



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carla Hass
DATE: March 14, 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 scheduled for March 18th)

- 29 applications & work plans submitted (one parcel went to tree only)
- 1 parcel disqualified from program (structure < 120 sf)
- 26 work plans approved
- 15 properties cleaned and sampled
- 6 parcels submitted completion reports
- 5 Parcels have completed the Alternate program
- 1 Parcel is requesting to change to State program

Public Program

- 82 completed Full ROE final sign off
- 29 Tree only final sign off

Abatements

- 6 correction orders were signed, notarized, and recorded
- 1 abatement property was accepted into the State Debris program

Land Use

- Continued efforts to work on developing administrative standards for processing fee waivers to improve understanding of the process for applicants and staff.

- Fee Waivers Stats (20):
 - Approved: 16
 - In process: 4

- The Assessor's office is nearing the completion of their assessed value reviews on improved properties affected by the Caldor Fire.
 - The scope of review of improved properties is 840 parcels
 - Completion is at 99%, with 835 parcels complete

- Still working on approximately 5 remaining improved property reviews (including Sierra at Tahoe) to complete their assessed value reductions. Each review is in various stages of the information exchange and review process on these remaining improved properties.
- We have just completed a mass batch of over 780 land value reductions on vacant land properties, as well as improved properties that sustained damage to the land only. This concludes over 90% of our estimated land only value reductions. This process was possible through existing technology referred to as RAVG – “Rapid Assessment of Vegetation Condition after Wildfire”, which analyzes the tree canopy loss within the fire perimeter. This data allowed for the creation of a formula to conclude an appropriate % of reduction to the current enrolled values on parcels with measurable land damage.
- The notices were mailed to these property owners on 3/11/2022 and included an insert that explained the details on the land value reductions. We plan to submit press release on these land value reductions very soon.
- In addition to the five improved properties that are still being reviewed for a value reduction, we have about 20 parcels that have been reviewed for a reduction but need to be processed through a more specialized procedure. We also have about 75 additional applications that have not been reviewed. Most are for land damage only or are smoke damage claims. The goal is to complete these remaining reductions as quickly as possible (approx. 100 total) so that they are complete through to the refund checks being cut prior to the close of the tax roll at the end of June. Once properties are reduced, they are put on a “Prop 8 status”. This means that they will have to be reviewed annually to reflect market data, rebuilding progress, or vegetation restoration.
- In total, we have processed over 1,600 assessed value reductions to date. Reductions total approximately \$121 million, or \$1,210,000 in property tax revenue. We still estimate that when all value reductions are processed, the total property tax revenue loss will be no higher than the \$2 million dollar estimate that was originally provided to the CAO.

Health and Human Services Agency

Staffing Update

- Caldor Housing Social Worker accepted the job offer, and then unfortunately declined it thereafter. The second candidate was provided a job offer and requested a higher step. That process has been started to review and for approval.

DCM Update

- One applicant accepted the Salvation Army's Disaster Case Management (DCM) position and will likely begin within two weeks.
- The Salvation Army will contract with a temp agency for the second DCM position, with a start date of Monday, March 28th. After receiving a one-week training, they will begin triaging residents beginning Monday, April 4th.

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

Resource Conservation District (RCD)

- The RCD has received \$7,500,000.00 in funding under the Caldor Emergency Forest Recovery Team action item.
- The RCD is soliciting professional services for several Registered Professional Foresters and Environmental Firms to assist with delivery of the Community and Forest Recovery actions. Documents are available at the RCD website at <https://www.eldoradorcd.org/>
- Emergency Forest Restoration Team meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 1:30 pm. Send email to Mark.Egbert@ca.usda.gov to be added to the EFRT list.