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Sulphur Fire Update

Clearlake, CA – November 1st, 2017

The Local Assistance Center (LAC) was opened on October 18th to provide information and assistance to the community and stayed open until Friday, October 27th. The LAC has transitioned to a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) staffed by various state and federal representatives. Individuals seeking assistance from FEMA, the US Small Business Administration (SBA), CalOES, DMV, State Supplemental Grant Program, Contractor Licensing, or Veteran Services can go to the DRC located at the Clearlake Community Center (Senior Center), 3245 Bowers Ave, Clearlake, CA, 95422. Hours of operation are currently 9am to 7pm seven days a week.

During the week of October 23rd, teams from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) were in the area of the Sulphur Fire completing a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup in advance of the heavy debris cleanup. Teams cleared sites of remaining household hazardous waste, such as propane tanks, compressed gas cylinders, solvents, etc.

Starting November 1st, teams contracted with the US Army Corps of Engineers will be beginning the debris removal process on properties that have authorized a Right of Entry for clean-up. To participate in the program, a "Right of Entry" form will be required to be signed by the property owner allowing the state to clean the property. Right of Entry forms and more information about the debris removal program are available on line at <http://wildfirerecovery.org/debris-removal/right-of-entry/>. The program is voluntary, but the requirement to promptly clean your property of debris is not.

A Lake County Housing Task Force has been established to identify housing needs for those who lost a primary residence during the Sulphur Fire. If you are in need of temporary housing, please contact Clearlake City Hall at 994-8201 so that resources can be identified to assist in housing you in the community.

According to City Manager, Greg Folsom, "It is important that people return the Right of Entry forms as soon as possible to expedite the clean-up of our city and keep contamination of the lake to a minimum. It is also very important to let us know if you have a need for intermediate housing due to the fire so that we can work with local, state, and federal agencies to provide that housing in our community."

The City Council will discuss these and other updates at the next City Council meeting at 6pm on Thursday, November 9th at City Hall located at 14050 Olympic Drive in Clearlake.

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