



City of Malibu News

23825 Stuart Ranch Road • Malibu, California • 90265-4861
Phone (310) 456-2489 • Fax (310) 456-3356 • www.malibucity.org

For Immediate Release

December 19, 2018

Contact: Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager

310-456-2489, ext. 224

LSoghor@malibucity.org

City Council Votes on Items to Aid With Rebuilding and Recovery from Woolsey Fire

Malibu Joins Local Debris Removal Program, Allows More Temporary Housing on Burned Properties and Creates a Woolsey Fire Ad-Hoc Committee

(Malibu, CA) - On Tuesday, December 18, the Malibu City Council heard multiple items related to the devastating Woolsey Fire, the largest wildfire in Los Angeles County history, which destroyed hundreds of homes in Malibu and charred nearly 100,000 acres in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

“The entire City Council and I are absolutely committed to helping the residents of Malibu rebuild and get back on their feet as quickly and safely as possible,” Mayor Jefferson Wagner said. “Like so many of you, my house burned down, so I am going through this together with you. Part of the healing process includes understanding what happened and why it happened, and making improvements for the future, which is why the formation of a Disaster Committee is so important.”

The Council voted to join the Local Debris Removal Program administered by Los Angeles County, giving Malibu residents whose homes were damaged or destroyed during the Woolsey Fire a second option for fire debris removal, in addition to the state-run CalOES program. The CalOES program, which was made available to Malibu residents the week of December 3, removes fire debris from homes that are damaged or destroyed, at no out-of-pocket cost to the homeowner.

Residents who choose the “Local Program” must find a state-certified contractor to perform the work, which is done at the property owner’s expense. The work must be conducted under the same strict state environmental and public safety guidelines as the CalOES program.

Opting for the local program would not necessarily mean that homeowners will be allowed to retain elements such as foundations because concrete, steel and masonry are often weakened and damaged by the extreme heat of a major fire, making them structurally unsound.

To opt-in to the state CalOES program, homeowners must submit a Right of Entry (ROE) form, giving debris removal teams access to the property. The forms can be submitted online, in person or by phone. The deadline to submit the ROE form is January 28, 2019. For more information on how to apply, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Debris.

Before applying for either debris removal program, a homeowner’s property must first be inspected and cleared by the County-led Hazardous Materials teams. The list of HazMat-inspected properties is available and updated

daily at www.MalibuCity.org/Debris. See the staff report:
<https://www.malibucity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/3488?fileID=6513>.

During the December 18 meeting, the Council voted to waive certain fees for the installation of a temporary residential trailer on properties where a single-family residence was destroyed during the Woolsey Fire. See the staff report:
<https://www.malibucity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/3489?fileID=6517>.

The Council voted to allow Conex Containers to be used as temporary housing on properties where homes were burned in the Woolsey Fire and determined that they do not require permits. Conex Containers are shipping containers repurposed into temporary living structures. The units come pre-plumbed, with electrical outlets and bathroom fixtures, and are ready to hook up to septic systems. They meet OSHA and FEMA temporary housing guidelines, are used on military bases, and are recommended for use following hurricanes and other disasters. See the staff report:
<https://www.malibucity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/3491?fileID=6516>.

Following the Woolsey Fire, the City has authorized the placement of trailers or mobile homes on burned out properties as temporary housing during the rebuild process. Proper debris removal must be completed before a residential trailer can be placed on the property. Residents who wish to place a temporary trailer or mobile home on their property must first submit a Temporary Mobile Home or Trailer Application form to the Planning Department. The forms are available at www.MalibuCity.org/Rebuild (click "Temporary Structures").

The City Council also voted to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to examine all aspects of the disaster response and evacuation. Further details on the composition and functioning of the Committee will be made public as soon as possible.

To see the video of the entire meeting, visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofMalibu/videos>.

###