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County launches recovery website for fire victims

VENTURA, Calif. – The County of Ventura has launched a website dedicated to helping victims of the Thomas Fire in their recovery. The website is called Ventura County Recovers (www.VenturaCountyRecovers.org) and it is a comprehensive source of information for all matters relating to fire recovery.

The site includes information on debris removal, rebuilding, permits, property re-assessment, hazardous materials, health issues and much more.

“Time and again we have seen how resilient, strong and resourceful the residents of Ventura County are,” said County Executive Officer Mike Powers. “Working together, County and City governments will help our residents recover from this disaster, and this website will be an important tool for getting information into the hands of the people who need it.

Because there are differences between some County and City ordinances and policies, the site will have direct links to city websites to make Ventura County Recovers a one-stop destination for people looking for answers.

“The site will be updated regularly,” said Chief Information Officer Mike Pettit. “We want to be sure we always have the most recent information available. Recovery from this sort of disaster is a long process, and the site will evolve as the recovery moves through its various phases.”

To aid in the recovery, the County is also working on plans to re-assess properties damaged by the fire, streamline the permitting process, increase public health activities, and activate a robust debris removal plan.

“The County is working very closely with city leaders in Ventura, Ojai, and Santa Paula, and community leaders in many of the unincorporated areas to create a unified response to the recovery,” said Powers. “Our first responders, and first responders from across the state did amazing work as this disaster unfolded. Now, it’s time for us to step in and continue that great work in the recovery process.”

Ventura County Recovers: www.VenturaCountyRecovers.org

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