

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO: HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: REBECCA LANE, MANAGER
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: HOUSING AUTHORITY DISASTER REPORT AND RECOVERY
STRATEGIES

AGENDA ACTION: NONE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Department of Housing and Community Services that the Housing Authority hold a study session to receive information regarding the impacts of the October wildfires on the Department's programs, as well as a review of the recovery activities undertaken by the Department. This item is for information only and no action will be taken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this study session is to provide information regarding the impacts of the October wildfires on the Department of Housing and Community Services programs, as well as a review of the recovery activities undertaken by the Department.

BACKGROUND

October 8, 2017 marked the beginning of the Sonoma Complex Fires. A Presidential Disaster declaration was issued on October 10, 2017. Relative to the scope of the disaster, the impact to Housing Authority programs was minimal. Thirty-two units subsidized under the Housing Choice Voucher program were destroyed or are otherwise uninhabitable. Three mobile home units with rehabilitation loans funded through programs administered by the Santa Rosa Housing Trust were destroyed or damaged. Four homes funded in part by Housing Authority silent second loans were destroyed in the fire. The Santa Rosa Housing Authority has requested regulatory relief under the Housing Choice Voucher program. The Department of Housing and Community services has requested a waiver of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Grant Program and Consolidated Plan requirements to allow program flexibility as the City moves towards recovery.

PRIOR HOUSING AUTHORITY REVIEW

Not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from holding a study session.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Request for Waiver of CPD Grant Program

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