



CALDOR CABIN OWNERS RECOVERY PROJECT  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 7:00 PM

# Agenda

## Reports

- Visit to the tracts
- Meeting with the county (earlier today) – Paul H
- Meeting with Kimberly Pruitt from McClintock's office – Mike B.
- Letter writing
- Debris Cleanup
- Taxes (property and fed/state) – Tony
  - Lila [lfedler@msn.com](mailto:lfedler@msn.com)

## On The Horizon

- Next meeting 4/21
- Trees, wood, and re-forestation
- Returning to the tracts

## Meeting with El Dorado County

- Standards for debris cleanup rests with the state
- The standards are the same no matter who is doing or pays for the cleanup
- The FS is taking the county's alternative debris program and modifying it to “fit” the cabins
  - Probably won't be called alternative because we were denied access to state program
  - The FS plan is almost done
  - Mostly it will look like the county's with a few modifications such as hazardous trees (the FS “owns” the trees).
- The FS is planning a “Townhall” for all the burned cabin owners around April 20<sup>th</sup> to rollout the plan with a letter to each cabin owner the week before.
  - The leadership team have been told we'll get advanced copies of the program and letter

## Meeting with El Dorado County (cont.)

- The FS and the county are entering an agreement that the FS will administer the program and that it complies with state and local laws
- Permit administrators (Nancy Platt types) will be the point people for the program (the FS will beef up that area and provide some training to those folks)
- Decision to rebuild based in part on hydrological (100 year flood) and geological.
- Don Ashton (county's Chief Administrative Officer) emphasized we continue our letter writing.
- Mark Woolley was introduced as CCORP's expert on building codes and building permit process. He'll be meeting with the FS and the county to streamline all of this so it's easier on us, the county and the FS.

## Debris Removal

### BE PATIENT!!!

- Make no commitments until all efforts to get the federal government to pay have been exhausted.
- The letter from the FS about the program will likely have a 15 Oct deadline. Do not take this as an absolute. We are working on it.
- Do not take the FS program as an absolute. It is based upon the county's ordinance. Legally there is wiggle room here that we are and will explore more fully when we see the final program.

## Debris Removal

- Insight into the county's program
  - Allows non contractors (cabin owners) to remove the steel, concrete, rock and foundations. (We expect the FS to as well)
  - Any landfill as long as they will accept the material can be used, including those in NV.
  - Per the ordinance, “Fire Debris” is mainly defined as ash. Remaining structures (foundations) are exempt.
- CCORP will put out for bid the cleanup
  - Cabin owners will need to opt in and we will need to group cabins together for economies of scale.

# Taxes

Lila Fedler

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## Letter Writing 101...

- Keep it short. No more than one page
- State the problem as simply as possible in the first paragraph
- State the ask/want as near the top as possible and as simply as possible
- Include short personal stories
- If sending email with your letter attached, convert it to pdf
- Modify the letters for the particular audience
- Offer a way to for them to get back to you, e.g. “Please let me know if have any comments, questions or suggestion by contacting me at...”
- Most of the representatives prefer you use their web page to submit “email”. Most will only allow submissions if your address (zip code) is in their district.
- You do not need to have a burned cabin to send letters
- The more letters the better. Have as many family members, friends, etc. send letters.

# Letter Writing - Who to write to

## **Senator Dianne Feinstein**

One Post Street, Suite 2450  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Email: [caserowork@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:caserowork@feinstein.senate.gov)

Email subject line: Caldor Fire Cabin Owners Request  
This will open a case. The Senator will ask for a release form. Fill out the form and include it with your letter. The form will be sent with the minutes.

If you don't want to open a case just send your letter to the address above

## **Senator Alex Padilla**

Email: [sac\\_general@padilla.senate.gov](mailto:sac_general@padilla.senate.gov)

Email subject line: Caldor Fire Cabin Owners Request

112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

## **Congressman Tom McClintock**

Direct email: [Kimberly.Pruett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Pruett@mail.house.gov)  
email subject: ccorp - cabin owner assistance request

via website: <https://mcclintock.house.gov/contact/email-me>  
(You'll need to enter a zip code, use your cabin zip, for cabins near the Twin Bridges post office, 95735, cabins near Echo Lake, 95721. You don't need the +4 extension)

2200A Douglas Blvd, Suite 240  
Roseville, CA 95661

## **Congressman Ami Bera**

Email: <https://bera.house.gov/connect-with-me/email-ami>

8950 Cal Center Drive, Building 3, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95826

## **Congresswoman Doris Matsui**

Email: <https://matsuiforms.house.gov/contact/>

501 I Street, Suite 12-600  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## Letter Writing - Who to write to

**Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi**  
90 7th Street, Suite 2-800  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
Emphasize environmental issues

Randy Moore, Chief of USDA Forest Service  
email: [randy.moore@usda.gov](mailto:randy.moore@usda.gov)

Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Prefer email: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

**Robert J. Fenton, Jr.**, Regional Administrator, Region 9  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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