persons and businesses and public infrastructure in Delaware and Jones counties and surrounding areas, including Jackson County, resulting in gubernatorial declarations of emergency and applications for federal disaster assistance for these areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Iowa is committed to assisting persons, businesses, associations and governmental jurisdictions that are adversely affected by natural disasters to recover and to rebuild; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of public funds to reconstruct the Lake Delhi dam poses unique challenges to persons living both upstream and downstream from its location insofar as it has been crossed by a farm-to-market road, and it has been formerly used for hydro-electricity generation; and

**WHEREAS**, given these unique characteristics, responding appropriately to the Lake Delhi dam breach, including planning for the possible reconstruction of the dam structure, must take into account the various and unique interests of stakeholders whose interests reside both above and below the dam and must coordinate governmental operations at the local, county, regional, state and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, planning for the possible reconstruction of the Lake Delhi dam and the future of the Lake Delhi area must also take into consideration new weather patterns in the State of Iowa under which heavy rain falls and snow accumulations resulting in flooding may well occur on an increasingly frequent basis; and

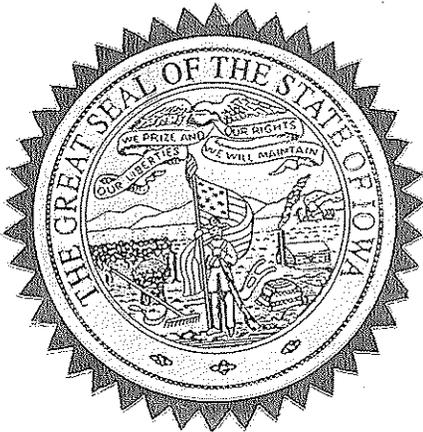
**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that the State of Iowa should marshal its resources to coordinate the recovery and rebuilding efforts in the Lake Delhi area and to assure that the investment of public resources results in an appropriate level of public benefit.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chester J. Culver, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Iowa, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force is hereby created to assist in the collaboration of citizens and businesses with local, county, state and federal agencies, to develop strategies for both the recovery and rebuilding of the Lake Delhi area, including, most specifically, whether and under what conditions the Lake Delhi dam should be rebuilt.

2. The Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force is charged with:
  - a. Identifying funding resources needed for recovery and rebuilding efforts;
  - b. Establishing principles and policies for public investment that result in improved local and regional economic development and public benefit;
  - c. Leading long-term regional and community planning efforts and identifying best practices with respect to managing the Maquoketa River watershed, reducing the likelihood of future damage by flooding and maintaining or improving water quality;
  - d. Identifying federal and state legal issues that need to be addressed in connection with any reconstruction of the Lake Delhi dam or its possible use for hydro-electric generation; and
  - e. Ensuring transparency and accountability in the investment of public recovery and rebuilding efforts.
  
3. The Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force shall be comprised of the following members:
  - a. the Chair of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, or designee;
  - b. the Chair of the Jones County Board of Supervisors, or designee;
  - c. the Chair of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, or designee;
  - d. the Mayor of Monticello, or designee;
  - e. the Mayor of Hopkinton, or designee;
  - f. the Mayor of Manchester, or designee;
  - g. the President of the Lake Delhi Recreation Association, or designee;
  - h. a Trustee or designee of the Trustees of the Combined Lake Delhi Recreational and Water Quality District;
  - i. the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or designee;
  - j. the Administrator of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, or designee;
  - k. the Director of the Department of Transportation, or designee;
  - l. the Chair of the Iowa Utilities Board, or designee;
  - m. the Director of the Department of Management, or designee;
  - n. the Executive Director of the Iowa Finance Authority, or designee;
  - o. the Director of the Office of Energy Independence, or designee;
  - p. a staff member from the Office of Governor, as designated by the Governor; and
  - q. the Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development.
  
4. The following shall serve as *ex-officio* non-voting members of the Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force:
  - a. One member shall be appointed by the President of the Iowa Senate, after consultation with the Majority Leader of the Iowa Senate;
  - b. One member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Iowa Senate;
  - c. One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives;
  - d. One member shall be appointed by the Minority leader of the Iowa House of Representatives; and

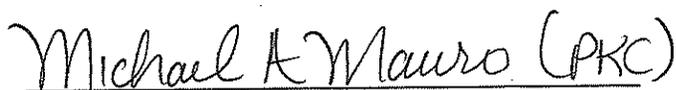
5. The Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development shall serve as Chair of the Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force and shall provide the administrative support necessary to facilitate the work of this body. Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties subject to the availability of funds.
6. All State departments and agencies are hereby directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.
7. The Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force shall meet, from time to time, as may be required to accomplish the tasks prescribed for it and shall present an Initial Report to the Governor no later than December 1, 2010.
8. This ORDER shall take effect immediately.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.

  
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CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE