

# PLUMAS COUNTY

## 2021 Wildfires

### Long-Term Recovery Plan



*IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE*



# City of Portola

## Informational Briefing

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# FEMA Disaster Continuum

FOCUS

EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE & RELIEF

RESTORATION – REPAIR – REPLACEMENT – IMPROVEMENT

Normal  
activities

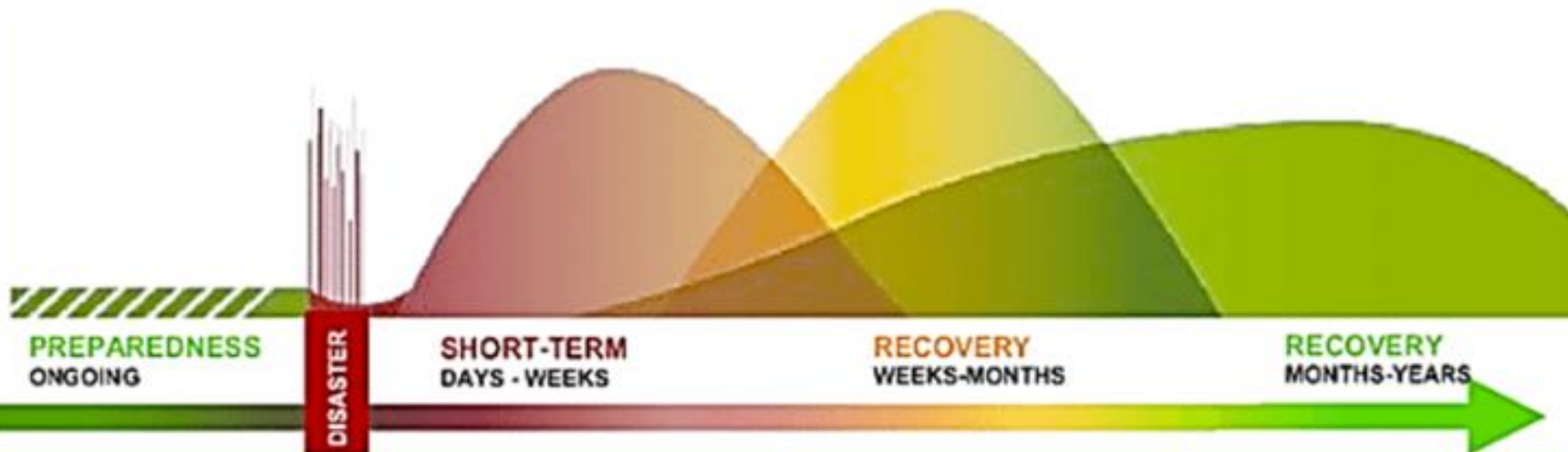
Ceased or  
changed

Returned &  
functioning

Returned & functioning at  
pre-disaster levels or greater

Improved &  
developed

Size & scope of activity



PREPAREDNESS  
ONGOING

DISASTER

SHORT-TERM  
DAYS - WEEKS

RECOVERY  
WEEKS-MONTHS

RECOVERY  
MONTHS-YEARS

Example activities

## RISK REDUCTION & READINESS

- Plan recovery strategies & actions
- Reduce risk
- Build community capacity & resilience
- Test disaster preparedness
- Build partnerships
- Plan for Business Continuity

## RESPONSE

- Search & rescue
- Provide for basic human needs & support services
- Assess & understand risks & vulnerabilities
- Address health & safety issues
- Establish temporary health services
- Establish temporary interim infrastructure

## SHORT/MEDIUM-TERM RECOVERY

- Provide interim housing solutions
- Initiate removal of debris/damaged buildings
- Engage networks/services for psycho-social support
- Establish new social & health service models
- Continue repair & rebuild
- Engage & inform community

## LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Permanent housing solutions
- Rebuild infrastructure to meet future community needs
- On-going psycho-social support
- Support economic & business growth
- Continue to build resilient communities

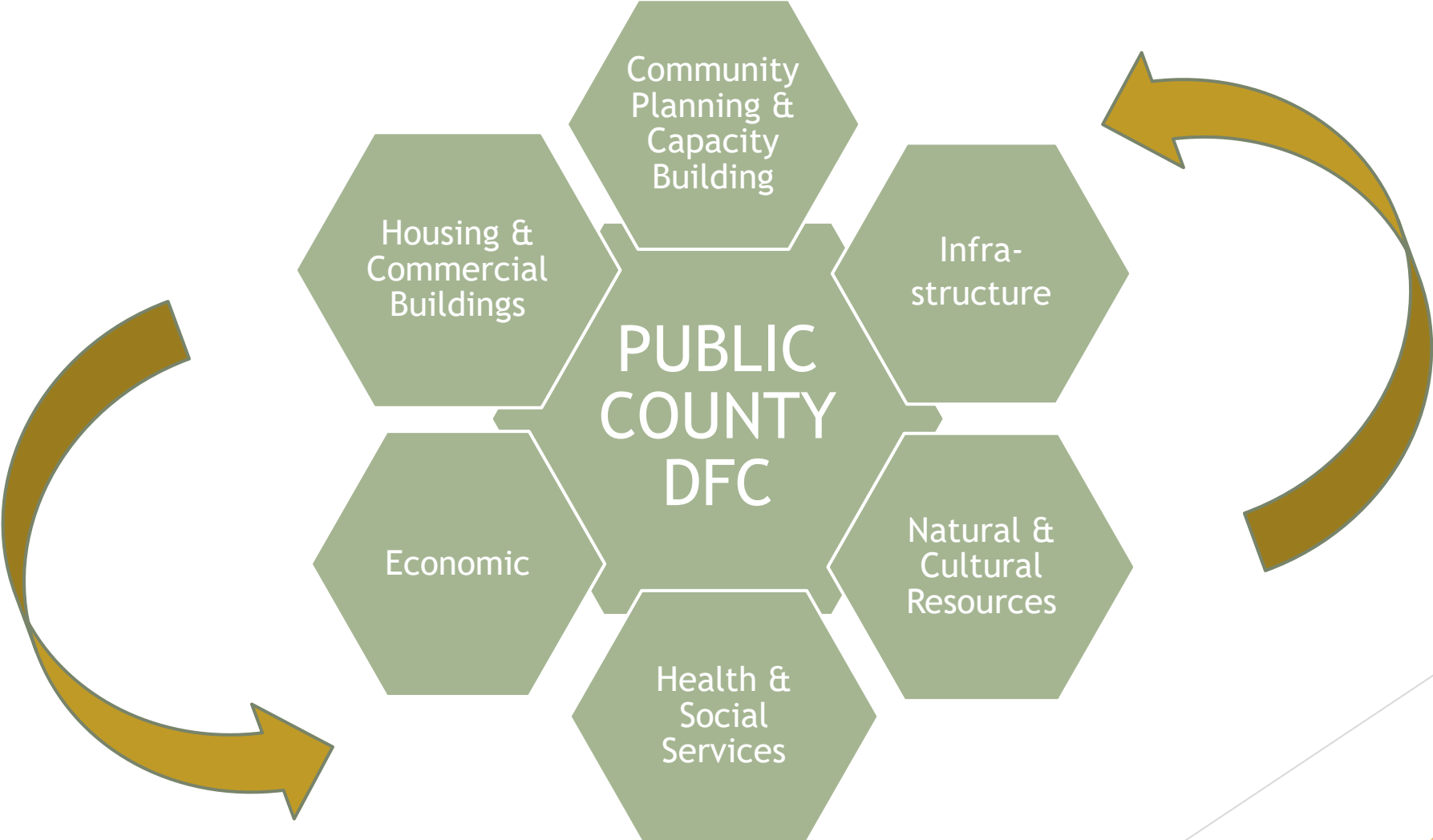
# Interagency Coordination

## RSF FRAMEWORK

- ▶ Recovery Support Function (RSF) unit established in 2018 under the California Disaster Recovery Framework
- ▶ Best practice
- ▶ Supported by state (e.g., Cal OES) and federal (e.g., FEMA) agencies to assist local jurisdictions like Plumas County based on recovery needs
- ▶ Community Planning & Capacity Building (CPCB) is the overarching RSF that coordinates to ensure Plumas receives the support needed to develop and implement the Long-Term Recovery Plan
  - assesses disaster impacts
  - evaluates local plans to guide post-disaster recovery efforts
  - supports local recovery structures
  - develops post-disaster recovery plans
  - identifies resources to increase local capacity

# Long-Term Recovery Plan

## RSF WORKING GROUPS



# RSF Working Groups

## MISSION STATEMENTS

### Housing & Commercial Buildings:

*Eliminate post-disaster homelessness, research and implement options for building more affordable housing stock to support workforce development and population growth, promote innovative development of commercial and business uses, and advocate for resiliency and sustainability in rebuilding.*

### Infrastructure:

*Perform activities for the restoration and rethinking of infrastructure systems and services impacted by the Dixie Fire and Beckwourth Complex Fire and to support a viable, sustainable, more resilient Plumas County.*

# RSF Working Groups

## MISSION STATEMENTS

### Economic:

*Create a resilient and diverse Plumas County, and assist with the rebuilding and development of businesses, employment, and economic opportunities.*

### Health & Social Services:

*Restore and improve public health, health care, social service, and education networks for a more equitable and resilient Plumas County.*

### Natural & Cultural Resources:

*Assist wildfire-impacted communities in Plumas County with efforts to preserve, protect, conserve, rehabilitate, recover, and restore natural and cultural resources through technical assistance, project development, resource identification, and project implementation.*

# Long-Term Recovery Plan

## KEY IMPACTS

- ▶ 768,130 acres burned in Plumas County (45% of total acreage)
- ▶ Over 600,000 acres assessed as moderate-to-high soil burn severity
- ▶ 21,957 trees felled under Hazard Tree Removal Program
- ▶ 779 damaged or destroyed residences
- ▶ 144 damaged or destroyed commercial buildings
- ▶ 609 newly vacant parcels
- ▶ Nearly 15,000 cubic feet of public road damages in Greenville and Indian Falls
- ▶ Over 1,000 utility poles destroyed
- ▶ Indian Valley CSD reported 68% decrease in water and sewer revenues
- ▶ 46% increase in average home sale prices (2019-2022)
- ▶ 18-28% increase in average fair market rent rates (2017-2023)

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## KEY IMPACTS

- ▶ Estimated 1,611 net job losses
- ▶ Estimated 68 net businesses closed
- ▶ Over \$15,000,000 in total verified business losses
- ▶ Over \$500,000 in reduced County property tax revenue in FY2022-23
- ▶ Highest employment losses: Public Administration (~45%), Transportation (~26%), Finance (~36%), Healthcare (~25%)
- ▶ 46% increase in average home sale prices (2019-2022)
- ▶ 18-28% increase in average fair market rent rates (2017-2023)
- ▶ At least 350 impacted elementary school students
- ▶ Increased need for mental healthcare services
- ▶ Impacts to Greenville Rancheria's medical and dental facilities resulted in patients driving 4 hours roundtrip to nearby facilities in Red Bluff



# Long-Term Recovery Plan

## COUNTYWIDE LEADERSHIP



- ✓ Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director
- ✓ Tyler Pew, LMNOP Design + Build



- ✓ Kevin Goss, Supervisor District 2
- ✓ John Mannle, Public Works Director



- ✓ John Steffanic, Fair Manager
- ✓ Jeff Engel, Supervisor District 5



- ✓ Neal Caiazzo, Social Services Director
- ✓ Dana Loomis, Public Health Director



- ✓ Paul Russell, Museum Director
- ✓ Willo Vieira, Agricultural Commissioner

# Long-Term Recovery Plan

## PLANNING PROCESS

- ▶ Phase 0 and Phase 1A - Dixie Fire Collaborative (fall 2021 - winter 2022)
  - Community listening sessions and relationship building
  - Needs identification
  - Recovery goals
- ▶ Phase 2 - Countywide Long-Term Recovery Plan (summer 2022 - summer 2023)
  - Facilitates recovery planning through “big picture” recovery framework
  - Establishes vision and values
  - Ties together community specific fire impacts and recovery needs
  - **INTEGRATES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INPUT**
  - **IDENTIFIES PROJECT CHAMPIONS**
  - **PRIORITIZES RECOVERY PROJECTS**
  - **INCLUDES RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES**
  - Discusses plan implementation and maintenance

# Long-Term Recovery Plan

## MILESTONE SCHEDULE

\* FEBRUARY - Public Outreach #1 - Vision, Values, and Potential Recovery Projects Intro

*MARCH - Based on Public Input Refine Potential Recovery Projects*

\* APRIL - Public Outreach #2 - Prioritize Recovery Projects and Confirm Vision and Values

*MAY - Based on Public Input Prioritize Recovery Projects*

*Release Public Review Draft Long-Term Recovery Plan with Priority Projects*

\* JUNE - Public Outreach #3 - Public Review Draft Long-Term Recovery Plan

*JULY - Based on Public Input Refine Long-Term Recovery Plan*

*AUGUST - County Board of Supervisors to Adopt Long-Term Recovery Plan*

# Public Outreach #1

## WILDFIRE RECOVERY

### WHAT ARE YOUR... VISION & VALUES

Sustainable Development  
provide art & cultural spaces **Equity & Inclusion**  
**independence**  
cooperation & sharing support small businesses  
**COMMUNITY** cultural heritage  
**HEALTH**  
energy independence **increase resiliency**  
**MAIDU CULTURE** employ youth  
support historic places and local landmarks  
**FUN** social & cultural inclusion  
SUSTAINABILITY **legacy**  
**nature** collaborate with others

- ▶ Example Vision Statements tied to recovery framework and needs
- ▶ Example Value Statements tied to Dixie Fire Collaborative Phase 0/1A Outreach

***What is missing?***

***How will WE recover?***

***What do you like?***

Provide Vision and Values Feedback via Plumas County Website:  
<https://plumascounty.us/2964/Plumas-Wildfire-Recovery>

# Public Outreach #1

## 54 POTENTIAL RECOVERY PROJECTS



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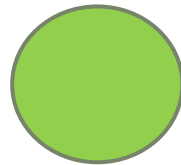


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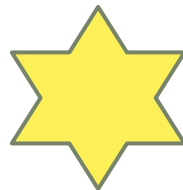


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▶ Tell us your 12 preferred projects



▶ Tell us your 1 STAR project



▶ Tell us 1 project you don't prefer



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# **Please Stay in Touch**

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- ✓ Be added to the Long-Term Recovery Plan email mailing list
- ✓ Share information with your neighbors
- ✓ Participate in outreach events and surveys
- ✓ Provide project feedback and ideas
- ✓ Review and comment on the Long-Term Recovery Plan
- ✓ Support project implementation

**Questions? Plumas Wildfire Recovery Email:**  
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