



# Calaveras County *Butte Fire Recovery*

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### **BUTTE FIRE RECOVERY-HAZARD TREE REMOVAL - On Private Property**

#### **“TOWN HALL MEETING”**

Calaveras County has now identified burned trees along Public Right of Ways (ROW) in the Butte Fire Area that pose a hazard to the traveling public or impact County maintained roads. The next phase of this program is to contact property owners who have trees that fall into the same category but are on private land. The County is asking Property owners to sign a **Right of Entry** (ROE). This ROE permission will enable an arborist and crews to do a more detailed evaluation of those trees and then ultimately remove the trees that are found to be a hazard. **ROE permits must be signed and returned no later than July 29, 2016.** A letter has been mailed to property owners containing a self-addressed stamped envelope and a copy of the ROE to be signed and mailed back to the County Public Works Department

**A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 13, 2016, at the Mountain Ranch Community Center in Mountain Ranch from 5-7pm.** There will be an Arborist there to answer questions along with Jeff Crovitz director of Public Works, and a representative from Tetra Tech Inc. Personnel will be on site to assist property owners fill out and turn in their ROE. Property owners are asked to provide their parcel number and an ID.

This work is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) and there is no cost to property owners. However, laws and rules governing this funding prohibit a duplication of funding benefits. If insurance covers debris removal, reimbursement to the County will be owed. **Property owners will not be liable for any amount not covered by their insurance.**

Tree removal work will be limited to those trees that are hazardous to the public using the County’s roadways. Other trees on private property will remain the property owners’ responsibility. If you have any question regarding hazard tree removal you may call the hazard tree **HOT LINE at: 209-754-6767**

**Private Property owners that choose not to have their hazardous trees removed remain liable for damage caused by hazardous trees falling onto County Roads**

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