

Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carla Hass

DATE: August 15, 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

- o 29 applications received
- o 29 work plans received
- o 29 work plans approved
- o 26 parcels cleaned and sampled
- o 24 parcels have submitted completion reports
- 26 parcels have completed the Alternate Program, 16 in Grizzly Flats and 10 in Tahoe Basin
- o 5 parcels have until the end of August to complete the Alternate program.

USFS Parcels

- o 44 debris removal complete (26%)
- o 6 soil samples approved (4%)
- o 0 completed ROE sign-off (returned to owner)

• Public Program

- o 623 Full ROE sign-off (returned to owner)
- o 169 Tree only sign-off (returned to owner)

• USPS Grizzly Flats

 A debris cleanup document was sent to the USPS contact regarding the Grizzly Flat Post Office detailing program guidelines, templates, and a time-lined outline of what steps need to be taken. Awaiting USPS response.

Land Use

• **Fee Waivers** – 84 received

- o Temporary Mobile Homes/Temporary Recreational Vehicles
 - 52 Received
 - 55 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** – 31 received

- o 2 Building Permits Submitted & approved w/ Permit Fees Waived
- o 15 Building Permits Issued w/out Permit Fees Waived
- o 14 Building Permits Pending w/out Permit Fees Waived

• **TRV Building Permits** – 37 Received

- o 20 Issued
- o 17 Pending

Health and Human Services Agency

• Long-Term Recovery

o No meeting this reporting week.

• Immediate Needs

o No meeting this reporting week.

• Salvation Army

o Salvation Army DCM reports having 16 open cases being case managed.

Social Worker

- The Caldor Social Worker has arranged bi-weekly meetings with the Salvation Army's DCMs on Fridays.
- Tenet-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): We received approval from the State to administer TBRA and completing internal approvals before it's provided to qualifying survivors.
- Continuing to provide direct services to the survivors and refer to DCM as appropriate.

• Mental Health Worker

- o The Caldor Mental Health Worker has been reaching out to other wildfire-impacted counties to collaborate on BH services provided to survivors.
- o They have scheduled and promoted three support group meetings in August.

• Upcoming Events

- One Year Stronger 8/13/2022
- o Grizzly Flats West Slope Foundation Distribution 8/21/2022

West Slope Foundation – 501c3

• Community Tool Shed Program

- We have obtained multiple sponsors for the Caldor Survivor Community Tool Shed, which will be having its grand opening to the public August 19th, with tools available via our online tool request form and application. All documentation, processes and procedures for this program have been developed, including a process for recovery should the tools not be returned.
- o To apply for assistance, see the website <u>here</u>.
- o Tool Shed Program website with more information is here.

• Immediate Needs Program

- o Five of the eight generators have been loaned out.
- o Covered the cost of lodging for a family of for three nights then referred them to

- DCM which covered cost of lodging for a week. DCM is pursuing a long-term solution.
- o To date, West Slope Foundation has provided and dispersed a total of over \$150,000 in Financial Assistance to the Caldor Fire Survivors.
- The August 21st Distribution Day Event will include a resource fair that will have multiple organizations represented such as HHSA, Housing, Mental Health, and Planning and Building, in addition to our typical goods and services. In addition to camp chairs, cleaning and kitchen kits, one \$650.00 check card will be provided per qualifying household.

• Voluntary Rebuilds

- WSF met with Hope Crisis, UMCOR and local Paradise Community members to discuss a Voluntary Rebuild Program.
- A follow-up meeting with EDC, WSF, Better Together Long-Term Recovery Group, and other Government Agencies will be held next week to form a larger collaboration.
- The first priority is to better understand the validity and importance of the State's Cal Homes program and how it could support a Caldor Volunteer Rebuild Program.