Regional Disaster Housing Planning Project

DHWG, Regulations/Codes Committee – March 21, 2012
Welcome

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Why Are We Here?

- Southern California is overdue for a major seismic event that is:
  - Likely to damage hundreds of thousands of homes, apartments, and condominiums across the region
  - Likely to temporarily or even permanently displace countless residents

- Getting people back into their homes or into other permanent housing options requires:
  - Pre-disaster cooperation and coordination
    - Across the region
    - Across the public, private, and non-profit sectors
RGPGP Grant

- FEMA Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) Grant
  - Awarded to five-county region including:
    - Orange
    - Riverside
    - San Bernardino
    - Ventura
    - Los Angeles
  - LAHD received part of the grant to focus on disaster housing planning; work must be completed by July 31, 2012
**RCPGP Grant**

- Two contracts funded with RCPGP funds
  1. **Safety Assessment software to inspect housing after a disaster**
     - Based on national standards: Applied Technology Council (ATC) 20 & 45 damage assessment forms
  2. **Disaster Housing Planning**
     - Disaster Housing Working Group (DHWG)
     - Various research reports and Disaster Housing Planning Guide (DHPG)
RCPGP Grant/Safety Assessment Software

- **ATC 20 & 45 electronic forms free to all**
  - Electronic Safety Assessment Module (SAM) installed on desktop includes:
    - Property database (can be uploaded)
    - Property inspection scheduling
    - Staff & volunteer deployment and management
    - Reporting
  - **Mobile Safety Assessment Module (MobileSAM)** installed on portable devices
    - Electronic ATC 20 & 45 forms with data entry fields
    - Data entered in field can transfer wirelessly to SAM database
RCPGP Grant/Disaster Housing Project

- Disaster Housing Planning
  - DHWG committee meetings this week
    - Interim/Short-Term Housing – 3/19/12
    - Permanent Housing – 3/20/12
    - Regulations/Codes – 3/21/12
    - Financing – 3/22/12
RCPGP Grant/Disaster Housing Project

- Research Projects:
  - Legislative and Regulatory Resources & Barriers report to be completed by 4/20/12
  - Gap Analysis of the current state of local disaster housing preparedness to be completed by 4/27/12
  - Short-term/Interim Housing Options report to be completed by 5/18/12
  - DHPG to be completed by 7/31/12
DHWG Organization and Committees

- Regional DHWG with members from throughout the five-county region
  - Local housing industry experts, including:
    - Housing developers and property owners
    - Non-profit organizations and advocates
    - Housing agencies
    - Land use planners
    - Lenders and insurers
    - Other private- and public-sector entities
  - Local, State, and Federal government housing and emergency planning experts
DHWG Organization and Committees

- Regional DHWG
  - Focusing on:
    - Pre-disaster mitigation
    - Housing assistance for displaced residents
    - Interim and long-term housing solutions and residential reconstruction
  - Will convene for monthly meetings and/or conference calls to discuss these and related topics, share expertise and ideas
DHWG Organization and Committees

- Initial committees address high-level activities essential to disaster housing preparedness
  - Interim/Short-term Housing
  - Permanent Housing
  - Regulations/Codes
  - Financing
DHWG Organization and Committees

- Organized to provide input for DHPG
- Initial committees based on overarching disaster housing topics
  - May change as process matures
- Core committee membership requested based on expertise/responsibility for topic area
  - Direct participation in monthly meetings
    - Limited to 20–25 for maximum efficiency
    - Need volunteers to lead committees and coordinate with non-attending peers
  - Input/comment on DHPG will be open to all
DHWG Organization and Committees

DHWG
LEADERSHIP TEAM

INTERIM/SHORT-TERM HOUSING
PERMANENT HOUSING
REGULATIONS/CODES
FINANCING
Activities needed to retain population

- Identify, coordinate, and leverage housing-related organizations and resources
- Encourage development of strategies to:
  - Expedite temporary/permanent repairs
  - Expedite placement of temporary structures
  - Identify other alternative housing solutions
- Provide guidance on developing surge capacity for expedited inspections and permitting
- Identify gaps and resolve conflicting policy issues
- Identify ways to integrate funding sources
Regulations/Codes Committee Topics

- Legal requirements that could hinder interim housing placement, permanent housing recovery, or pre-disaster mitigation
- Considerations, coordination, and integration of damage assessment systems
- Accessibility and functional needs requirements and opportunities
- Pre-disaster hazard mitigation opportunities
Regulations/Codes Committee Topics

- Legal requirements that could hinder interim housing placement, permanent housing recovery, or pre-disaster mitigation
  - Relevant codes, including authorities that establish responsibilities
  - Opportunities for modification of legal requirements
Regulations/Codes Committee Topics

- Considerations, coordination, and integration of damage assessment systems
  - Different damage assessments are done at different stages and for different purposes
    - Preliminary damage assessment to support funding requests
    - Inspections that are required to determine habitability (including apartment buildings/rentals)
    - Safety versus compliance opportunities to expedite residents’ return to damaged housing
    - What information is being gathered that could be used to estimate housing needs and durations
Regulations/Codes Committee Topics

- Accessibility and functional needs requirements and opportunities
  - Not just things that must be done
  - Potential solutions to meeting the needs
  - Ways that compliance can be achieved
Regulations/Codes Committee Topics

- Pre-disaster hazard mitigation opportunities
  - What laws, regulations, and codes cover aspects of housing that could help prevent or avoid damage that would keep people out of their homes?
  - What laws, regulations, and codes exist that hinder enforcement or development of mitigation opportunities?