PRESS RELEASE
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HELENA FIRE RECOVERY
PUBLIC MEETING – DEBRIS REMOVAL

Junction City Elementary School
430 Red Hill Road
Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Public Health Dept. will offer Tdap vaccines (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) – starting at 5:00 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE – DUE TO VARIOUS HAZARDS AND PROGRAM REGULATIONS, IT IS VITAL YOU DO NOT MOVE OR REMOVE ITEMS FROM YOUR BURN DEBRIS AREA. INCREASING THE FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDING DEBRIS AREA CAN RENDER THE PROPERTY INELIGIBLE FOR CALRECYCLE ASSISTANCE.

- DTSC is removing hazardous household waste at this time. Property owners can request an inventory of hazardous items removed from their property by contacting VaLynn Crafford (D.O.T.) at 530-623-1365 – date of list availability unknown at this time.
- CalRecycle will be removing remaining burn debris soon – at no out-of-pocket expense to homeowners, HOWEVER if debris is moved from original footprint (and the footprint of the debris site is enlarged even slightly) you may be removed from this program.
- County transfer stations/landfills/solid waste facilities CANNOT accept burn debris.
- The fenced area located at the Junction City Corp Yard (Dutch Creek Rd) is not for public use, nor to dump burn debris from your property.

Trinity County and CalOES together will discuss the steps involved in the recovery process and what to expect as we move forward in rebuilding our community. The first big step is removal of burn debris, which will be facilitated by CalRecycle. They will be here to explain how it works, what you need to do to get the help, and how it is coordinated at no cost through insurance or covered by the CalRecycle program.

Cal OES will have trained staff that can provide technical assistance, knowledge and experience in order to help applicants maximize disaster funding and speed recovery in the affected areas.

OTHER AGENCIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION ARE:
- TPUD (Electric) to discuss pole replacement and power restoration (not confirmed).
- WCSD (Water) to discuss opportunities for repairing water systems.