

Dick Eskes from NORCAL VOAD/CRWRC), along with Ira Maser and Dave Stuart - both from the Lake Arrowhead Long Term Recovery operation (LTRO), were invited to a meeting to present a model for organizing a local LTRO. About 20 representatives from governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) were in attendance.

Currently South Lake Tahoe has two organizations involved in the beginning of a recovery process. The COMMUNITY CARE COALITION are arranging to lease a large warehouse to handle and distribute the huge influx of donated goods and the ANGORA FIRE FUND, and are sponsored by the South Lake Tahoe The Chamber of Commerce that was primarily formed to raise funds in support of recovery and is now looking into the LTRO.

We hope they will consider consolidating into one group for an efficient operation. We expressed urgency in the formation of a LTRO because of:

1. The challenge to contact the 255 homes to determine the current real unmet needs and the needs of the homeowners versus the renters.
2. Advocacy for homeowners in the area of insurance (particularly the under insured), building permits, etc.
3. The need to hire a staff person to administer the LTRO. Angora Fire funds are restricted to be distributed to survivors only. They do not have administrative overhead.

Dick Eskes also attended a governmental meeting along with LT. Governor John Garamendi, California State Office of Emergency Services, local El Dorado County Commissioners, County Officials, and the South Lake Tahoe City Mayor. This meeting reported on recovery progress to date.

House sites:

258 sites required debris removal
257 sites registered under the State Grant Program
255 sites ready for removal
203 sites removal stage completed
170 sites being tested for hazardous material
5 home sites have been certified as ready for building permits

Debris tonnage removal as of 8/15 is a total of 42,680 tons in 32 days including 10 tons of metal for recycling, 158 tons of concrete for recycling, and 2,111 tons of ash for disposal.

FUNDING:

Federal, State, and Local Agencies have committed for the Recovery Phase:

For Fire Suppression Rehabilitation	\$13,392,700
For Stabilization	\$ 8,772,901

There is also considerable concern about the possibility of seasonal rain run off contaminating Lake Tahoe and has been the urgency for the clean up.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Eskes