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Objectives and Agenda
Fire Recovery Summit
Pechanga Casino and Resort
August 9, 2004

Summit Objectives

- Understand and draw upon the collective resources of other citizen-led fire recovery efforts to strengthen local effectiveness in fire recovery and community rebuilding.
- Identify gaps and priorities – and methods of addressing them – of particular concern to citizen-led groups in the coming 12 months.
- Celebrate successes and invigorate energies of paid and volunteer team members working on fire recovery and community rebuilding.
- Get to know colleagues working in other communities.

Summit Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and Introductions
Ursula Hyman, Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance
Paul Vandeventer, President & CEO, Community Partners

9:30 – 10:30 Area-Specific Updates
(Representatives from each fire-affected community will provide 5-minute summaries and progress highlights of their work around Southern California.)

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 10:50 The Citizen-Led Approach
Discussion Facilitator:
Paul Vandeventer
(Facilitated group discussion to identify strengths, weaknesses and core operating principles of the citizen-led disaster recovery approach with an eye to supplying guidance for future groups using this approach.)

10:50 – 11:50 Facilitated Conversation I – Strategies for Navigating the Insurance Maze
Content Expertise:
George Kehrer - CARE
Amy Bach – United Policy Holders
(George and Amy stimulate priority-setting dialogue among participants starting with brief highlights of what’s working, what’s not and what are the gaps that need filling.)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 Facilitated Conversations II - Sustaining Our Local Citizen-Led Efforts
Content Expertise:
Valerie Nash, Consultant
Paul Vandeventer

(Valerie and Paul stimulate group creativity starting with short presentations identifying possible strategies that will help groups get a jump on funding local efforts for duration of the recovery period.)

- 1:45 – 2:30 Facilitated Conversation III - Keeping Fire Survivors and Community Rebuilding in the Forefront of Local Media Attention
Content Expertise:
Chris Crotty, Media Consultant to CRT
Lauren Kay, Communications Consultant to 2003 Fire Recovery Initiative
(Chris and Lauren stimulate discussion of tactics and strategy for media positioning of local recovery efforts.)
- 2:30 – 2:50 Break
- 2:50 – 3:35 Facilitated Conversation IV - Advancing Relationships with Local Elected Officials
Content Expertise:
Tom Rogers, Senator Hollingsworth's office
Judith Valles, Mayor, City of San Bernardino
Ursula Hyman, 2003 Fire Recovery Initiative
(Tom, Judith and Ursula serve as respondents, resources and reality check during discussion of successes, plans and challenges citizen-led groups face in building productive working relationships with local elected officials.)
- 3:35 – 4:00 Wrap Up and Next Steps: How Can We Continue Producing Results and Rebuilding Communities Using the Power of Citizen-Led Collaborative Efforts?
Facilitator:
Paul Vandeventer

Additional topics and themes

- Construction/rebuilding issues
- The lack of a disaster notification system- knowing where to get the right info.
- Established eligibility guidelines for insurance
- Establishing pre-paid legal fees (\$30/month) to get legal advice as things come up

Flushing out the citizen led approach with questions, such as:

- What worked or didn't work from a government and individual perspective?
- What activities are recommended immediately afterwards?
- What was or was not done that made a difference?