Envisioning a Stronger Mendocino County

Countywide Resiliency Planning



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Emergency Response and Protective Measures



Mendocino County Immediate Responses



Evacuation Shelters

Local Assistance Center

Toxic Ash Containment

Mendocino County Disaster Immediate Recovery

Transition from Emergency Response to Recovery

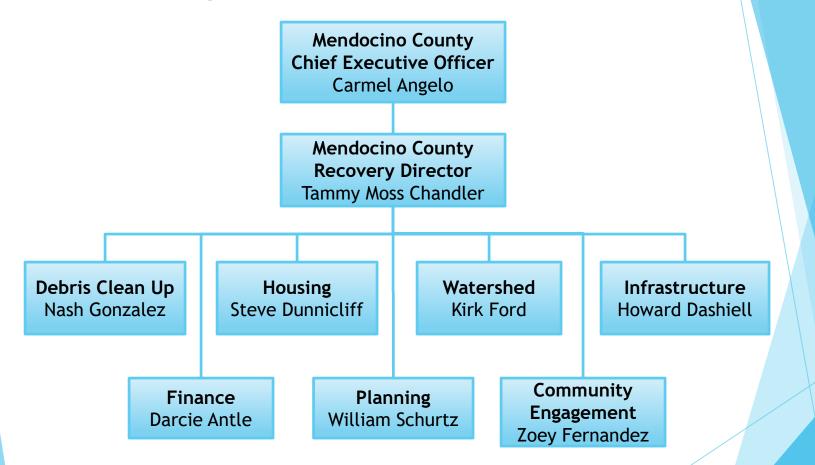
- Federal, state & local taskforces formed to support activities
- Established local recovery organizational structure
- Working with State and Federal partners on recovery support

Challenges

- Magnitude of local disaster in context of state & federal disasters
- No local disaster recovery plan in our Emergency Operations Plan
- Minimal resources available to focus on recovery



Short Term Disaster Recovery Organizational Structure



A partnership of FEMA, Cal OES, and County government supported by State and Federal organizations



https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/fire-recovery

Debris Management

USACE Debris Removal Information Line: 877-875-7681



Phase 1:

• DTSC Hazardous Household Waste removal

Phase 2:

- USEPA asbestos abatement
- USACE lead agency for debris removal
- County responsibilities to process ROEs, private cleanup, release cleared site notices to property owners

Challenges:

- Properties that are difficult to access
- USACE multiple debris removal contracts with ECC, Ashbritt, CERES
- Interim state contract with ECC
- Property owner issues and resolutions
- Road damage as a result of debris removal

Housing: Immediate, Short Term, and Priority Setting

Successes of Housing Task Force Work

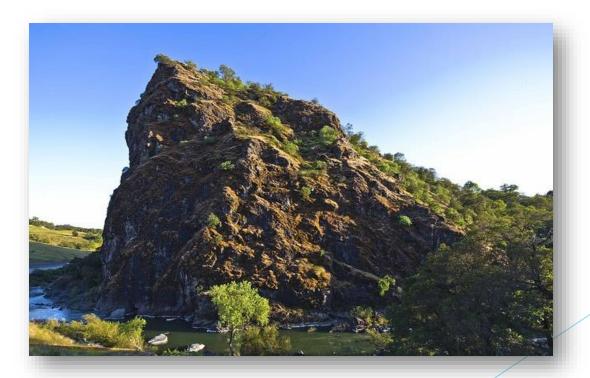
- FEMA lead agency; first California Housing Task Force
- Transitional housing assistance
- Direct housing eligibility and placement
- Unique housing solutions RVs, USACE Kyen campground
- County administrative permits allow RVs on private land

Challenges

- FEMA solutions are immediate and short term
- Redwood Valley Water District infrastructure
- Planning and building support for fire survivors
- 2% vacancy rate prior to disaster lack of available housing for renters and lack of development

Watershed Management

- Watershed protection and erosion mitigation
- WERT Report
 - Watershed Emergency Response Team identified potential risks and warning system in case of hard rainfall
- Debris Flow Plan: additional early warning for high risk areas



Fire Survivor Resources



County Fire Recovery Team Community Meetings

- Third Wednesdays, 6:30 pm Eagle Peak Middle School, Redwood Valley
- Topical meetings to inform and listen to community

Mendocino - Rebuilding Our Community (M-ROC)

• Multi-agency local partnership to identify, prioritize and coordinate disasterrelated needs for individuals and families affected by the Redwood Complex Fire.

M-ROC Resource Room

- Ukiah Valley Conference Center Riesling Room, M-Th 10 am 2 pm
- Case Management for survivor recovery planning and resource navigation

Resilience

is the ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions.



-- National Disaster Recovery Framework, Dept. of Homeland Security

Moving Toward a Long Term Community Recovery Plan Mendocino County Resiliency Planning

- Involves all stakeholders for whole community input
- Identifies and prioritizes projects to enhance community resilience in the face of disaster
- Leverages federal, state, local, public and private funding for recovery activities
- Produces an achievable plan adopted by local officials



Recovery Core Capabilities for Long Term Community Plans



- Community Planning and Capacity Building
- Education, Health and Social Services
- **Economics and Industry**
- Housing
- Infrastructure Systems
- Natural and Cultural Resources Protection
- **Emergency Services and Preparedness**

Desired Outcomes for a Long Term Community Recovery Plan



Identify and prioritize recovery projects in Recovery Core Capabilities

Identify needs and issues; develop goals, strategies and measurable objectives to Build Back Better

Secure funding for recovery projects and implement outcome measurements

Build and maintain partnerships; empower local action; and, leverage and strengthen local networks

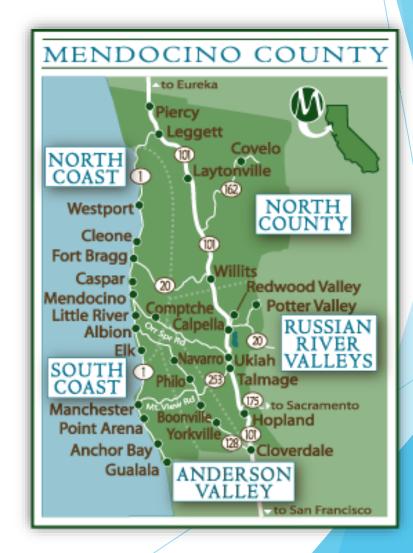
Incorporate lessons learned into enhanced emergency preparedness and emergency services systems

Proposing: Mendocino County 2025

Mendocino Countywide Resiliency Planning

Wow, why wouldn't we do this kind of planning Countywide?

- Current Board goals and strategies align with Recovery Core Capabilities: housing, economic development, roads/infrastructure, emergency services, fiscal sustainability
- The Leadership Initiative has identified the need for a Board adopted countywide strategic action plan



High Performing Organizations HPO's Five Functions of Leadership

- 1. Strategic Stakeholder Value Analysis
- 2. Vision/Values through Strategy, Structure and Systems
- 3. Systems Integration and Stewardship
- 4. Learning, Thinking, Changing, Renewing
- 5. Enabling, Empowering, Engaging, Energizing



Mendocino County 2025

Mendocino Countywide Resiliency Planning

Proposed Next Steps

- Community and employee input over the next 90 days
- Identify community needs and issues
- Board goal adoption and development
- Leverage the *Leadership Initiative* and employee input to analyze issues
- Work with the community and our employees to develop strategies and objectives
- Board adoption of a plan that documents goals, strategies and measurable objectives



Community Planning is an opportunity to integrate mitigation, resilience, and sustainability into the community's short and long term goals

Questions?

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