



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carla Hass
DATE: October 10, 2022
RE: Caldor & Mosquito Recovery update

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

Environmental Management

CALDOR FIRE

- **Alternate Program**
 - 7255 Winding Way- Soil sampling occurred on October 6, 2022 – results pending.
 - 5221 Butte Creek Road- Soil sampling occurred on October 3, 2022 – results pending
- **USPS Grizzly Flats**
 - USPS filed revised workplan and it was approved on October 4, 2022.
- **USFS Parcels**
 - 169 Debris removal complete (100%)
 - 167 Soil samples approved (99%)
 - 167 Erosion Control Complete (99%)
 - 151 completed ROE sign-off (returned to owner)
- **Public Program**
 - Complete
- **USPS Grizzly Flats**
 - USPS filed a workplan on 9/8/2022, the application is incomplete. Parcel has been posted for abatement on 9/13/22

MOSQUITO FIRE

- Phase 1 – Hazard Household Waster clean up began on October 6, 2022 and is 87% complete.

Land Use

CALDOR FIRE

- **Fee Waivers** – 110 received
 - Temporary Mobile Homes/Temporary Recreational Vehicles
 - 63 Received
 - 75 Approved (even if parcel owners didn't request a TRV/TMH but were eligible for temporary power and demo permit, we included TRV/TMH in the initial approval in case of future need)
- **Rebuild Permits** – 49 received
 - 2 Building Permits Submitted & approved w/ Permit Fees Waived
 - 27 Building Permits Issued w/out Permit Fees Waived
 - 20 Building Permits Pending w/out Permit Fees Waived
- **TRV Building Permits – 42 Received**
 - 26 Issued
 - 16 Pending

MOSQUITO FIRE

- A status map of inspections should be completed this week and will be included on the Mosquito Fire Recovery web page.

Health and Human Services Agency

CALDOR FIRE

- **Long-Term Recovery**
 - No meeting this reporting week.
- **Immediate Needs**
 - No meeting this reporting week.
- **Social Worker**
 - Caldor: On October 6, 2022, the Social Worker was at Pioneer Park Community Center from 1:00pm – 3:00pm to provide support to Caldor survivors.
 - Caldor and Mosquito: On October 7, 2022, they will be attending their weekly DCM meeting to discuss Caldor and Mosquito survivor referrals.
- **Mental Health Worker**
 - Caldor: The Mental Health Worker continues to provide support groups to the Caldor survivors.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program**
 - All required State and County level program implementation approvals have been received over the past week Staff are finalizing details of program implementation, and HHSA anticipates that the program will roll out over the coming weeks.
 - Here is a brief description of the program:
 - The TBRA Program is a time limited (6-18 month), rental subsidy program that is designed to assist income eligible tenants throughout El Dorado County with the payment of monthly rent and utility costs. TBRA assistance will make up the difference between the amount the household can afford to pay for monthly rent and utilities and the actual cost of the housing selected by the household. All TBRA assistance will be made in the form of a grant and will not have to be repaid. Most applicants must have household incomes at or below 60% of the County's area median income (AMI), adjusted by household

size, as published by Housing and Community Development each year.

- **Volunteer Rebuild Meeting**

- On Monday, HHSA staff attended a Caldor Volunteer Rebuild meeting. The group is seeking to know if the County is committed to applying for the Cal Home Loan program. The County cannot commit until the State releases the Notice of Funding Availability, expected by the end of the year.

MOSQUITO FIRE

- **Social Worker**

- Mosquito: On October 5, 2022, the Social Worker and Mental Health Worker went to Buckeye Mobile Home Park to provide support to Mosquito survivors. Both staff went to the Buckeye Mobile Home Park in Georgetown with Library HUBs staff. The Library set up a resource table and a activity booth for kids in the area. All the residents in the community were evacuated by the Mosquito Fire but there was no damage from the fire there. Staff handed out a quite a few Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Applications and CalWORKs forms (Low income families). One individual had a temporary loss of employment and could not get her full paycheck to cover last month's rent, and she is being connected to the Community Foundation for assistance.
- Mosquito: Staff attended the Georgetown Founders Day event Oct. 9th from 10:00pm – 2:00pm.

- **Mental Health Worker**

- Mosquito: They are working on creating support groups for Mosquito survivors and will distribute that information as soon as possible.
- Mosquito: In discussions with EDCOE and Black Oak Mine Unified School District to provide to additional support to Georgetown Elementary School.

West Slope Foundation

CALDOR FIRE

- **Long Term Recovery Group**

- Gaining traction on the Volunteer Rebuild, as well as the secondary developers who have expressed an interest in a discount price per square foot for survivors. Multiple partners and sponsors providing possible discounts and rebates for the building initiative.

- **Tool Shed**

- Processed 13 requests to date.
- Improvements on Tool Shed complete, The School House has been completely restored, and looks amazing
- KCRA ran a story on the Community Tool Shed, and the history of Willow school.
- A grant obtained from the Placerville Rotary has allowed us to create a purchase order for more power tools including but not limited to a 6" Woodchipper that is in high demand.
- Oak Fire and Dixie Fire are two of three interested in our Processed and Procedures as well as partnering with Tool Bank USA through West Slope Foundation's Northern California Pilot Program

- **Immediate Needs Program**

- Updated generator process to include verifying that a TRV permit has been obtained. Have had no new requests for Generators. Two Generac Generators have been returned and need to be serviced.

- Beginning with the October Distribution event, all attendees will be required to pre-register. Plastic 30-gallon storage totes will be distributed to households at the October 16th distribution event.
- Continue to provide immediate needs assistance to survivors from DCM referrals.
- Due to an error, 10 \$650 check cards will be distributed to 10 vetted survivors.

- **Veterans Program**
 - Identified and dispersed \$1,000 to a Veteran that qualifies under our Veteran's Assistance Program.
 - Working with Tim Whalen and Veterans Assistance as well as the EDC Veterans Commission to identify more Veterans in our community and render further assistance.
 - Will continue to apply for grants for this program.

- **Resiliency**
 - As part of the Outreach Portion of the West Slope Resiliency Program, West Slope Foundation's Executive Director and Outreach Director worked at the Local Assistance Center at the Foresthill Elementary School, providing intake with Salvation Army, Cal OES, Hope Crisis, Umcors, Episcopalian Disaster Recovery Services and many other agencies and organizations.
 - Held first Round Table with El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils and West Slope's Resiliency Program and next steps were well received.
 - West Slope Foundation was asked to speak at El Dorado County Fire Safe Council's next Wednesday meeting.
 - Creating a new name and organizational structure for the Resiliency Collaboration.

- **Fundraising**
 - Continue to apply for grants for all programs. Four grants in progress from last month, another four applications in que.
 - Will be hosting our 2nd Out of the Ashes fundraising event on November 12 from 4:00 – 7:30 PM at Element 79 Winery.