



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carla Hass
DATE: April 3, 2023
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**
 - 5221 Butte Creek Road- All cleanup activities and sampling have been completed. EMD is waiting on the Final Summary Report, based on email communications there seems to be a money issue between the contractor and subcontractor that are delaying this.
 - 4991 Sciaroni Rd (USPS) – USPS submitted another Final Summary report, missing waste removal documentation and arborist report. Contractor states parcel will be completed by April 3, 2023
 - Both parcels have a deed restriction recorded on December 15, 2022 and will be removed once all final reports are submitted and approved.

Land Use

- **Fee Waivers** – 148 received
 - Temporary Mobile Homes/Temporary Recreational Vehicles
 - 93 Received
 - 109 Approved (even if they didn't request a TRV/TMH but were eligible for a fee waiver, TRV/TMH permit fees are included in the approved waiver along with the requested permit fees to avoid the need for additional fee waiver requests/approval should the need the TRV/TMH permit)
- **Single Family Home Rebuild Permits** – 78 received
 - Replacement Home Permits – 64 received, 38 issued, 26 pending
 - Home Repair Permits – 10 received, 3 issued, 7 pending
 - Convert Mobile Home to Permanent Permits – 4 received, 3 issued, 1 pending
- **TRV Permits** – 52 Received
 - 40 Issued
 - 12 Pending

Health and Human Services Agency

- **Long-Term Recovery**
 - The next distribution event will be on April 16, 2023 (flyer to come)
- **Immediate Needs**
 - No update
- **Social Services**
 - Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP): This program assists people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who are likely eligible for disability benefits by providing advocacy for disability benefits as well as housing supports. The housing supports this program offers includes interim shelter assistance, rental assistance, housing navigation, case management, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, legal services, and credit repair.
 - Referrals 8
 - 7 were referred by the Salvation Army Disaster Case Managers (DCMs) and 1 the Social Worker (SW) met at Project Room Key
 - Pending: 0
 - There are no new applications for the SW to review
 - Not eligible for the program: 6
 - 5 did not qualify and 1 stopped responding to us
 - Clients receiving HDAP assistance: 2
 - 1 is housed. We are assisting the other client with their social security application, but they are not interested in the housing options we have offered.
 - Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): This program is targeted to individuals and their household members with income at or below 60% of the Area Median Income. It provides eligible residents with payments to make up the difference between the amount a household can afford to pay for monthly rent and utilities and the actual cost of the housing selected by the household. Preference is given to eligible applicants who were displaced from their residence due to the Caldor Fire and are still experiencing housing instability.
 - Referrals: 7
 - All 7 were referred by the DCMs
 - Pending: 5
 - 5 are being evaluated for eligibility
 - Not eligible for the program: 2
 - 1 is no longer responding us and 1 has not submitted the TBRA application
 - Clients receiving TBRA assistance: 0
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Support Groups: 45 groups, 54 attendees
 - The number of attendees is an unduplicated count. Therefore, some of these 54 attendees have attended multiple support groups, but they have only been counted once as an attendee.
 - On March 24, 2023, thirty survivors attended the Pizza Night support group. This was the highest attendance for any of the support groups to date.
 - Access: This division within Behavioral Health reviews new applications for eligibility to Behavioral Health services. The Mental Health Worker receives applications for Behavioral Health services from survivors and sends these to the Access team to review.

- Referrals: 6
 - 1 survivor was referred to us by a community member and 5 referred by the West Slope Foundation
- Pending: 0
 - There are no new applications for the Mental Health Worker to review
- Not eligible for the program: 5
 - 5 did not have Medi-Cal and therefore were not eligible for Behavioral Health services. 4 were referred to New Morning Youth and Family Services for free counseling and the West Slope Foundation paid for 1 person's private counseling appointments until they were able to get an appointment with their private insurance.
- Clients Eligible for Behavioral Services: 1
 - Behavioral Health Worker has found 1 client eligible for BH services

Resource Conservation District (RCD)

- **Grizzly Flats**
 - Hazard tree removal underway with winter operational restrictions in place
 - Planting seedlings beginning March 29, 2023
 - Additional funds received from CalFire to expand work in the area.
- **Sierra-at-Tahoe**
 - Additional funds secured for 2023
 - Operational plan for hazard tree removal complete
 - Timber sale to Tahoe Forest Products secured
- **USFS Recreational Cabins (Along Highway 50)**
 - Funding secured for hazard tree removal along USFS recreational track road systems
 - Field surveys planned once access is available
- **CalFire Emergency Forest Recovery Team (EFRT) boundary incorporated into SOFAR strategy**