



## Caldor Fire Recovery Operations Center

**TO:** The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Carla Hass  
**DATE:** October 17, 2022  
**RE:** Caldor Fire Recovery update

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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**
  - 7255 Winding Way- Soil sampling occurred on October 6, 2022 – results pending. Received engineering report for foundation 10/13/2022.
  - 5221 Butte Creek Road- Soil sampling occurred on October 3, 2022 – results pending
- **USPS Grizzly Flats**
  - USPS' revised work plan was approved October 4, 2022.
  - EMD gave a verbal deadline of November 18, 2022 to begin cleanup and followed up with a letter.
- **USFS Parcels**
  - Debris removal is complete
  - Reconciling the data to verify the completion of all final sign-offs
- **Public Program**
  - Complete

### Land Use

- **Fee Waivers** – 119 received
  - Temporary Mobile Homes/Temporary Recreational Vehicles
    - 67 Received
    - 79 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** – 51 received
  - 2 Building Permits Submitted & approved w/ Permit Fees Waived
  - 29 Building Permits Issued w/out Permit Fees Waived
  - 20 Building Permits Pending w/out Permit Fees Waived

- TRV Building Permits – 44 Received
  - 28 Issued
  - 16 Pending

### Health and Human Services Agency

- **Long-Term Recovery**
  - No meeting this reporting week
- **Immediate Needs**
  - No meeting this reporting week.
- **Social Worker**
  - On October 20, 2022, the Social Worker was at Pioneer Park Community Center from 1:00pm – 3:00pm to provide support to Caldor survivors.
  - On October 24, 2022, they will be meeting with the DCMs and a Caldor survivor to provide the survivor with available HHSA resources.
- **Mental Health Worker**
  - The Mental Health Worker continues to provide support groups to the Caldor survivors.
  - On 10/15/2022, seven children and their parents attended the pumpkin painting support group. While the children painted, they talked about their Caldor stories and experiences with one another. Staff is also hearing from their school that the children are talking about the fire a lot more this year.
- **Volunteer Rebuild Meeting**
  - On October 17, 2022, HHSA staff attended a Caldor Volunteer Rebuild meeting.

### West Slope Foundation (WSF)

- **Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG)**
  - Continuing to look for a fiscal sponsor for the LTRG. Several organizations and agencies have been identified and further discussions are being conducted.
  - Although we had made some traction on the Volunteer Rebuild, this week it was decided to put the Volunteer Rebuild on hold until January 2023. There has been a delay with the Cal Homes grant being released, which has caused delays for the LTRG and El Dorado County. To reconfirm, the Volunteer Rebuild has not been canceled. It is simply on hold until the Notice of Funding Availability is released.
- **Tool Shed**
  - Refining program infrastructure and developing ways to improve the process in which tools are checked out and returned.
  - Continued discussions with Oak Fire and Dixie Fire on our processes and procedures as well as with Tool Bank USA on the Caldor Fire Survivor's Tool Shed pilot program.
  - WSF was provided funding that covered the cost to purchase an 8' x 20' Connex Box that will be located next to the Tool Shed to store larger items.
  - Scot and Jennifer have been asked to present the Caldor Community Tool Shed program to Cal OES 10/27/22.
- **Immediate Needs Program**
  - The October Distribution Event took place on Sunday, October 16th.
  - WSF and the El Dorado County Food Bank provided 66 households with \$100 gift cards.
  - The October Distribution Day Event had a total of 92 people in attendance that took home household goods, warm winter clothing, food, toys, and pumpkins.
  - New program outlines and refined criteria (requiring survivor's primary residence have 50% or more structural damage) reduced the number of households attending this event. However, the numbers are still high enough to make us realize that the Caldor Fire survivors are still in dire need of help.

- **Veterans Program**

- Working with Tim Whalen and Veterans Assistance as well as the EDC Veterans Commission to identify more Veterans in our community and render further assistance.
- Will continue to apply for Grants for this program.

- **Fundraising**

- Continue to apply for grants for all programs. Four grants are in progress with another six applications in que.
- Will be hosting our 2nd Out of the Ashes fundraising event on November 12 from 4:00 – 7:30 PM at Element 79 Winery. For a quick reference, here is the link to register for the event, <https://form.jotform.com/222241222861142>