

Just a reminder of our LTR meeting on Wednesday, February 14 from 10:30 am.
The meeting will be held at Child Development Resources, 221 E. Ventura Road, Oxnard, just off Vineyard.

I encourage you to review the attached Long Term Recovery Group Overview.

We will be joined on Wednesday by John Chavez, FEMA VAL.

At the meeting we will discuss the LTRG structure needed to respond to unmet needs in our community and provide the opportunity for individuals and groups to indicate how they want to participate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

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Long Term Recovery Group Overview

Introduction of the Long Term Recovery Group Process

The three basic elements of the long term recovery process are: 1) identifying individuals and with unmet needs in the community 2) providing case management order to prioritize how those needs will be met 3) delivering goods, services, and funds to meet those needs. The specific the community organizes to accomplish these basic functions will be determined by the unique circumstances of the disaster. However, the process for establishing a group should be outlined in advance. This foundation will expedite the activation of a Long Term Recovery Group, and enable it to accomplish its mission of strengthening disaster coordination through sharing information, simplifying survivor access to services, and jointly resolving recovery needs.

What is a Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG)?

- x The purpose of a Long Term Recovery Group is to help affected families develop a plan and receive adequate assistance for their recovery.
- x The Long Term Recovery Group can be any type of committee, council, coalition, roundtable, organization, or working group with decisionmaking authority, in which all participating organizations are equal partners.
- x A Long Term Recovery Group is composed of representatives from disaster response agencies faith-based and community groups
- x The mission is to strengthen and disaster coordination by sharing information, simplifying client access, and jointly resolving cases with unmet needs

When is a Long Term Recovery Group organized?

When unmet disaster related needs have been identified and multiple organizations will be providing services to survivors, a Long Term Recovery Group should be organized as soon as possible

What are the advantages of a recovery group?

- o Access to the agencies simultaneously
- o Benefit of the collective creative problem solving skills of many experienced case managers.
- o Benefit from quick decisionmaking and commitments from agencies providing services and resources.

Structure

- o To build on existing networks in the local community, the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) should be the starting point for LTRG.
- o Any agency serving disaster clients may sit on LTRG. Agency representatives must have decisionmaking authority for their organizations.
- o At the organizational meeting for the LTRG convened by the VOAD, officers for the group will be selected

