



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carla Hass
DATE: April 11, 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
 - Completion date extended to April 15, 2022
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- Public Program
 - 197 completed Full ROE final sign off
 - 65 Tree only final sign off
 - 2 of 3 Special Inclusion requests accepted by FEMA
 - 96% of all qualifying properties have been cleaned of debris
 - 85% of soil samples have been approved
 - 39% of tree felling complete
- Abatements
 - Received a 30-day extension for abatement warrants

Land Use

- Fee Waivers Stats
 - Total: 32

- Approved: 25
 - In process: 7
- Attended the PG&E Mobile Command Event
 - Stormwater staff visited the Grizzly Flats area to monitor watershed conditions
 - Attended the Water Quality Monitoring Results meeting with the Water Board on 4/6/22
 - The Sierra At Tahoe maintenance building construction schedule shows permit applications next week. We will immediately start code plan checking after the permit application. Since we have had no pre-submittal consultation with the architect it is very likely there will be needed corrections to the architect's plans which will delay issuing the permit. We offer a free code consultation service to Architects and Engineers as they are preparing documents in an attempt to prevent multiple rounds of plan check code reviews. This hopefully prevents multiple rounds of code plan check corrections.
 - The Assessor's Office has about 30 remaining properties to review for a potential reduction under §170 as a result of the Caldor fire. All reductions to commercial properties are now complete with the exception of Sierra at Tahoe. The exchange of information and the work on the Sierra at Tahoe reduction is nearing completion and the value reduction will be processed before month end.
 - In total, we have processed about 1650 assessed value reductions to date. Reductions total approximately \$124 million, or \$1,240,000 in property tax revenue loss. We estimate that when all value reductions are processed, the total property tax revenue loss will be significantly less than the \$2 million dollar estimate that was originally provided to the CAO last year.
 - We have received some requests from property owner's whose property did not sustain physical damage from the fire but they want their assessed value reviewed under Prop 8. If market data indicates that current market value is lower than their trended base year value, their value will be reduced until such time that the market recovers. This is most applicable in neighborhoods that were heavily damaged by the fire.
 - Once properties are reduced under §170 or under Prop 8, they will have to be reviewed annually for restoration of value, if appropriate. This is based on market data, rebuilding progress, and vegetation restoration.

Health and Human Services Agency

- Caldor Staffing update
 - The Social Worker is still in the HR background process; they should start May

- 9th
- The Mental Health Worker's reference checks are done and the Hire Information Request form has been submitted. HR should be starting the background process on this candidate today.
- Disaster Case Management (DCM) update
 - The two DCMs from Salvation Army are in their second week of UMCOR training, and the Salvation Army has laid out a list of goals/next steps over the coming weeks. This work will develop the process for receiving referrals, as well as a framework for roles and responsibilities within the Long Term Recovery Group.
- Distribution Event update
 - The monthly distribution event was held Sunday at Pioneer Elementary School from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Also on Sunday, from 4:30pm – 5:30pm, Northern California Legal Aid did a presentation about rights for insurance and tax filing. The presentation was recorded.

EDWA Support to County

- Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD):
 - Continuing to prepare the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program subapplication to protect GFCSD's vital infrastructure due April 8th.
 - Continuing to coordinate, develop, and provide requested information to FEMA for Public Assistance.
 - Researching various opportunities for funding to support project planning.

Resource Conservation District (RCD)

- Acquired forestry team, Environmental Consulting team and GIS specialist under the Emergency Forest Restoration Team program.

Miscellaneous

- Preparing for a late-April Community meeting to update residents and answer questions as needed on the recovery process. Details to follow.
- As of this writing, 1,125 people have signed the petition to persuade President Biden to provide FEMA's Individual Assistance to survivors.
- Filming of the video appeal to President Biden to provide Individual Assistance to survivors continues.