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Sulphur Fire Update – ROE Deadline November 13th

Lake County, CA – November 6th, 2017

Lake County property owners whose properties were destroyed by the Sulphur Fire are able to benefit from a government program to remove the fire debris at no out of pocket cost. This program will ensure that properties are cleaned of any hazardous waste and debris in a timely manner. However, the State of California, CalOES has set the deadline to sign up for the program by 5pm on Monday, November 13th.

Property owners can sign up for the program by submitting a Right of Entry (ROE) to the Lake County Environmental Health Department or at City of Clearlake City Hall. By submitting the ROE, residential property owners are granting permission for contractors hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to clean their property of fire related debris. Property owners who participate in the program are only liable for the cost of clean up to the debris clean up limits allowed by their insurance policy. Property owners without insurance will not have to pay at all.

Property owners have the option of having the debris removed by their own contractors and paying for debris removal themselves, but not removing the debris is not a legal option. This option requires the completion and submission of the Private Cleanup Application. The debris must be removed in a timely manner before hazardous materials begin to runoff into the lake with the winter storms. The work must be done to standards established in ordinances and regulations so that health and safety risks are adequately addressed for the community and the environment. Property owners who fail to clean up their properties will be subject to nuisance abatement proceedings.

Right of Entry forms are available online at the California Wildfires Statewide Recovers Resources website located at: <http://wildfirerecovery.org/debris-removal/right-of-entry/> or at the Lake County Public Health Sulphur Fire webpage located at: http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Sulphur_Fire.htm

With the CalOES mandated deadline of November 13, 2017 there is a limited amount of time

left to submit a Right of Entry in order to allow this program to clear your fire damaged property. We urge impacted property owners to discuss this option with their insurance company and decide quickly so you can submit your ROE form before the deadline.

Contractors are currently in the Sulphur Fire area applying a product called Posi-Shell to help reduce erosion of fire impacted properties that could lead to possible contamination of the lake. The product is spray-on slurry that hardens to a consistency like an egg carton. The product is made of finely ground clay, reinforcing fiber, water, and Portland cement. It is non-toxic and will be removed with the debris.

The Clearlake City Council will be discussing Rights of Entry, fire debris management, and clean up deadlines during the next City Council meeting on Thursday November 9th during a Sulphur Fire Update agenda item.

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