



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carla Hass

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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 received
 - 30 Work plans received
 - 27 Work plans approved
 - 17 parcels cleaned and sampled
 - 14 parcels have completed the program. 12 in Grizzly Flats & 2 in Twin Bridges.
 - EMD sent the Alternative Program Summary Abatement Notice and Order to County Counsel to review.
- Public Program
 - 590 debris removal complete (99%)
 - 573 Soil Samples approved (96%)
 - 24,215 Trees felled (85%)
 - 617 parcels with completed tree felling (92%)
 - 21,217 tree removal complete (74%)
 - 588 parcels with tree removal completed (88%)
 - 453 completed Full ROE final sign off (returned to owners)
 - 132 Tree only final sign off
- USFS Recreation Cabins
 - EMD activated usfsroe@edcgovus for submittal of USFS Cabin ROEs
 - EMD received 10 USFS ROEs
 - Saturday ROE assistance event in Strawberry

Land Use

- Fee Waivers – 63 received
 - Temporary Mobile Homes/Temporary Recreational Vehicles
 - 41 Received

- 39 Approved
 - Rebuild Permits
 - 2 Building Permits Submitted w/ Permit Fees Waived
 - 0 Building Permits Issued/Approved w/ Permit Fees Waived
 - 10 Building Permits Submitted w/out Permit Fees Waived
 - 2 Building Permits Issued/Approved w/out Permit Fees Waived
- Sierra At Tahoe permanent maintenance building rebuild permit
 - Plan check questions returned to applicant on May 18, 2022
- All §170 Caldor Fire value reductions are complete - We will continue to review and process any new applications that we receive between now and upcoming deadline to file a §170 application for Caldor fire damage (1 year from date of calamity).
- In total, we processed 1673 assessed value reductions. Reductions total just over \$128 million, or close to \$1.29 million in property tax revenue loss.
- We have received 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.
- The project to ensure that the property information is updated to reflect post fire unit counts, use codes, etc., is near completion. This data is heavily relied on by the districts so they can levy appropriate direct charges on the property tax bills.
- We have updated our website to provide information for those property owners that suffered damage from the Caldor fire. The information includes a summary on what happens in the coming years on properties that have received a reduction to the assessed value, as well as property tax information on rebuilding or transferring a base year value to another property. This and other information will also be available at the Assessor's booth at the upcoming fair.

Health and Human Services Agency

- Long Term Recovery Group
 - There will be an appeal process for those who are denied case management with Salvation Army, to ensure due process and that specific criteria are met and maintained. The wording and forms are in process and once complete will be found on both the West Slope Foundation's and Better Together Caldor Recovery (BTCR) websites.
 - World Renew: West Slope Foundation hosted a tour of Grizzly Flats for Joe and Kathy Cortez of World Renew. They have expressed interest in working in that area. WSF has applied for a \$10K grant from World Renew.
 - Events: "Music in the Park" will be June 26th. It's a fundraiser with proceeds going to WSF.
 - The one-year anniversary event will be called "One Year Stronger" and will be held August 13, 2022 from 4-7 pm at Pioneer Park.

- Introduction: A new organization will be joining BTCR. Nation's Finest is an organization that supports veterans. They were represented by Aimee Decker and Jordan Demidenko.
- Long Term Recovery Group Committee Updates
 - Emotional/Spiritual Wellness - Laura Barnes - Laura Barnes has put in a funding proposal for a training series for resilience training for disaster recovery staff
 - Unmet Needs - Kelly Jordan - Steve Elliott will be participating in a brainstorming call in the next week or two about setting up a rebuild capability for Caldor and other fires. Rebuilding in California is a challenge. Amanda Ree from the National Red Cross Office has said her organization would like to participate in Caldor recovery.
 - Immediate Needs - Scot Telfer/Jennifer McKim-Hibbard - Community tool shed is coming along nicely. Qualified Caldor survivors will be able to borrow large tools and equipment to help with rebuilding. Hoping to have it in service by July 2022.
 - Distribution event on Sunday, June 12 will be the first event with the priority tiered entry system. The first hour is exclusively for those with 50% or more loss to their primary residence (own or rent). Small household and garden tools will be distributed.
 - Communication - Jennifer McKim-Hibbard - Website and social media practices still continuing to be developed
- Caldor Mental Health Worker
 - New Caldor Mental Health Worker will begin June 20th and her work location is also 3047 Briw Road.
- Housing Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
 - This is a Housing Grant that HHSA applied for and was successful in, targeting Caldor Survivors. After meeting all the State requirements for policies and implementation, the program is anticipated to receive referrals by the end of June 2022. Referrals will be made by the DCM to the HHSA Caldor Social Worker who will provide case management associated with this program