



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carla Hass
DATE: March 7, 2022
RE: Caldor Recovery update

Please accept this memo as a weekly update to the activities surrounding the County of El Dorado's recovery from the Caldor Fire as managed by the Recovery Operations Center's (ROC) co-directors Sgt. Moke Auwae and me.

Environmental Management

Alternate Program (Program completion date is set for March 18th)

- 30-applications & work plans submitted
- One parcel disqualified from program (structure < 120 sf)
- 26 work plans approved
- 15 properties cleaned and sampled
- Five parcels submitted completion reports
- Three parcels have completed the Alternate program
- One parcel is requesting to change to State program
- Letters went out 2/11 via Certified Mail and by e-mail
- Eight letters requesting extension have been received for parcels using JA Synder contractor

Public Program

- 76 completed Full ROE final sign off
- 22 tree only final sign off

Abatements

- Six correction orders were signed, notarized, and recorded
- One abatement on hold pending completion and submission of State program

Land Use

- Continued efforts to work with the Building Division to develop administrative standards for processing fee waivers to improve understanding of process for applicants and staff.
- Continued to develop an infographic to communicate the fee waiver process to the public via website, County social media and identified community groups, organizations and social media sites
- Approved building permit the Temporary Fire Apparatus Storage for Pioneer Fire District.
- Fee Waivers:
 - Total: 20
 - Approved: 13
 - In Process: 7

Health and Human Services Agency

Better Together Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG)

- The LTRG has finished setting up their initial committees, and they've started to get more into the planning phase. They have also developed a Caldor LTRG Website which I'm told as of today is up and running, but I haven't been able to find it. Once I do, I'll ask HHSA staff to review it and make sure our information is accurate - and i'll also inform the EOC so that we can all do the same. There's a summary of the Caldor Survey results in the attached meeting minutes and HHSA has asked Bill Roby for a copy of the results.

Immediate Needs Meeting

- The next distribution event will be March 20th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at Pioneer Elementary School. HHSA is once again recruiting internal staff and programs for the event. The next distribution event thereafter will be on April 10th.

Disaster Case Management

- The Salvation Army is interviewing three candidates for the disaster case manager positions today and tomorrow, with a conditional offer coming thereafter and background check being initiated. Assuming job offers are made and background check processes are passed, we should expect DCM to start the last week of March or first week of April, with the first week on the job for them to attend trainings.

HHSA Caldor Housing Social Worker

- As the first recruitment led to a candidate that declined the Caldor Housing Social Worker job, a second round of interviews happened over the past few weeks. The selected candidate was offered a conditional job offer, and they declined it this week. The second candidate has been offered a conditional offer, and the appropriate paperwork has been submitted and is going through approval processes.

EDWA Support to County

Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD)

- The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Notice of Interest for protecting GFCSD's vital intake infrastructure was accepted. El Dorado Water Agency is leading the sub application development and will be the grant administrator, with El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource
- Conservation District leading the scope of work implementation.
- Continuing to coordinate, develop, and provide requested information to FEMA for Public Assistance

El Dorado Irrigation District

- Replacement of Flumes 4, 5, 6 and 30 are continuing to progress with the expected water up in April.

Special Projects

- Per BOS direction to take additional measures to try to overturn FEMA's denial of Individual Assistance, an electronic petition is being finalized for residents and other interested parties for delivery to President Biden. The petition will be launched and widely circulated this week for use by individual Board members, stakeholders and the general public.
- In conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, a short video with compelling, first-hand testimonials by survivors, comments from elected officials, footage of the fire and its aftermath and other important information will be produced and delivered to President Biden. It will also be available publicly on the County's website, social media platforms and provide to stakeholders for their use.