Regional Disaster Housing Planning Project

Kickoff Conference Call – February 22, 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 starting today as part of ongoing effort
  - 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

- INTERIM/SHORT-TERM HOUSING
- PERMANENT HOUSING
- REGULATIONS/CODES
- FINANCING
DHWG Organization – Overarching Priorities

- 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
DHWG Organization – Committee Topics

- Interim/Short-Term Housing Committee Initial Topics
  - Processes required to support transition from shelter to housing
  - Potential housing facility types and locations
  - Accessibility and functional needs requirements and opportunities
  - Identification of information needs and collection requirements
  - Legal requirements, restrictions, and opportunities
  - Processes for providing assistance/support to displaced residents and property owners
Permanent Housing Committee Initial Topics

- Considerations for both rental and owner-occupied housing
- Identification of potential rental and owner-occupied housing solutions
- Accessibility and functional needs requirements and opportunities
- Coordination to ensure disaster housing solutions integrate with community planning considerations
- Legal requirements, restrictions, and opportunities
DHWG Organization – Committee Topics

- Regulations/Codes Committee Initial Topics
  - Legal requirements that could hinder interim housing placement, permanent housing recovery, or pre-disaster mitigation
    - Opportunities for modification of legal requirements
    - Safety versus compliance opportunities to expedite residents’ return to damaged housing
  - Accessibility and functional needs requirements and opportunities
  - Pre-disaster hazard mitigation opportunities
  - Opportunities to enhance disaster preparation by housing providers
DHWG Organization – Committee Topics

- Financing Committee Initial Topics
  - Identification of housing funding sources
  - Opportunities for coordination and integration of housing funding sources for maximum benefit
  - Funding documentation requirements, overlap, and opportunities for streamlining
  - Funding opportunities for addressing accessibility and functional needs requirements
  - Documentation requirements for using the value of volunteer personnel for cost-share matching
  - Legal requirements, restrictions, and opportunities
Types of Tasks/Participation

- Task - Legislative and Regulatory Resources Report
  - Existing laws/codes/regulations that could hinder housing recovery
  - Existing laws/codes/regulations that could aid housing recovery
  - Existing laws/codes/regulations that could hinder or aid pre-disaster mitigation and preparation
  - Opportunities/actions that could resolve impediments to expeditious housing placement and recovery
Types of Tasks/Participation

- Participation - Legislative and Regulatory Resources Report
  - Survey
  - Direct submission
  - Interviews
  - Workshop participation
Types of Tasks/Participation

- Task - Capability Assessment and Gap Analysis Report
  - Prioritization of needed disaster housing resources
  - Identification of shortfalls/gaps
  - Recommendations on how to resolve issues, including:
    - New topics for the DHWG and DHPG
    - Additional participants for the DHWG
Types of Tasks/Participation

- Participation - Capability Assessment and Gap Analysis Report
  - Survey for Public and Private Sectors
    - Link will be sent to all
    - Only need to fill out once but new thoughts always welcome
    - Free text fields enable participants to submit concerns, issues, and thoughts on disaster housing planning
Types of Tasks/Participation

- **Task - Short-Term Housing Options Report**
  - Local, State, and Federal requirements
  - Understanding of the types of short-term options
  - Identification of temporary housing options
  - Prioritized listing of potential facilities/sites

- **Participation - Short-Term Housing Options Report**
  - Survey
  - Direct submission
  - Interviews
  - Workshop participation
Types of Tasks/Participation

- Task - Regional DHPG for local communities
  - Planning considerations and strategies
  - Local, State, and Federal housing resources
  - Best practices and other information to assist local jurisdictions and their private-sector and non-profit partners to prepare for short- and long-term housing needs, recovery, and reconstruction
Types of Tasks/Participation

- Participation - Regional DHPG for local communities
  - Provide expertise to help document focus topics for inclusion in the planning guide
  - Help identify additional focus topics requiring discussion/documentation
    - Problems experienced in previous disasters that were not resolved
    - Concerns over potential problems – ‘What keeps you up at night’
  - DHPG review
  - Lead committees/coordination with peers
Participation Questionnaire

- Grant funds matching
  - RCPGP requires a substantial match (over 30% of the grant funds)
  - Need to be able to capture the value of the time you spend on this effort
  - Using a model that has been successful elsewhere
    - We understand reluctance
    - Will be asking only for a salary range
    - Voluntary, but please help
  - All information will only be used as backup documentation, which may be provided to FEMA
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