



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carla Hass
DATE: January 21, 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 submitted
- 30-work plans submitted
- 24-work plans approved
- 11-properties cleaned and sampled
- 6-workplans are still under review. Staff are in contact with the contractors to get the information to approve the workplans. Leoni Meadows submitted their revised workplans and should be approved in the next few days.

USFS Land

- The draft letter was reviewed by County Counsel and we have sent an email to clarify how the USFS would like to handle abatement properties that fail to complete the program.

Land Use

- Continued to monitor the watershed condition, and coordinated with the Water Board and other agencies within the fire area.
- The Assessor's office is nearing the completion of the assessed value reviews on

improved properties affected by the Caldor Fire. The scope of review of improved properties is about 840 parcels. Please see the press release for status update [here](#).

- During reconciliation of the §170 applications received, Cal Fire damage assessment data and Assessor records, we discovered about 45 parcels with claims for improvement damage that were not reflected in the Cal Fire Damage assessment, 25 of which were fully destroyed forest service cabins and were processed immediately. Assessed value reductions to date = \$106 million, which is approximately \$1,060,000 in property tax revenue.
- Still working with Sierra at Tahoe to complete their assessed value reduction. Awaiting last pieces of information to complete value reduction for Sierra at Tahoe.
- All §170 applications must be received within one year of date of calamity. After the deadline, we are still able to reduce assessed values to reflect damage, but relief can only be for current roll being prepared; the law does not allow for retrospective relief after the one-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.
- We continue to encourage property owners to submit a §170 calamity applications for land damage.
- 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 are available on our website or can be obtained by calling our office. <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/Assessor> 530-621-5719

Health and Human Services Agency

- 1/16 Caldor distribution event went really well and HHS staff have said it was probably the best event yet. At the event, the following list of current needs were noted:
 - Household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, RV toilet paper, diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products
 - Warm clothing including hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, socks
 - Men's clothing of all kinds
 - Sleeping bags, blankets
 - Food preparation items such as crock pots, coffee makers
 - Lanterns, electric blankets, heaters – electric and propane, indoor safe
 - Tarps, snow shovels
- PG&E and FREED are providing free generators for those who qualify. Caldor Survivors can access their website for more information.
- The Grizzly Flat West Slope Foundation (GFWSF) will be launching a new website. The website will include a pre-registration form for events and it'll be asking for more information about the needs of the community. The next GFWSF distribution event will

be at Pioneer Elementary School on February 20th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm and gates open at 11:00am.

- The next Needs meeting will be on February 2, 2022 and it's now called Caldor Immediate Needs ID.
- Final interviews for the Caldor Social Worker position are scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th. Specific to the Mental Health Worker recruitment, a candidate has been selected and it is anticipated that HR is making a job offer this week.
- The Disaster Case Management (DCM) agreement with Salvation Army has been executed by all parties. Now that this agreement is active, meetings are scheduled over the coming days with Salvation Army and the Library staff as the Cameron Park Library is where DCM staff will be stationed. Further updates regarding the recruitment for DCM staffing through the Salvation Army and the timing of having those staff available should be more available over the coming week or so.