

## California Department of Housing and Community Development

*ReCoverCA Monthly Newsletter – December 2023*

### More Homeowners Moving In!

The number of disaster survivors moving back into homes rebuilt by ReCoverCA continues to grow. On November 17, residents in Butte County received keys to their newly reconstructed house.

Homeowners Dave and Jenny<sup>1</sup> are thrilled that their new manufactured home through ReCoverCA is finished and they will be moving in over the holiday season! Dave, Jenny, and their two children love their 10-acre property and home and Dave had done a lot of work to their property over the 7 years prior to the Camp Fire. After losing all their possessions and home to the Camp Fire, Dave and Jenny moved their family to various living arrangements that never really felt like “home,” so once they heard of the ReCoverCA Housing Programs through social media they were hopeful that they would be able to rebuild on their property again.



“I’m just excited. The closest thing to ‘brand-new’ I’ve ever owned is a pair of jeans!” Dave said.

When asked what their favorite part of the new home was, he said, “Well, everything, but really the floors, drywall, recess lighting, and overall layout.” Jenny was giddy over the soft-close kitchen cabinets. She said she had been looking at them for years at the local hardware store. Their children are most excited about being able to be in nature and explore the property like they used to, including turning their hillside into a snow park in winter and visiting the waterfall and creek that runs through the property in the summer.

Dave wanted survivors interested in the program to know, “Hang in there. Keep your hope.”

Applications are still open for ReCoverCA Housing Programs for homeowners affected by eligible 2017 and 2018 disasters, but time is limited and the pre-application survey closes December 31, 2023. Visit the [ReCoverCA website](#) for more information!

### 2017 & 2018 Surveys Closing December 31st!

ReCoverCA Housing Programs for those affected by 2017 and 2018 disasters will soon close. The Disaster Housing Needs Assistance Survey for those still rebuilding from eligible disasters will close on December 31, 2023. The survey, which takes approximately five minutes to [complete online](#), is the first step for anyone

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<sup>1</sup> Names have been changed to protect the identity of the homeowners.

interested in ReCoverCA Housing Program funds to help repair or rebuild single-family owner-occupied housing damaged in FEMA-declared disasters.

Additionally, the application for 2017 and 2018 will close January 31, 2024. After completing the survey, eligible homeowners will be contacted by a Case Manager to complete the full application for ReCoverCA Housing Programs. If you have an incomplete ReCoverCA application or a Case Manager has reached out to you, please complete your application before January 31, 2024.



ReCoverCA 2017 and 2018 Housing Programs are available to homeowners making up to 120% of area median income. Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$500,000 to repair, reconstruct, or clear remaining damage to homes caused by eligible 2017 and 2018 wildfires, mudflows, and debris flows in the following counties: Butte, Lake, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sonoma, Ventura, and Yuba.

Additional information, including eligible guidelines and resources to help complete the survey and application, are available on the [ReCoverCA website](#).

### [Wildfire Retrofits Eligible for 2020 ReCoverCA Housing Programs](#)

Homeowners living in communities affected by eligible 2020 disasters may be able to use ReCoverCA Housing Programs – Owner-Occupied Mitigation funds for defensible space and home hardening needs on their property. Activities such as debris clearance, defensible space, and other work that brings a property into compliance with [Wildland Urban Interface Code](#) are eligible. Wildland Urban Interfaces (WUI) are part of California Building Code and Housing Code that help reduce risk and improve resiliency in the event of future disasters.

If you or someone you know is still rebuilding their single-family dwelling, mobile home, or MHU after 2020 disasters, or has mitigation needs on their property, please visit the [ReCoverCA website](#) for information and application instructions. Homeowners who lost their home in an eligible FEMA-declared disaster or have mitigation or home hardening needs on their property may be eligible for up to \$500,000 to help rebuild and up to \$50,000 for mitigation assistance, depending on homeowners' unique needs.

Full information, including eligibility, policies and procedures, fact sheets, and application instructions can be found on the [ReCoverCA website](#). Eligible 2020 counties are Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles, Napa, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Sonoma counties.



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