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DATE: 10.15.2020

TO: The Wildfire Economic Recovery Council

FROM: Sarah Means, SVMC Coordinator

SUBJECT: South Valley/Mid-Coast Wildfire Economic Recovery Team (WERT) Memo

Summary: The SVMC WERT held their standing meeting on October 15, 2020. The WERT received an update from representatives of the Debris Management Taskforce.

The preferred option/recommendation coming from the SVMC WERT is the State Managed/Locally Coordinated approach. Commissioner Heather Buch (Lane) and Commissioner Doug Hunt (Lincoln) shared with the group that in conversations with their leadership and staff, the state mandated/locally coordinated approach is preferred. Both are asking for written agreements moving forward to assist in providing clarity and confirmation on what is being asked.

Issues (in no particular order):

- McKenzie River is the drinking water source for the City of Eugene. This needs to be considered a high priority area.
- The timeline is too long. Those impacted are already cleaning up. The 18 month timeline won't work for those impacted.
- Continued confusion/concern related to the right of entry forms.
- How private insurance interfaces with the government to government transactions continues to be confusing for property owners.
- Conversations center on residential development, there are still a number of questions related to business/commercial properties.

Potential Solutions and Opportunities:

- Faith-based communities are eager to help. There are opportunities to engage these communities moving forward. They have a large network of volunteers.
- How do we work with the federal delegation to encourage FEMA to increase the federal cost share for wildfires?

Looking Ahead:

- What do we do now to effectively help industry moving forward (tourism)?
- Winter preparedness

Meetings will be every Thursday at 3pm via zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99061672153>

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