



## **SUCCESSFUL POWERHOUSE FIRE RECOVERY WORKSHOP**

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In response to the impact of the Powerhouse Fire that burned more than 30,000 acres in North Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Field Office and Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) hosted a fire recovery workshop held at the Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary School located in Lake Hughes, California on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

The recovery workshop featured more than 30 Federal, State, Los Angeles County, Non-Government Organizations, Utilities, Service Companies, local community group, and elected official representatives. Over 80 impacted owners, renters and businesses stopped by the “One-Stop-Shop” information center during the five-hour operation.

Emergency/Disaster preparedness information provided by OEM and other County departments and agencies were available in English, Spanish, and in different formats.

OEM Program Specialist Jeanne O’Donnell, who helped coordinate the event said, “There is a lot of information out there. We are trying to bring everybody together into one room in order to better serve the community.”

“The whole thing is just a beautifully coordinated effort,” stated Ellen Goodchild, a resident of Elizabeth Lake, who spoke to a reporter from KHTS AM 1220 and Santa Clarita News.

(Pictured above is Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Field Office Norm Hickling who coordinated the Powerhouse Fire Recovery Workshop with the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management)









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The following is a list of participating, assisting, and cooperating organizations:

### **Los Angeles County**

- Animal Care and Control
- Assessor
- Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management
- Community and Senior Services
- Consumer Affairs
- Fire
- Housing Authority
- Mental Health
- Public Health
- Public Social Services
- Public Works
- Regional Planning
- Sheriff

### **Federal**

- Angeles National Forest
- U.S. Forest Service
- NCRS USDA
- U.S. Small Business Administration

### **State**

- California Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Insurance
- State Contractors Licensing Board

## **Non-Government Organizations**

- American Red Cross
- California Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
- Christian Aid Ministries
- Do Your Part
- Grace Baptist Church
- Lakes Little League
- Salvation Army
- The Garment Restoration Company
- The Painted Tape
- Tzu-Chi Foundation

## **Utilities and Other Service Companies**

- AT&T
- California Water Distribution
- Southern California Edison
- Verizon

## **Volunteer**

- Community Emergency Response Team Lake Hughes

## **Elected Official**

- U.S. Congressman Buck McKeon, 25<sup>th</sup> District of California

**A Final Note:** The Powerhouse Fire burned more than 30,000 acres from May 30-June 11, 2013. During the fire, the media reported that a number of structures were burned down, two of these structures were originally built by the “King of the Cowboys” singer and actor Roy Rogers who made his home on the “Sky Haven Ranch” located in the Los Angeles County unincorporated area community of Lake Hughes.