

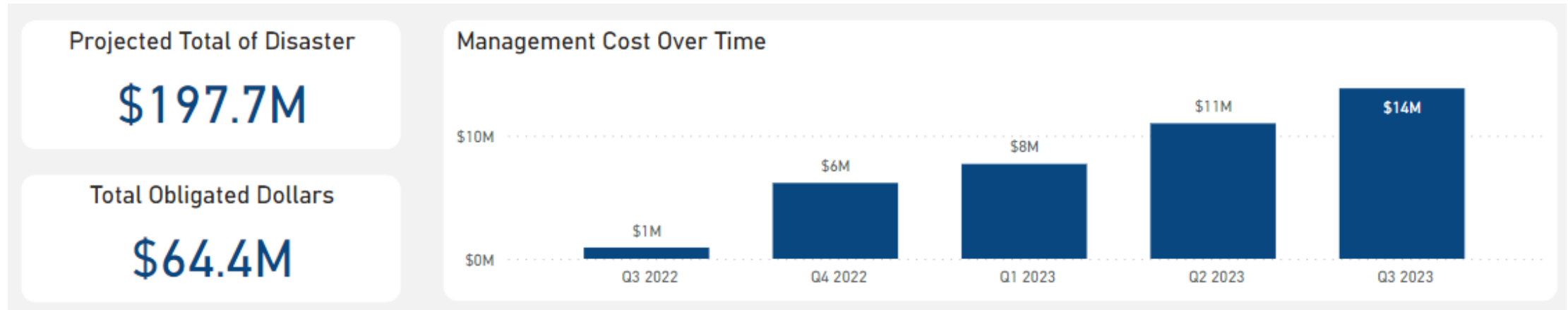
# Hermit's Peak / Calf Canyon Recovery Update

August 22, 2023



**New Mexico Department of  
Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

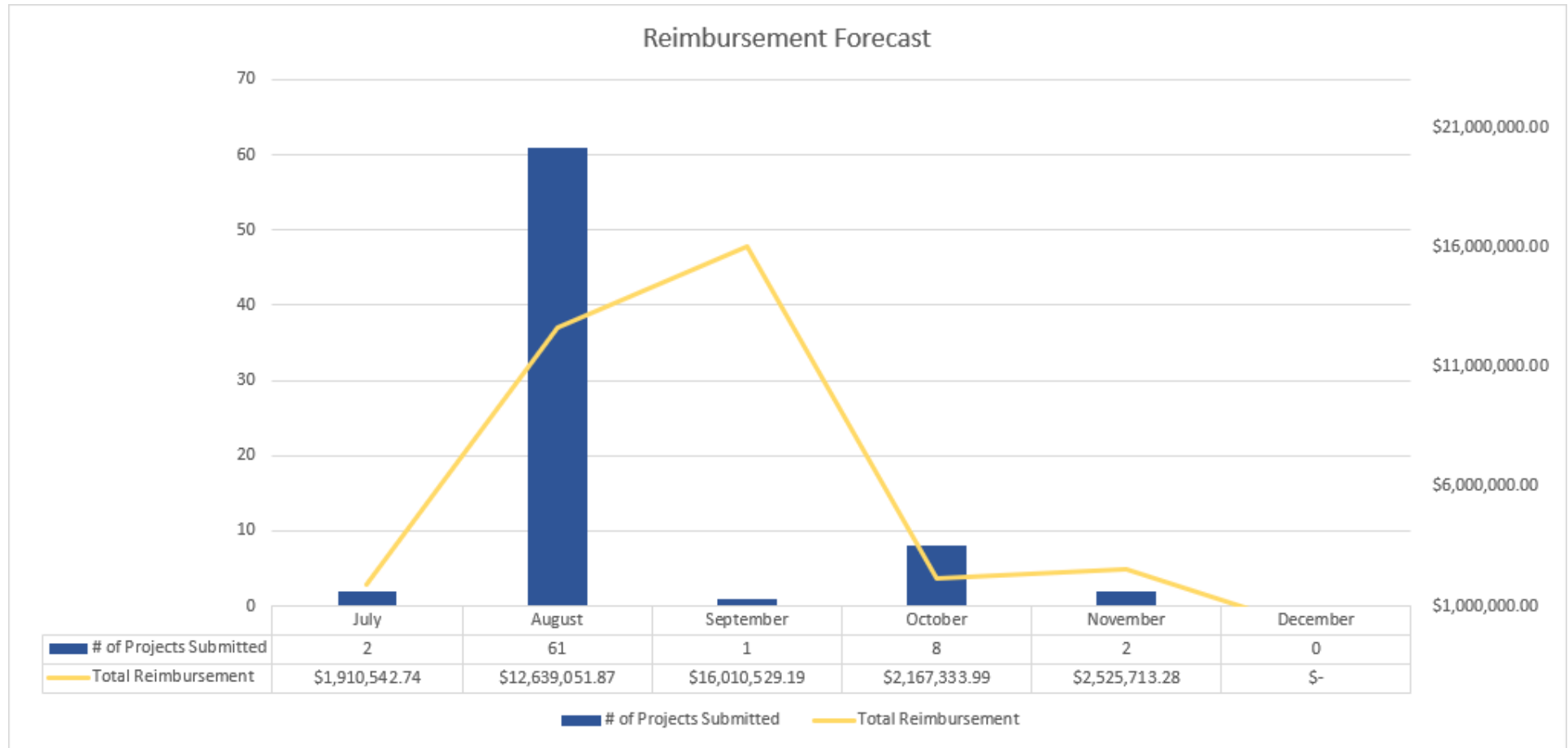
# Recovery Statistics (FEMA-PA)



- As of August 22, **\$10.4 million** in obligated funds has been reimbursed.
- Large projects (i.e., more than \$1M) comprise \$55 million of obligations across 10 different projects.
- DHSEM is compiling the documentation and reducing the burden on applicants in order to get reimbursed



# Reimbursement Forecast



# State Disaster Case Management

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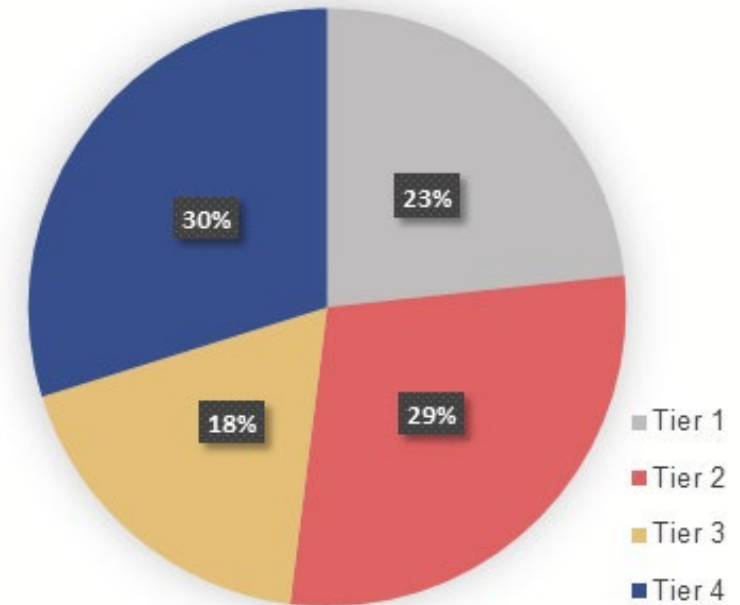
**Goal:** To provide individual support to disaster-affected residents through a single point-of-contact who is positioned to alleviate the bureaucratic burden of multiple program processes.

- State case management is funded through a **FEMA DCM Grant**.
- State DCM is active in **Mora, San Miguel, and Lincoln** counties.
- State DCM coordinates access to **30+ individual programs** from a range of state, local, and federal partners.
- State Case Managers are a **partner to Claims Office Navigators** in helping impacted residents recover from the Hermit's Peak / Calf Canyon Fire.



# Disaster Case Management Statistics

- Based on Individual Assistance registrations, there are **approximately 4,000** in the **HPCC fire area**.
- **Approx. 15% of people** in case management did not register for FEMA Individual Assistance.
- There are currently **274 cases** being managed by the State's Disaster Case Management program.
- An additional **179 residents** are interested in the program; we will be able to serve them pending FEMA's approval of a modification request to the grant.



*Tier 4 statuses represent the most complex cases and comprise most of all State-managed cases.*



# **Lines of Effort for Recovery Strategy:**

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**Recovery is most effective when it is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.**



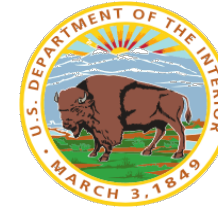
Line of Effort	<u>Community Outreach</u>	<u>Drinking Water</u>	<u>Economic Recovery</u>	<u>Health and Social Services</u>	<u>Historical and Cultural Resources</u>	<u>Housing Recovery</u>	<u>Watershed Mitigation</u>
<b>Task Forces</b>	Community Outreach	Municipal Drinking Water	Economic Recovery	Behavioral Health	Historical and Cultural Resources	Housing Recovery	Natural and Built Infrastructure
	Hub Site		Communications Infrastructure	Social Services	Land-Based Communities	Debris Removal	Acequia
			Firewood Supply Task Force				
			Timber Industry Task Force				
			Agricultural Sector Task Force				



# Interagency Coordination Efforts

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- We have coordinated **75+ agencies** as partners in the Lines of Effort for Recovery



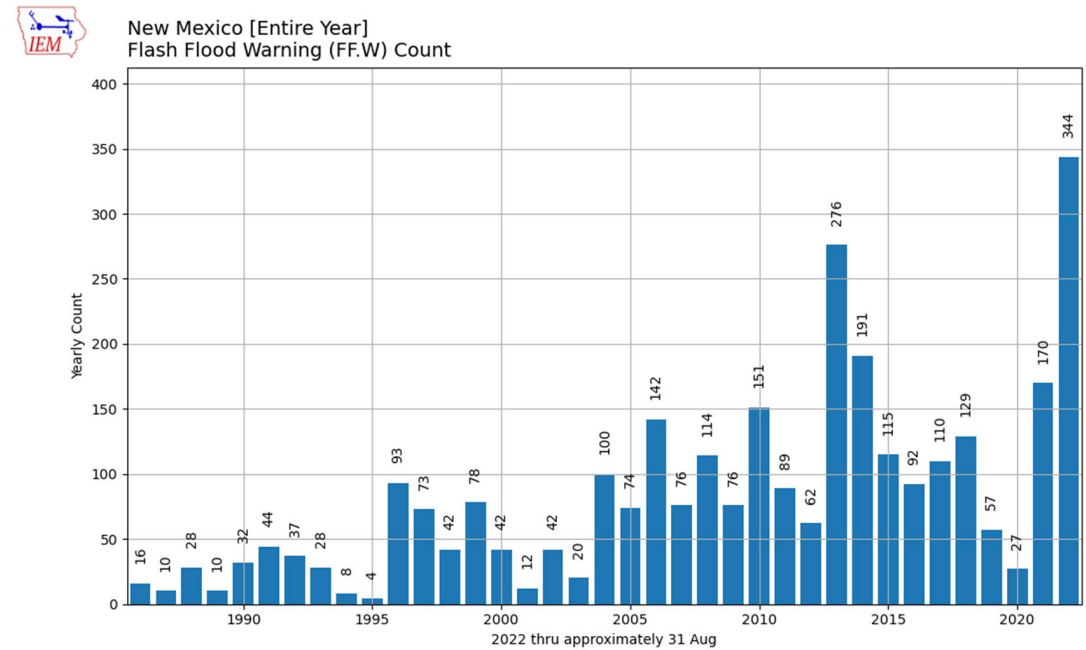
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing advanced protective measures in Mora.
- The U.S. Forest Service is supporting holistic watershed assessments via LiDAR.
- FEMA, DHSEM, and the Claims Office have deployed strike teams to support Applicants.





# Flood Risks in 2023

- The State is prepared for and is responding to flooding statewide in 2023, and specifically in burn scar areas.
- Already, the 2022 Monsoon Season broke statewide records for flash flood warnings (see right) due to elevated risk.



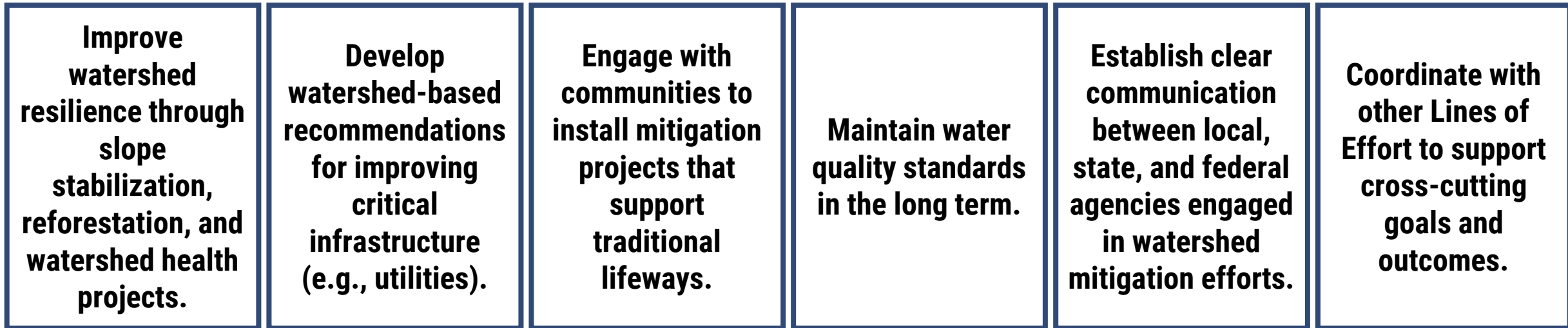
***Preparing for floods will be a critical priority for at least the next five years.***



# Watershed Mitigation Strategy

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**Purpose:** Facilitate landscape restoration and resilience through a recovery and mitigation approach that enables prioritized projects to be written, approved, and funded. Focus on the identification of projects that can be communicated and implemented locally.



# Challenges in Partnership

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- Multiple partners including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Claims Office, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have not provided consistent representation in the LOEs.
- We lack regular quantitative reporting from all agencies, which is needed to track aggregate trends across the burn scar agency.
- It is a challenge to elicit clear, actionable commitments from partner agencies, even when verbal agreements are coordinated in meetings.
- Each agency continues to focus on amplifying its specific program rather than supporting coordinated messaging on recovery.



# Senate Bill 6: Funding Status

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- DHSEM and DFA meet on at least a weekly basis to coordinate distribution of funding.
- Opportunities identified and coordinated to expand funding include:
  - Reevaluating the stage of FEMA review that constitutes “Approval.”
  - Including applicable Category B work as eligible for assistance.
- A total of **\$53.3 million** in funding has been disbursed through the loan program to date.
- DHSEM is working closely with Applicants to formulate and obligate additional FEMA-PA funding for other Permanent Work.



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