



Dixie Fire Collaborative Community Meeting

Topics Include:

- Supervisor's Update
- Coordinator's Update
- Planning Director Update
- Community Share-Outs
- Q&A

Presentations
Community ShareOuts
Q&A

September 20, 2025
[11:00-1:00]

The Dixie Fire Long Term Recovery Group (known as the DFC -Dixie Fire Collaborative) is a collaboration of non-profit, faith based, local, state or national organizations that work together to share information and resources that can help address the needs of individuals and families affected by the Dixie Wildfire.

The stated mission of the DFC is working to fulfill the unmet needs of Dixie Fire survivors and helping to rebuild the communities of Greenville, Indian Falls, Canyon Dam, Warner Valley and surrounding areas of Plumas County. All programs shall support this mission and purpose, and all who work for or on behalf of the DFC shall understand and adhere to that purpose.



Agenda:

- Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director
 - Long-term Recovery Updates
- Kevin Goss, District 2, Plumas County Supervisor
- DFC Coordinator Update
 - Recent Grants
 - IVRPD Update
 - Next steps
 - News and Information
- Gravel Grant Opportunity for fire prevention



Plumas County Fiscal Year 25/26 Recommended Budget

- Budget Public Hearings occurred September 15 and 16, 2025
- September 30, 2025, Public Hearing to receive public comment and consider adoption of the FY25/26 recommended budget
- Budget Book can be found on the County's website:
 - <https://www.plumascounty.us/544/Budget-Information>
- \$174.1 million recommended budget
 - General Fund \$60.8 million (35%)
 - Special Revenue Funds \$90.5 million (52%)
 - Debt Service Funds \$10.6 million
 - Capital Project Funds \$0.4 million
 - Internal Service Funds \$4.1 million
 - Enterprise Funds \$5.2 million
 - Special District Funds \$2.5 million

County Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Full-Time 1.0 FTE Position

- Board of Supervisors approved position on March 18, 2025
- Limited term position, funded through Fiscal Year 27/28 (June 30, 2028)
- Funded from the County's PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement monies
- Started interviews in May 2025
- Interview panel includes Supervisor Kevin Goss, Planning Director Tracey Ferguson, Grant Manager Zachary Gately, OES Manager Lori Pini, and Plumas Rural Services Executive Director Paula Johnston
- Board of Supervisors held a closed session item on September 16, 2025, to discuss 'public employee appointment' of the Disaster Recovery Coordinator, with no reportable action



Board of Supervisors - Parent Department

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PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement

Fund: 0055 PG&E Settlement

Budget Unit: 20155 – PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement

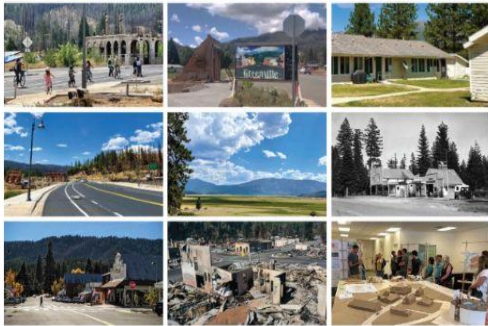
	ACTUALS			FY25-26 RECOMMENDED BUDGET		FY25-26 ADOPTED BUDGET
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2026
Revenues						
OTHER REVENUE						
46612 - PGE SETTLEMENT-REVENUE	\$10,302,851	–	–	\$0		\$0
OTHER REVENUE TOTAL	\$10,302,851	–	–	\$0		\$0
STATE & FEDERAL AID						
44054 - ST-OPIOID SETTLEMENT	\$0	\$82,704	–	\$0		\$0
STATE & FEDERAL AID TOTAL	\$0	\$82,704	–	\$0		\$0
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY						
43010 - INTEREST-INVESTED FUNDS	–	\$395,055	\$362,200	\$0		\$0
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY TOTAL	–	\$395,055	\$362,200	\$0		\$0
REVENUES TOTAL	\$10,302,851	\$477,759	\$362,200	\$0		\$0
Expenses						
SALARIES & BENEFITS						
51100 - FICA/MEDICARE OASDI	–	–	–	\$6,166		\$6,166
51090 - GROUP INSURANCE	–	–	–	\$40,270		\$40,270
51150 - LIFE INSURANCE	–	–	–	\$370		\$370
51000 - REGULAR WAGES	–	–	–	\$80,597		\$80,597
51080 - RETIREMENT	–	–	–	\$7,641		\$7,641
SALARIES & BENEFITS TOTAL	–	–	–	\$135,044		\$135,044
TRANSFERS						
58000 - TRANSFER-OUT	–	\$10,000	–	\$0		\$0
TRANSFERS TOTAL	–	\$10,000	–	\$0		\$0
EXPENSES TOTAL	–	\$10,000	–	\$135,044		\$135,044
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,302,851	\$467,759	\$362,200	-\$135,044		-\$135,044

Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) 2021 Dixie Fire Implementation Strategy

January 2025

California 2021 Dixie Fire

Implementation Strategy
*for the Recovery & Rebuilding of the
Town of Greenville and Canyon Dam*



- CPAT Session at the American Planning Association (APA) California Chapter State Conference – September 30, 2025
 - Speakers – Tracey Ferguson, County Planning Director; Tyler Pew, Founding Principal LMNOP; and Former DFC Co-Chair and Current IVRPD Board Member Sue Weber
- Received an ‘Award of Merit’ in the ‘Resiliency and Sustainability’ award category from the APA California Chapter, Sacramento Valley Section

2021 Dixie Fire Recovery For-Profit Business Economic Development Grant



- Up to \$20,000 per grant (or \$22,700 'buying local')
- Must be in 'Grant Eligibility Zone' (generally areas of Greenville, Crescent Mills, Taylorsville, and down the Hwy. 70 Canyon)
- Total of 16 business have been awarded to-date, equaling: \$315,907.71
- Target is to fund a total of 25 businesses
- Funding remaining, through May 10, 2026: \$251,592.29 (roughly 12 more businesses – working with 5 currently)
- Call Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director at 530-283-6214 for more information, Grant Guidelines and Application can be found at:

<https://www.plumascounty.us/89/Planning-Department>

Plumas Housing Council



- Next meeting – September 24, 2025
 - 10am - DFC Office (127 Crescent Street)
 - 11am - Welcome Home Greenville ribbon cutting celebration and open house gathering (166 Hot Springs Road) with lunch/snacks and a tour of the home
 - 3 bedroom / 2 bathroom
 - Listed at \$285,000
 - Welcome Home Greenville is made possible through community member investment in the development of new homes and making them available for purchase below the market rates.
 - The project is carried out in partnership with experienced developer Reconstruction Recovery Advisors (RRA), Paradise Affordable Homes and supported by The Almanor Foundation's strategic plan in collaboration with the Plumas Housing Council.
- Join the Plumas Housing Council email list by, emailing:
info@plumashousing.com

PLUMAS REALTORS ASSOCIATION FIRE INSURANCE GRANT PROGRAM

- Grants awarded to assist with 50% of first year fire insurance premiums up to \$5,000.
- Buyers of primary homes from May 2025 through April 2026.
- First-come, first-served basis.
- The properties must be located in Plumas or Sierra counties.
- Purchase price no greater than \$550,000.
- In order to qualify, buyers cannot have owned homes within the past three years, and they must be represented by a Realtor.
- More information is available from the association at ae@plumasrealtors.com or call 530-283-2961.

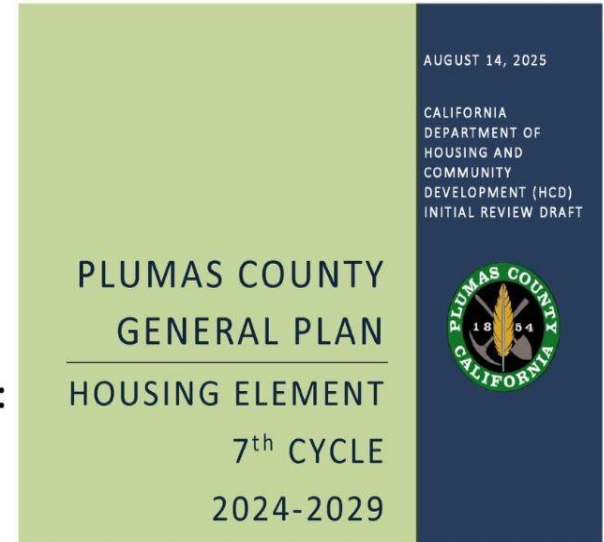
Wildfire Recovery Rebuilds

PG&E UPDATE and RESOURCES

- The applicant, or a designee, should contact PG&E and request service at "Your Project" service tracking tool or call 1-877-743-7782 or linking directly to the "Your Project" sign in / sign up page.
- An electronic copy of the site plan is needed by PG&E to design new or restored service.
- Plumas County will require the PG&E service application number prior to issuing a building permit.
- Kacie Holland | Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Sr. Outreach Specialist | Community Rebuild Program
Kacie.Holland@pge.com | (530) 215-6356
- July 10, 2025, Plumas County – Partnership Meeting handout
- Small Business Resources / Residential Customer Resources hanout

2024-2029 Plumas County General Plan Housing Element Update

- Public review July 28, 2025, through August 8, 2025.
- Received 51 comments from 11 individuals.
- Met with 11 County departments/housing stakeholder agencies.
- Comments concerned 1) the availability and 2) affordability of housing and the 3) diversity of homeownership options and 4) housing types, as well as the 5) need to provide housing opportunities to families in Plumas County.
- The draft Vision of the 2024-2029 Housing Element is, as follows:
“Adequate supply of safe and livable housing types with opportunities for individual choices that accommodate all socioeconomic segments of the unincorporated County area, leading to housing possibilities that meet the needs, protect the environment, and are consistent with a jobs-housing balance based on future population and economic conditions.”
- Now under a 90-day state review, with deadline of mid-November 2025.
- Community meeting anticipated for October 2025.



Greetings,

After two years of legislative and budget maneuvering, the governor this week signed a bill to waive state income taxes for survivors of wildfire disasters who were paid settlements for their losses by the entities responsible for starting the fires, primarily electric utilities.

The bill covers the tax years from Jan. 1, 2021, through Jan. 1, 2030, and covers settlements from any fire declared to be a state or federal disaster – including the Dixie Fire, the Mill Fire and the Slater Fire, which devastated communities around the 1st Senate District in recent years. (The years are when the settlement was paid, not when the fire occurred.)

This has been a long and complex effort in the Legislature, including the veto of a similar bill last year. But I have been committed to making sure that California doesn't balance its budget on the backs of wildfire victims, and that money paid out as compensation for losses goes toward helping families rebuild.

Getting this across the finish line was a team effort, and I'm grateful for the partnership of Assemblywoman Heather Hadwick, Assemblyman Tom Lackey, and the administration in ensuring this critical tax relief.

Similar tax relief was included in the state budget in June, but was limited to payments from class-action lawsuits. The updated language passed in Senate Bill 159, which the governor signed Wednesday, broadens the eligibility to cover all settlements.

For those who have already paid income taxes on past settlements, refunds should be available through the Franchise Tax Board by filing amended state tax returns. For guidance, it can be helpful to contact a tax professional.



September 19, 2025

Budget Ends State Taxation of Settlements for Wildfire Damages

Long-term Recovery Plan

PLUMAS COUNTY

APPROVED: 03/2025

DISASTER RECOVERY COORDINATOR

DEFINITION:

Under general direction, plans and oversees the County's local disaster recovery projects and programs; implements, coordinates, and advocates local disaster recovery goals, objectives, and outcomes; fosters cooperative working relationships among County departments and serves as a liaison to the community and federal, state, and local agencies; provides staff assistance to the County Administrative Officer or the Board of Supervisors in areas of disaster recovery; and performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This position is an at-will, limited term position through fiscal year 2026/27, based on available funding from the PG&E Dixie Fire settlement. The Disaster Recovery Coordinator is a single-position classification responsible for performing disaster recovery program management work. The Disaster Recovery Coordinator will serve as a subject matter expert and technical advisor in disaster and emergency management recovery projects. The position operates in a highly visible and evolving arena working on significant and strategic disaster recovery projects as well as coordination of County disaster recovery priorities and directives.

REPORTS TO:

County Administrative Officer or the Board of Supervisors (BOS) or BOS Designee

<https://www.plumascounty.us/jobs.aspx?UniqueId=76&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=County-Administrative-Office-Disaster-Re-1394>



Recent Grants

- Rotary, Century Ride, \$7000, Food and supplies
- Indian Valley Food Pantry, \$19,700 supplemental food purchase
- Plumas County Development Corporation, \$25,000 Down payment assistance program
- Requested
 - IVCSD, \$200k, Greenville Park
 - Greenville Little League
 - IVRPD
 - Rotary, \$5500, Trailer



Recent Grants

- Dixie Fire Canopy Project, \$19,000, American Legion Landscaping
- Plumas Sun, \$76,726, Disaster Recovery Reporter
- Dawn Institute/Indian Falls Water System, \$68,040, Phase II
- Maidu Summit Consortium, Warner Valley, \$108,194, Biochar Burn

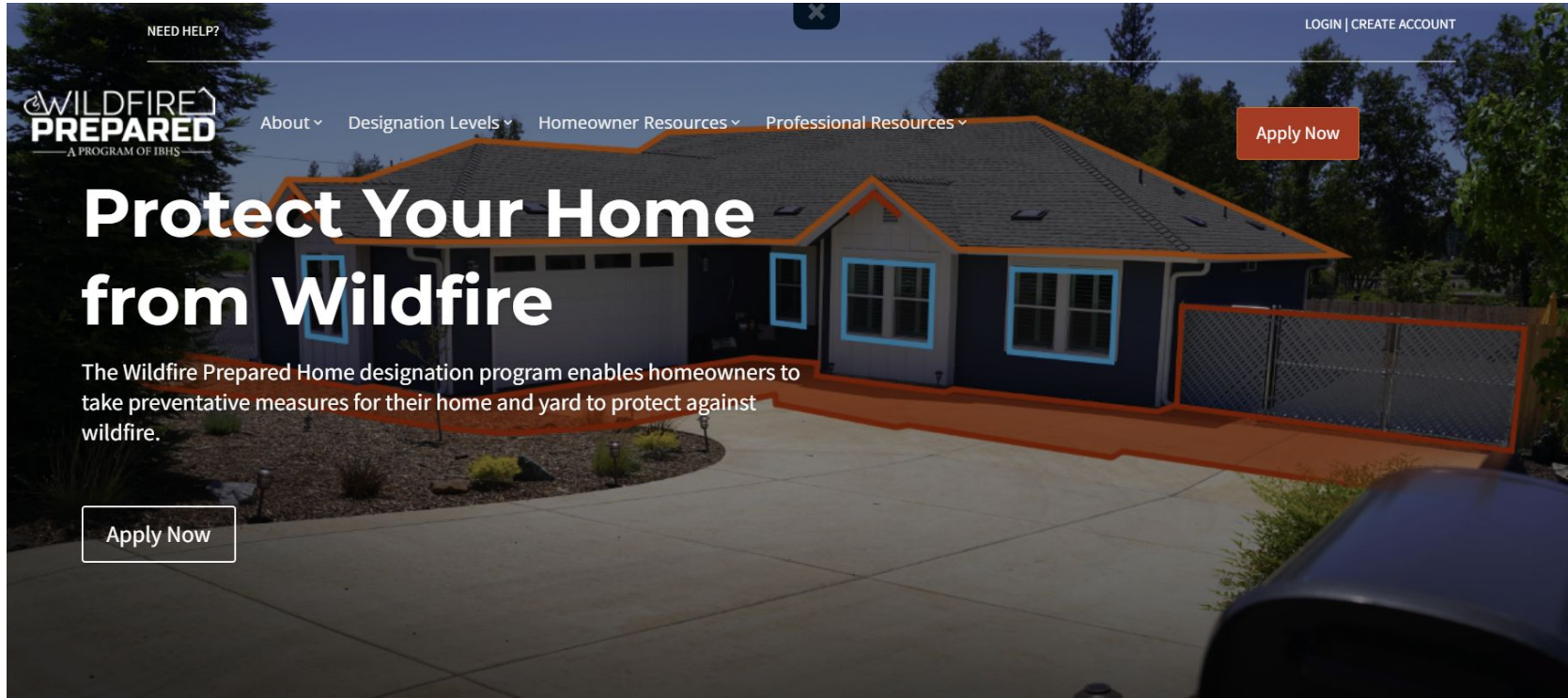


IVRPD Update

- Community Fitness Center
 - Grand Opening, October 3rd, 2025
 - (1) Month Free, Come in and try it out!
 - Details forthcoming
- Pool is closed for the year
- Makerspace
- Park Project
 - Dirt work and fence to begin next week
- Executive Director

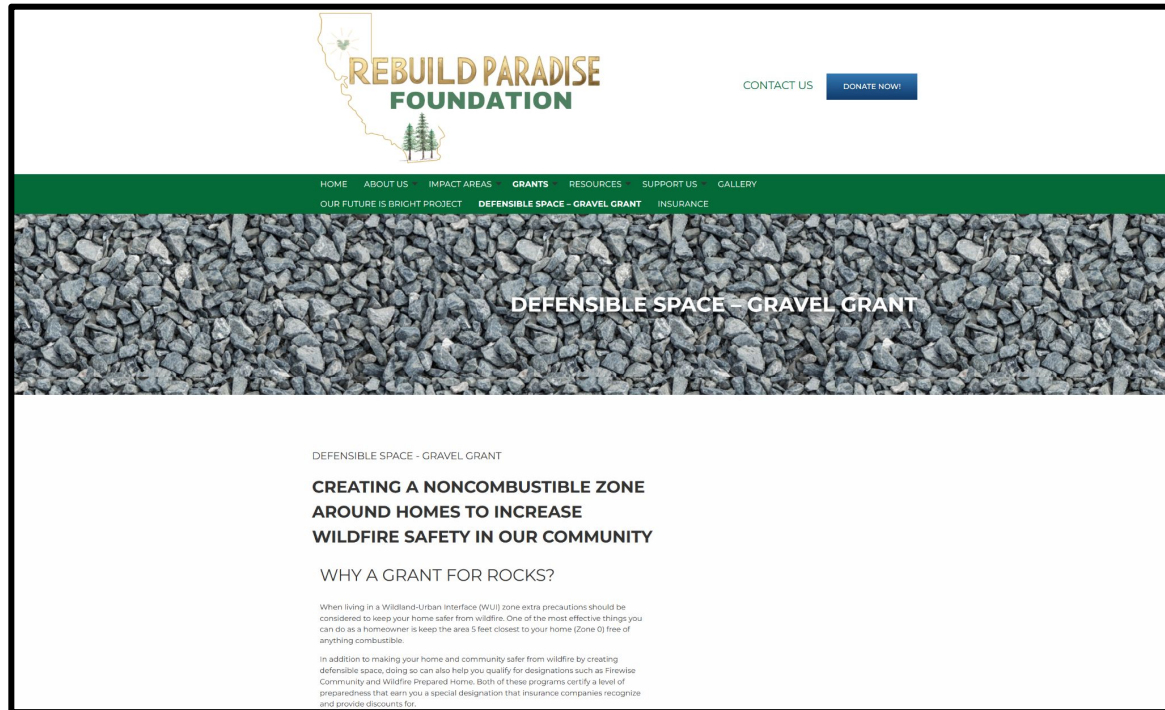


Gravel Grant Opportunity - potential



Paradise, CA

- Rebuild Paradise Foundation
 - <https://www.rebuildparadise.org/>
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In 2023 We began to see a massive problem with skyrocketing insurance costs in our community

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES

REDUCED FUEL LOAD

FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

TOWN ORDINANCES

HOME OWNER



Needs



5 FT
COMBUSTABLE-
FREE ZONE

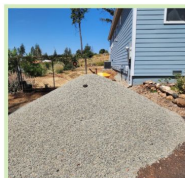


BARRIERS

- COST
- KNOWLEDGE
- LOVE PLANTS



Resource



Gravel



600 % increase in some policies
Some as high as \$30,000 annually

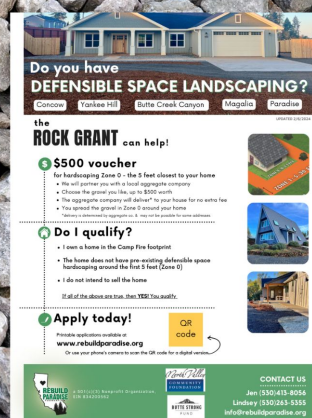


The Solution

Provides 10 yards of road base rock to homeowners
in Camp Fire footprint to create
5 ft of defensible space around their homes
(Zone 0- the 1st 5ft next to the home)

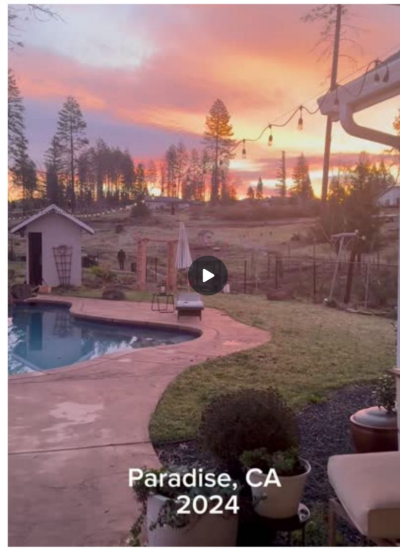
- To better protect individual homes from wildfire
 - more participants = safer community
- Biggest hurdle for getting “Wildfire Prepared Home” certification in Zone 0
- Water Conservation
- Providing a resource = more compliance
- Educational tool

Defensible Space Gravel Grant



What Happened Next

- October 2024 Mercury Insurance Toured Paradise, CA
- They Started Writing Policies that day
- Gravel Grant recipients were some of the 1st to receive affordable policies



INSURANCE HAS THE LOUDEST VOICE



WHEN HOMEOWNERS ARE REWARDED
WITH AFFORDABLE POLICIES OR GOOD
DISCOUNTS- COMPLIANCE FOR THE
NONCOMBUSTIBLE ZONE GOES WAY UP!



Streetscape -

- Contact Lee Anne Schramel - 530-386-6440



Share Outs



Q & A

