



July 25, 2004

Meeting Agenda

- Old Fire Recovery Group Update
- Recovery update
- Myths and Rumors
- Planned Meetings for August & September
- Introduction of speaker

Old Fire Recovery Group Update:

1. Organizing with the cooperation of Community Partners with the name, "The Old Fire Recovery Group of San Bernardino Valley."
 - a. Voicemail/fax 909-266-1459
 - b. Website: www.oldfirerecoverygroup.org
 - c. Email: info@oldfirerecoverygroup.org
2. A two page outline of the situation in San Bernardino as well as a proposed mission statement and list of goals is available.
3. Committee acknowledgement
 - a. Committee Members: Lila Hayes, Gary Stevens, Amelia and Jim Herrmann, Claudia Oakes, Bill McKinney, Marcey Stanton, Ramona Payan
 - b. Special note - Ramona Payan who is a Spanish translator for the San Bernardino Unified School District and had a partial loss in the Del Rosa area. She has volunteered to do Spanish translation services for our group.
 - c. Volunteers: Charlotte Crandall, Jennie Hendrickson, Scott Turnbull, Brandi de Does
4. We will need more help as we continue to define our scope so if anyone else wants to help, there will be opportunities in the future.
5. Currently working on:
 - a. Postcard
 - b. Newsletter (hope to do every other month).
 - c. Organizing an Aug 15 meeting with elected officials so they can give us an update.

Recovery Update

1. As a reminder, there were approximately 993 losses in the county with about 461 up the hill and 532 down the hill. Of those down the hill, there were approximately 330 in city limits and 202 in county. In total, we have almost 800 people in our database who suffered total or partial losses in the valley.
2. For the City: as of May 31 there were 132 permits in the works with 81 permits issued and 5 dwellings complete. There were 261 permits total in progress including all types of repairs.
 $132/330 = 40\%$; $5/330 = 1.5\%$
3. For the County: as of June 23 there were 183 total permits in progress with no breakdown of how many were for what type of loss. It is difficult to do any percentages since this permit number includes partial as well as total loss.
4. As of July 18 there have been 495 RFA's filled with the CDI.

5. There are currently 8 bills in Sacramento that deal with homeowners insurance issues. I have a printout available that outlines the current bills. www.twiceburned.org keeps an updated list of bills and their status. Dian Black who is a self employed Consumer Affairs professional in San Diego keeps it updated.

Myths and Rumors

1. A letter dated July 01 was mailed to fire survivors in the county fire survivor database. It was compiled by a temporary employee named "Theresa Halberg" who used the database to send an unauthorized letter to fire survivors and used county funds to create and send the mailing.

Although her idea of a program similar to the Debris Removal program but for rebuilding purposes was intriguing, a program has not been put in place and when people responded to the mailing, Theresa was only referring people to her uncle who is a contractor.

If you have a copy of this letter, please know that there is not a county program and that this mailing was sent without county authorization. Julie, who was Theresa's supervisor, told me on Thursday that a letter will be sent to the same mailing list explaining the situation. Thursday was Theresa's last day working for the county Debris Removal Program.

Planned Meetings for August & September

- Aug 01 - Anna Maria Galdieri CPA, Chair Disaster Tax Subcommittee for CA Society of CPA's
- Aug 08 - Insurance Workshop with George Kehrer of CARE
- Aug 15 - Elected Official Update
- Aug 22 - Legal Clinic
- Aug 29 - Insurance Workshop with George Kehrer of CARE
- Sep 05 - Labor Day (no meeting)
- Sep 12 - Legal Clinic
- Sep 19 - Insurance Workshop with George Kehrer of CARE

Introduction of speaker