



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carla Hass

DATE: January 31, 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.

Land Use

- Development Technician for Caldor Recovery has started with the Planning Division and is undergoing initial training.
- Interviews for the Assistant/Associate Planner position for Caldor Recovery have been conducted, a candidate has been selected and the recruitment is moving forward.
- Participated in an EDC/PG&E Caldor Recovery coordination meeting.
- Conducted internal Caldor Fire Fee Waiver processing and procedure overview discussion, updated webpage materials including a revised fee waiver application, and continued processing fee waivers requests.
- Coordinating with CalOES on responding to critical Values at Risk

Land Use / Tahoe

No update

HHSA

- Salvation Army DCM contract has been executed, and the following next steps and timeline reflects the coming weeks ahead:
 - The recruitment for DCM staff will close the week of January 31st
 - Week of 7th interviews to start; Week of 14th (if necessary) interviews finalized
 - Background check the week the 14th, with the goal of onboarding during the week of the 21st
 - DCM staff will be trained, offices set up, and the program to launch either the week of February 28th or March 7th, pending the described steps being completed timely
- The Caldor Mental Health Worker and Caldor Housing Social Worker positions are

moving through the final and intermediate stages for hiring.

- HHSA is working on pulling together 2 rental assistance programs for low-income households impacted by the Caldor Fire. The Standard agreement for a Rental Assistance program was approved by the BOS at the Tuesday, 1/25 meeting. As this agreement is executed, the County's Housing Community and Economic Development (HCED) staff and HHSA staff will meet the conditions of the funding to gain clearance to expend funds. The second housing program, the Housing Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) is moving along well, with HHSA accepting the grant funds recently at the BOS. This is also a rental assistance program and it also provides assistance in applying for disability. Staff are working to meet the conditions of the grant, and expect that the State will approve the program being ready by end of March to mid- April.
- HHSA is preparing for the next Grizzly Flats West Slope Foundation distribution event which will be at Pioneer Elementary School on February 20th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. HHSA staff and programs that have participated throughout these event will continue to be present.

Environmental Management

Alternate Program:

- 30 applications submitted
- 30 work plans submitted
- 24 work plans approved
- 11 properties cleaned and sampled
- 1 Final report has been submitted and accepted.

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.

EDWA Support to County

- El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) worked with the County Office of Emergency Services, County stormwater department, and Resource Conservation District to submit a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Notice of Interest. The proposed project will restore additional portions of the watersheds supplying the Grizzly Flats Community that were devastated by the Caldor Fire.
- Cody Water Association:
 - EDWA provided letter of support to Cal OES to express support for Cody Water Association to apply and receive Public Assistance for wildfire damages experienced from the Caldor Fire. The letter is currently under FEMA's review.
 - Cody Water Association has also reached out to the USDA water and environmental program for potential assistance, especially for potential areas that are not within the scope of FEMA Public Assistance.

- Grizzly Flats Community Services District:
 - EDWA continues supporting FEMA public assistance process. EDWA worked with County to address difficulties experienced by Caldor Fire victims regarding providing proof of residency to receive FEMA Small Business Assistance. As a result, residents are now able to come into the elections office to pick up a certified copy of their voter registration card, which is the only accepted proof of residency for those who have a P.O. Box listed as their address on their driver's license.
 - EDWA supported Grizzly Flats Community Services District to successfully compile and submit around \$400,000 of expenses to FEMA for emergency protective measures through December 31, 2021.

El Dorado Irrigation District

- Flumes 4, 5, 6 and 30 replacement
 - Progress of flume reconstruction work is improving with the dry weather. Estimated timeline for completion and restoring water flow in the canal by the end of March 2022.
- Hazard Tree Falling
 - Hazard tree falling along the canal is complete. Additional tree falling will be occurring later this year on access roads District staff utilize to reach our facilities.