



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**
 - 3 parcels outstanding
- **USFS Parcels**
 - 153 debris removal complete (91%)
 - 83 soil samples approved (49%)
 - 74 Erosion Control Complete (44%)
 - 51 completed ROE sign-off (returned to owner)
- **Public Program**
 - 634 full ROE verified against State Sheet. Status Complete, returned to owner
 - 175 Tree only verified against State Sheet. Status Complete, returned to owner.
 - 770 Properties returned to owners (Full & Tree Only)
- **USPS Grizzly Flats**
 - Abatement letter is drafted, will be mailed and posted by next reporting period.

Land Use

- **Fee Waivers** – 90 received
 - Temporary Mobile Homes/Temporary Recreational Vehicles
 - 55 Received
 - 59 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** – 37 received
 - 2 Building Permits Submitted & approved w/ Permit Fees Waived
 - 17 Building Permits Issued w/out Permit Fees Waived

- 17 Building Permits Pending w/out Permit Fees Waived
- 1 Building Permit Finaled
- TRV Building Permits – 38 Received
 - 22 Issued
 - 19 Pending

Health and Human Services Agency

- **Long-Term Recovery**
 - CAL Home Loan: Better Together Executive Committee members met with employees of California State Housing and Community Development as well as HHSA staff to discuss applying for the CAL Home grant. The Executive committee will gather further information and create an outline about how the CAL Home grant might benefit Caldor fire survivors.
 - The next distribution will be on 10/16/22. The distribution events will now be only for survivors who fulfill the requirements for assistance from West Slope Foundation (50% or more housing loss of a primary residence). Registration will be required for anyone attending a distribution event.
- **Immediate Needs**
 - No meeting this reporting week.
- **Social Worker**
 - A Caldor family that had been approved for the HDAP program some weeks ago became unresponsive to contacts. Over the past week, they have again reengaged. They are being engaged to enter HDAP, assuming their circumstances have remained the same.
 - HHSA staff will have a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) meeting this Friday to review the State approved forms and program criteria, which will be required before the rental assistance program can launch.
- **Mental Health Worker**
 - The Caldor Mental Health Worker continues to provide support groups to survivors. There are nine different support groups planned for September ([see flyer](#))

West Slope Foundation

- **Tool Shed Lending Program**
 - We have processed 6 requests to date
 - The improvements on the Community Tool Shed continue including new storage racks being put inside, Hardie Back Siding being installed as well as 8 new windows. This program is beginning to gain traction, and we expect to be processing many more tool requests in September.
 - We have placed another order for more tools and tool accessories.
- **Immediate Needs Program**
 - We are purchasing five more generators for our lending program. We have updated our generator process to include verifying that a TRV Permit has been obtained by the borrower per the County requirement.
 - The August Distribution event was the last distribution that those who have not met our program criteria will be invited to attend. Mandatory pre-registration will be required for our October distribution and going forward.
 - We have drafted an email to be sent out to those that do not meet our Program criteria, and we have updated our Application for Assistance Process.
 - Our next Distribution will be in October and will have a Halloween theme. We are purchasing \$6,000.00 worth of plastic 30-gallon storage totes which will be

distributed to our survivors at 2 per household.

- **Housing Options/Voluntary Rebuilds/Camp Fire/Northern Caldor Collaboration**
 - Housing options including the topic of Tiny Homes and other housing options are being discussed with us; the Long Term Recovery Group and the Northern California Caldor Collaboration have already discussed and utilized most housing options.
 - Met with Christopherson Builders and they may be able to provide three turn-key floor plans, one 1200 (2/2/with den) one 1600 (2/2/ with den), and 1900 square feet (3/2/with den). All plans can have a 2-car detached or attached garage. We will take a road trip to Santa Rosa to visit them and finalize the details. With these plans, we will have more options for the survivors including the plans already submitted for our volunteer rebuild option with Hope Crisis.
- **Veteran's Program**
 - WSF applied for and was approved for a \$5,000.00 Veterans Grant to assist our survivors in our Veterans Program. We identified and brought 3 more veterans into our programs and paid out another \$2,000.00 to two of our veterans.
- **Resiliency**
 - Hired an Administrative Assistant for our Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Program.
 - Received a second grant for running this program and leveraging materials for the Disaster and Recovery Playbook. Attending CalOES Trainings the first Wednesday of every month starting in October.

El Dorado Community Foundation

- Requests Approved/fulfilled:
 - Four generators were approved
 - Gravel delivered to four homes
 - 14 \$650 gift cards being processed for survivors unable to attend the recent distribution event
 - Exploratory discussions underway with Pioneer Elementary School regarding possibility of a multi-purpose building with Foundation support
 - Continue to support Sierra-At-Tahoe