



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carla Hass

DATE: February 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

- 30 applications and work plans submitted
- 25 work plans approved
- 11 properties cleaned and sampled
- One final report has been submitted and accepted
- Program completion date is set for March 18th
- Certified mail and emailed letters to Alternate Program property owners informing them of the March 18th deadline went out Friday, Feb. 11th

Public Program

- 43 full ROE parcels have been returned to the owners
- Six tree-only parcels have been returned to the owner

USFS Land

- Awaiting feedback from USFS on final draft of Q&A submitted for their review last week.

Land Use

- 11 Fee waiver requests submitted (Predominantly for temporary housing, temporary power, demolition)
 - Six approved
 - Five in process
- Finalizing flyer to send to private property owners on the Values at Risk table in concert with Cal OES alerting them to potential debris flow during rain events
- 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 98%, with 826 parcels complete
 - Assessed value reductions to date = \$107.5 million, which is approximately \$1,075,000 in property tax revenue
 - Awaiting last pieces of information to complete value reduction for Sierra at Tahoe to complete their assessed value reduction.
 - All §170 applications must be received within 1 year of date of calamity. After 1-year deadline, we are still able to reduce assessed values to reflect damage, but relief can only be for current roll being prepared and forward. The law does not allow for retrospective relief after the 1-year application deadline.
- Once assessed value reductions are complete on improved properties, we will begin reviewing damaged land parcels.
 - To date, we have received approximately 165 applications for §170 calamity reductions for land damage.
 - Applications must be received within 1 year of the date of the calamity.
- After the reductions on improved parcels and land damage claims are complete, we will review claims for smoke damage.
 - To date we have received about 10 §170 applications for smoke damage. Smoke damage claims must be made by completing a §170 application with supporting documentation.
 - Applications must be received within 1 year of the date of the calamity.
- Once properties are reduced, they are put on a "Prop 8 status," meaning they will have to be reviewed annually to reflect market data or rebuilding progress. In some of the heavily damaged neighborhoods, there is a potential for additional value reductions, depending on what the market activity and data indicates.

Health and Human Services Agency

- The Salvation Army's open recruitment for disaster case manager staff closed Friday, Feb. 11th. Interviews will be scheduled over the next 7 business days.
- HHSA Staffing Update:
- HHSA will be re-interviewing all interested applicants for the Housing Social Worker (preferred candidate accepted a different job offer) Feb.16th and 17th.
- The Mental Health Worker is still in the background process and should be cleared within 1-3 weeks.
- Next week the Long Term Needs meeting will be Monday, Feb. 14th and the Immediate Needs meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

- The next Grizzly Flat West Slope Foundation (GFWSF) distribution event will be at Pioneer Elementary School on February 20th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Staff from HHSA will be present. GFWSF has requested each program provide a Vendor Pre-Registration form so they can know who will be at the events and what services they will be providing.

EDWA Support to County

- Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD):
 - Met with CalOES and County of El Dorado OES to discuss whether restoration of Grizzly Flats watersheds could be supported through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. CalOES will coordinate with FEMA to further for confirmation, but it seems that other venues of funding will need to be pursued as the watersheds' locations are on US Forest Service land.
- Cody Water Association
 - Plan to meet to discuss possible pathways to secure short-term and long-term water supplies.