



Board of Supervisors July 23, 2024
Fire Rebuild Program



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Fire Loss Statistics

2017 – 656 residences lost

2018 – 8 residences lost

2020 – 666 residences lost

Of the 1,330 residences lost:

32% of permits have been issued (430)

23% of residences have been rebuilt (304)



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Rebuild Statistics



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- 2,340 fire related permits issued
- Median time from application of permit to issuance is 100 days
- 571 days is the average time to rebuild
- Total construction valuation \$432 million
- Total fees waived \$2 million



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Before and After





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2017



2024





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Factor Influencing Rebuilding

- Cost of Construction
 - Supply Chain Disruption – pandemic
 - Labor
 - Inflation
 - Insurance
 - Underinsured
 - Disputes
 - Cost of insurance post-rebuild
 - Rebuilding in a High Fire Danger Area
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What we did to ease Rebuild process

County Policy adopted by the Board:

- Expedited Review Times
 - Reduced Permit Fees - 30% and 50% off fees
 - Temporary Housing – Allowed short term housing on parcels
 - Like for Like Replacement – reduced some requirements otherwise required for new construction
 - Viewshed –streamlined process
 - Vineyard Replanting – Track II
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Ongoing Process Improvement

Fire Rebuild Process begins immediately after the fire

- Property Owner Contacts
 - Resilience Planning – Bric Grant and other sources
 - Market resilient building and fire hardening
 - Expedited bridge replacement
 - In-house reviews of fire rebuilds
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Expiration of Fees and Recovery Policies

- Fee Waivers set to expire October 1, 2025
 - Adoption did not include update to County Policy Manual
 - Disaster Recovery Ordinance set to sunset December 31, 2024
 - Staff recommends Board extend Disaster Recovery Ordinance to October 1, 2025, consistent with Fee Waiver sunset
 - Public outreach
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Questions
