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To All Residents Impacted by the Helena Fire,

In an effort to consolidate valuable information into one letter, we are addressing several topics below with the hope to answer your questions or concerns as well as give you valuable direction.

WELLS

- For those with a deep water well impacted by the fire (burned on or near well seal), you can call Trinity County Environmental Health at 530-623-1459 for an inspection. If you are have a shallow well and have concerns with contamination due to fire-fighting efforts, or other contaminants upstream, you can send a water sample from your well (at your cost) to:
 - Basic Laboratories in Redding, CA at 530-243-7234 to test for METALS/CHEMICALS-. It is recommended to call prior for pricing.
 - Weaverville Sanitary District at (530) 623-5051 to test for BACTERIAL contaminants. Cost for the test are around \$30.

For any and all questions related to water quality, you can call Trinity County Environmental Health at 530-623-1459.

CAL RECYCLE DEBRIS REMOVAL / INSURANCE

Now that the State emergency program has completed debris cleanup (except for specific soil contamination being addressed) for those who applied and were eligible, the following still needs to take place;

- The soil within the footprint of the structure is sampled by TETRA TECH to verify it can be certified as clean, which is required for your lot to be approved for re-development.
- Once the property is certified clean, the State cleanup contractor will apply/place erosion control to the area disturbed by the cleanup crew. Some portions of the erosion control require 24-48 hours to dry, so the work cannot be completed during wet weather.
- Once the property is tested clean and erosion control has been applied, the State emergency program staff will notify the County Department of Transportation. County Staff will notify the property owner, Environmental Health, and the Building and

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Planning Departments that the cleanup is complete, and owners may begin construction on their property (with the required permits).

- **If you have insurance with debris removal coverage**, you will need to submit those funds to the Department of Transportation at 31301 State Hwy 3, Weaverville. These funds will be deposited in a separate disaster recovery account and if by chance your insurance funds exceed CalRecycle's itemized invoice, the difference will be reimbursed according to your insurance policy guidelines. Should the invoice reflect a cost higher than your insurance coverage for debris removal, you will not be liable for the difference. If the county has not yet contacted you about this, and/or you have questions, please call the Department of Transportation at (530) 623-1365.

As a reminder to all, burn debris cannot be disposed in the same stream as regular trash is disposed of at the dump.

NON QUALIFYING DEBRIS REMOVAL

Depending on the burn debris still left to be disposed of, there may be other options available to assist Helena Fire victims. If you have not yet contacted Solid Waste with your specific disposal needs please do so by calling 623-1326 ext. 107.

FLOOD CERTIFICATION AND FLOODPLAIN PERMIT

- Some properties are within the 100 year floodplain of the Trinity River. FEMA designates this area as the "Special Flood Hazard Area" (SFHA) and regulates activities in this area in an effort to reduce the risk of flooding.
- In order to rebuild on parcels located near the SFHA, an elevation certificate will be required to ensure that the finished floor elevation of your new structure is at least 2 feet higher than the flood elevation. To prepare an elevation certificate, the homeowner will need to hire a surveyor or engineer to complete.
- Should it be determined that the home will be located in the SFHA, a floodplain development permit will also be required through the Trinity County Planning Department. Please contact the Planning Department at (530) 623-1351 for further assistance.

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An elevation certificate is prepared by an engineer or land surveyor to verify that your house is high enough to not flood, whereas a floodplain development permit is completed to address how you propose to locate your house within the floodplain. Working through this issue can be complicated. Your surveyor or engineer should be able to assist you through the process.

To help visualize the location of the SFHA, the County intends to flag the floodplain of affected properties in order to help owners determine the limits of the floodplain and regulatory floodway. Be aware that you cannot reconstruct within the regulatory floodway (areas where FEMA has determined that the water is moving). At this time, we are not aware of any homes that were located within the regulatory floodway.

LONG TERM RECOVERY

Health and Human Service has formed a Long Term Recovery team, inclusive of pertinent county entities, the Human Response Network, Lions Club and Rotary, to aid in housing needs as well as identifying and bringing available resources to Trinity County. If you have not yet completed an Initial Assessment and would like to, please contact Melissa Woodhouse directly at (530) 623-8278. This helps our team clearly understand what needs still need to be addressed.

In closing, the County wishes to again express sympathy for everything that everyone in Junction City has encountered over the last couple of months, it has not been easy. As the debris removal approaches completion, we look forward to the community rebuilding.

A blue ink signature of Letty Garza.

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