

October 8, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE POSTING

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR COMMENT

***Draft National Disaster Resilience Competition
Draft Phase 2 Application***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) in partnership with the County of Tuolumne will hold a **PUBLIC REVIEW and COMMENT PERIOD** and a **PUBLIC HEARING** for the purpose of soliciting citizens' review and comment on the draft **Phase 2 Application for the *National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)*** to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD will allocate up to \$1 billion toward this competition nationwide. It has invited communities that have experienced Presidentially-declared natural disasters to compete for these funds to help them rebuild and increase their resilience in the face of future disasters.

In addition to HCD, OPR, and the County of Tuolumne, other key partners include the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFIRE), the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the California Conservation Corps.

The State of California has selected Tuolumne County's Rim Fire to enter into the national competition. Eligible activities for this competition must be located within the Rim Fire perimeter and the evacuated areas of Tuolumne County. Possible activities could include but are not limited to: infrastructure improvements, forest management improvements, and economic revitalization.

Citizens will be asked to give their input on resilient approaches and possible project ideas that could be replicated in other Sierra Nevada regions and western states. All projects funded by the grant must meet at least one Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) National objective.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN - Public review of the Draft NDRC Phase 2 application will be **available on Friday, October 9th** (1) on HCD's NDRC web site at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/nationaldisaster/public-notice.html> under the Public Notices section, (2) at the Tuolumne County Administrative Office during normal business hours from October 9, 2015, through October 23, 2015, (3) at the Sonora Library, the Groveland Library, the Tuolumne Library, the Twain Hart Library, and (4) at the following depository libraries:

California State Library, Government Publications (Sacramento)
California State University, Meriam Library (Chico)
Free Library, Government Publications (Fresno County)
Public Library, Serials Division (Los Angeles)

Public Library (Oakland)
Public Library, Science & Industry Department (San Diego)
Public Library, Government Documents Dept (SF)
Stanford University Libraries, Green Library, Government Docs
University of California, Government Documents Library (Berkeley)
University of California, Shields Library, Government Documents (Davis)
University of California, Research Library (LA)
University of California, Government Documents (San Diego/La Jolla)
University of California, Government Publications (Santa Barbara)

The **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD** for these documents is 15 days, from **October 9, 2015, through October 23, 2015**. The Department **must receive** all comments on this document no later than **5 p.m. on October 23, 2015**.

HCD and OPR in partnership with Tuolumne County will hold public hearings on

- **OCTOBER 13, 2015** at the **GROVELAND COMMUNITY CENTER**, 18720 HIGHWAY 120, GROVELAND, 95321 FROM 4PM – 6:30PM;
- **OCTOBER 14, 2015** at **UC MERCED**, Tenaya Residence Hall, Alpine Room, 5200 N. Lake Road, MERCED, 95343 from 11AM-1PM, and in SONORA at the **TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS**, 2 Green Street, Sonora, 95370 from 6P-8PM;
- **OCTOBER 15, 2015**, at the **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HEADQUARTERS** 1001 I Street, Sierra Hearing Room , 2nd Floor, SACRAMENTO, 95814 from 1PM -3PM. All interested parties may attend the hearings and be heard.

Also, the **OCTOBER 15, 2015** hearing will also be will hosted by OPR, HCD and CalEPA as a **PUBLIC WEBCAST** to give out-of-area citizens an opportunity to provide input. The **webinar is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015, from 1PM to 3PM** You may locate the meeting and join via the **WEB** at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>.

Written comments can be submitted via (1) electronic mail at CA-NDRC@hcd.ca.gov, (2) facsimile at (916) 263-2762 or (3) by U.S. mail at the following address:

Attention: Susan Naramore
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Division of Financial Assistance
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A limited number of copies of these documents is also available to entities or individuals unable to access one of the above sources by contacting the County Administrative Office at (209) 533-5511 or HCD 916-263-0371.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and require accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact the County Administrative Office at (209) 533-5511 to arrange for those accommodations to be made within five working days of the hearing. The County promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap. **Questions** about access to documents should be directed to Susan Naramore at CA-NDRC@hcd.ca.gov or (916) 263-0371.