CITY OF RENO

Memorandum

DATE: November 13, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

FROM: Jenifer Alvarez, Council Liaison

DEPT: Council & Executive Operations

SUBJECT: Hawk Fire Recovery Efforts Update – November 13, 2026

This memo provides Council with a comprehensive update following the October 23, 2026, Hawk Fire Recovery Efforts Update memo on the City of Reno's recovery efforts.

The Hawk Fire response has entered the long-term recovery phase, with Washoe County and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinating regional efforts. Washoe County is preparing to conclude the Phase 1 Household Hazardous Waste Removal Program for properties affected by the Hawk, Bug, and Stallion fires. Assistance has been completed for property owners who requested it, and the county is making a final effort to reach residents who have not responded by conducting site visits and encouraging participation before the November 6, 2026, deadline. An official notice has been provided to the remaining property owners. Residents with questions about the Phase 1 Household Hazardous Waste Removal Program should contact 3-1-1.

City of Reno Recovery Efforts

While Washoe County and OEM coordinate the regional response, the City continues to assist residents and managing recovery within city limits, including administering AB 540 Disaster Recovery Assistance Program funds. City staff coordinate weekly with OEM, Washoe County, state and federal agencies, and community partners.

Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND)

HAND has approved disaster relief assistance for 78 households to date. Of these households, 74 are located in Reno and four are located in Sparks; none are located in unincorporated Washoe County. Fourteen applications remain pending, and no applications have been denied due to

household income. All households previously residing in motels remain in permanent housing. Housing navigation services continue for two households currently staying with family or friends. HAND also continues to hold weekly data-sharing meetings with Catholic Charities and provides additional in-person assistance to help applicants complete their applications.

The Nevada Housing Division has awarded the City of Reno up to $2,000,000 to provide rental assistance to eligible households in Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County with incomes at or below 150% of the Area Median Income (AMI). HAND began administering the Disaster Relief Assistance Program (DRAP) on September 3, 2026, to address the housing needs of households affected by the wildfire. The deadline to apply for housing assistance is December 31, 2026.

Utility Services

City staff including Utility Services, the Reno Fire and Communications Departments continue to coordinate with the National Weather Service, Washoe County and State Floodplain Manager, on post-fire education and outreach about potential debris flows. These efforts include preparation of educational flyers, targeted postcard mailings, and other presentation materials for future Neighborhood Advisory and County Advisory Board meetings, and pop-up events at schools and grocery stores. The group will continue meeting regularly and collaborating to support and inform the public.

Utilizing the Hawk Fire BAER Report data, Utility Services has prepared some preliminary high-level hydrologic and hydraulic modeling of rainfall/debris flow and potential areas of impact to help inform targeted public outreach.

Next Steps

City staff will continue meeting weekly with Washoe County to implement the Recovery Action Plan, monitor Bright Harbor needs data for Reno residents, and process pending HAND applications. Staff will update Council when stormwater recommendations are finalized, and if the Army Corps debris report changes the City's approach.

Washoe County Emergency Management will host a Wildfire Community Resources Fair on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, from 6–8 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center, located at 3355 White Lake Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89508. The fair will provide people affected by the recent fires with information about the recovery process, including rebuilding and revegetation. Topics will include permitting and construction, wells and septic systems, case management, property taxes, electricity and gas services, land restoration, reseeding, and post-fire flooding.