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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Town of Paradise Weekly Recovery Update**

#### **Meetings:**

Wed. Mar. 18th 6:30-9:00pm

**PID Regular Meeting**

PID Facebook Page

No In-Person Meeting

#### **Updates and Statistics:**

##### **Building Updates:**

**866 Building Permit Applications Received**

**682 Building Permits issued**

**75 Homes Rebuilt (certificate of occupancy issued)**

#### **Weekly Spotlight**

As the Town of Paradise continues to recover from the Camp Fire, it is important to remain focused on our important recovery work while taking necessary precautions to protect our community from COVID-19. The Town of Paradise is instituting new procedures to protect the health of our staff and the public. Our ultimate goal remains supporting our residents as they recover. These changes will not impede or slow our recovery but will make us all safer during these uncertain times.

## **Building Resiliency Center**

The Building Resiliency Center will remain open to the public for building services; however, the Town will institute the following procedures to encourage social distancing:

- For building questions, instead of visiting in person, call us at (530) 872-6291 x 411 or email us at [rebuildquestions@townofparadise.com](mailto:rebuildquestions@townofparadise.com).
- For permitting, plan submittals or permit pickup, please call ahead and make an appointment at (530) 872-6291 x 411.
- Rebuild Advocates will be available by phone only at (530) 872-6291 x 429 or x 430.

### **What's new:**

- **PID:** To reduce the gathering size of their monthly PID Board meetings they ask that our community join their Facebook Livestream to participate instead of attending meetings in person. To improve participation for the Livestream audience, during the upcoming March 18th meeting they will be selecting public comments from Facebook viewers to be read to PID's Board of Directors during the meeting. This will be the first-ever online public board meeting held by the Paradise Irrigation District. They ask that participants remain patient with the process and keep comments relevant to District Business.
- **Paradise Unified School District** has informed parents that starting tomorrow all classes will be ceased until March 27. Superintendent Tom Taylor said that following Gov. Newsom's press conference and "after much deliberation with all Butte County Superintendents, the recommendation has been made by the Butte County Office of Education to have no student contact days starting Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th." Teachers will use Monday to collaborate and develop plans for online learning and independent study packets. He also said that Newsom has asked them to provide food for students. Information regarding food services was posted on the PUSD website at 10:00 am Monday morning.
- **The Tree ROE Center located at the Building Resiliency Center is suspending operations due to COVID-19.** Tree ROEs and Inspection Access Forms can be turned in via email at [TreeROE@buttecounty.net](mailto:TreeROE@buttecounty.net) or by mail at 205 Mira Loma Dr., Ste 50, Oroville, CA 95965

- **The Town of Paradise is hiring!** Positions we are looking to fill include Administrative Services Director/Town Treasurer, Capital Projects Manager, and Building/Onsite Permit Technician I/II. If you are interested in applying, or for more information, please visit the Towns website at <https://www.townofparadise.com/index.php/jobs>
- **The Butte Strong Fund announced it's accepting inquiries from organizations seeking funding for community development projects in the Camp Fire burn area.** Two funding cycles are planned in 2020. The first deadline to make a grant inquiry is March 15. The second and final grant inquiry deadline is Aug. 15. Only applications made via buttestrongfund.org will be considered. Examples of potential projects could include museums, community centers, historic landmarks, gathering spaces and projects that inspire hope or are central to recovery. For information on eligibility and selection criteria, and how to apply, please go to <http://buttestrongfund.org/apply-for-funding>.
- **The Butte Strong Fund committee announced that it has approved several grants in the past month, including tree removal.** A \$50,000 grant will help Paradise Alliance Church with a new service that will help residents who don't qualify for the government program to remove trees and provide defensible space on their property. The program will partner with the Fuels Reduction Assistance Program.
- **Rebuild Advocates are available at the BRC to residents** of the Town of Paradise and Butte County to help navigate the process of rebuilding and be on hand to help guide people through the rebuilding process. They can also help guide residents through the financial resources available to make rebuilding more affordable such as help people apply for loans and connect with contractors. You may call 530-872-6291 ext. 429 or ext 430 to schedule an appointment. Please reach out, they are here for you.