



# City of Clearlake

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Local Assistance Center Operations Extended to Wednesday**

Clearlake, CA – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Sulphur Fire was a federally declared disaster that damaged or destroyed 166 structures within either the City of Clearlake or the unincorporated area north of Clearlake. Due to the amount of damage and the number of people impacted, the City of Clearlake and the County of Lake partnered with community, state, and national service and relief organizations to provide a one-stop Local Assistance Center (LAC) to provide information and assistance to the community. The LAC was originally scheduled to close on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, but based on the number of people who are using the LAC on a daily basis, the LAC will remain open until Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The LAC will be open from 9am-7:00pm, at the Clearlake Community Center (Senior Center), located at 3245 Bowers Ave, Clearlake, CA, 95422.

A wide-ranging array of services and expertise is available, including food, assistance accessing medical care, or advice regarding temporary and permanent housing. If you have concerns about your animals or even insurance matters, there will be people on site at the LAC to help. If you need replacement copies of vital records, or a new driver's license, come to the LAC. The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), and other state and federal agencies like FEMA and the Small Business Administration. Lake County Environmental Health has representatives available to assist those trying to navigate the removal of debris from their property.

According to City Manager, Greg Folsom, "The LAC has been serving over 100 individuals on a nearly daily basis and it appeared that the need was still there to continue serving the community, so in consultation with Lake County, CalOES, and FEMA, the decision was made to continue operation of the LAC until next Wednesday. Hopefully everyone who has been impacted will be able to at least make some initial contact with the LAC during that time."

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