



Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carla Hass

DATE: December 27, 2021

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:

- The Building Department received a permit application for a temporary maintenance building at Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort.
- Meeting with IT, Environmental Management about finalizing Trakit configuration to ensure complete information about every impacted parcel can be compiled, contained and utilized through this software program.
- Related a free waiver response team and formalized internal review procedures.
- Processing Caldor Fire fee waiver requests.
- Approved a Temporary Use Permit to relocate Pioneer Fire District Station #35 in Grizzly Flats.
- Met with Cal OES, Pioneer Fire, Building Division, and others to discuss permitting for temporary structures for fire apparatus.
- Working with Environmental Management to provide all requested parcel information to Cal OES no later than January 3rd for the required Disaster Inventory.

Health and Human Services:

- Groups that are part of the newly-formed COAD held several community

distribution/giveaway events on the West Slope during this reporting time period, including:

- 12/19 where approximately 250 people present. HHSA had a multidisciplinary team and most divisions from the Agency were present. One application for services was received.
 - 12/23/21 with 100 blankets, 100 sleeping bags, 100 pairs of socks, gloves and warm hats, mattresses and Christmas trees.
 - Bike give away and toy distribution also occurred before Christmas
- No new community requests have come into our Caldor Fire Survivors email. However, the Agency is beginning to see, and families are beginning to share, the early effects of trauma. The Behavioral Health Director is preparing to respond as needed.
 - HHSA has collaborated with Golden Sierra Job Training Agency (GSJTA) to provide their services to the community. GSJTA provides job search assistance and scholarships for job training. Individuals impacted by the Caldor Fire can also receive financial aid to cover the cost of tools, clothing, utilities, temporary housing, transportation, childcare, and mental health counseling. Services are available via phone, email, and video chat. HHSA is also providing office space to GSJTA.
 - Vouchers for generator gasoline may become available through the State's HEAP program. As many gas vouchers have already been issued, HHSA is currently assessing the actual need.
 - In collaboration with First 5, a one-stop service directory is being developed. The team liked the model we shared that was used for COVID and plans to use that as a template that can be kept 'live' and updated as changes occur.
 - We continue to move forward with the Social Worker and Mental Health Worker recruitments.

Environmental Management:

Debris Clean Up

- Much of the debris cleanup was suspended due to weather issues.
- 755 ROE's have been accepted by the State for cleanup.
- Hazard debris has completed on 354 parcels (59%).
- Soil samples have been approved on 220 parcels (27%).
- 2 parcels have been approved for release to owners (.3%).
- 8 parcels have had hazard tree removal completed (2.2%)
- 30 applications have been received by for the Private Program.
- 24 Private Program work plans have been approved.

Abatement

- The deadline for property owners to submit an appeal letter regarding their abated property has passed without an appeal being submitted by any property owner.
- There are currently seven properties in abatement.

Misc.

- Mailed letters to insurance companies of impacted property owners notifying them the property owners enrolled in the Public debris removal program. Cal OES encouraged this task to assist with future cost recovery actions the County will have to take.
- Finalizing process for and deliverables to the US Forest Service to notify its cabin permittees to conduct private cleanups based on the State's protocol and utilizing the County's Private Program forms and guidance.
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El Dorado Irrigation District:

- Flumes 4, 5, 6 and 30 replacement
 - Reconstruction work on the canal has been impacted with the recent snow storms and will delay completion likely into February 2022.
- Hazard Tree Falling
 - EID has issued three contracts for hazard tree falling along impacted sections of the canal. Work is ongoing and scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.
- Miscellaneous Damage – District crews are continuing to complete repairs to other facilities and equipment necessary for canal operation damaged by the fire.

Small Business Administration:

- The SBA on-site location in Diamond Springs will close on Thursday, December 21 after having been open for three weeks. During that time, the office accepted 10 home loan applications, one business loan application and completed outreach to all identified on the damage assessment list. The application period will remain open until February 7, 2022.