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## **Senator McGuire, Congressman Huffman & Assemblymember Wood Join the County of Mendocino to host Redwood Valley Rebuilding Town Hall**

*Community meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.*

**Sacramento, CA** – Federal, state, and county leaders will all come together for a Redwood Valley Rebuilding Town Hall in Mendocino County Thursday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Hall will be an opportunity for residents to receive updated information on the Redwood Valley County Water District Reconstruction and Improvement Project.

187 homes in the Water District were destroyed last October by the Redwood Complex Fire in 2017. (Over 500 total homes and structures were destroyed in the Complex Fire.)

A portion of the water system will need to be rebuilt due to the fact that larger water lines have to be installed to meet modern day building standards and associated water flow requirements.

Significant progress has been made over the past year: All funding has been secured, initial design has been kicked off, a project timeline and budget has been established and ground will be broken on the project in Spring of 2019.

Residents will be provided up to date information on the status, timeline and project plans for the upgraded water system, as well as information on steps to take to rebuild their homes.

**“At the one-year anniversary of the Redwood Complex Fire, which will go down as one of the most destructive disasters in Mendocino County history, it’s important to check back with the community about the progress that has been made and to preview the construction activity planned for 2019,” Senator Mike McGuire said. “We hope folks will join us on October 11 to hear the latest updates on this critical project.”**

**“As we hit the first anniversary of the Mendocino firestorm of 2017, my colleagues and I know our work is not done,” said Rep. Huffman. “During the path to recovery, the partnership between federal, state and county government is crucial. We are committed to working together in this process and look forward to updating the community on our work.”**

**“Making sure that homeowners can rebuild their homes as quickly as possible, which depends on these water district system improvements, is our goal,” said Wood. “I appreciate Senator McGuire taking the lead to secure the additional funding needed and look forward to learning more about how this process will take place.”**

**Topics covered at the Town Hall will include:**

- Update on the reconstruction project on the Redwood Valley County Water District: Project scope, timeline and preliminary budget.
- Deep dive into the water district improvement project including what it means for homeowners. Specifically: How many homes and parcels will be impacted by the project, building to modern building codes, the permitting process and the re-entry process.
- Opportunity for questions and answers from the community.

**WHO:** Congressman Jared Huffman, Senator Mike McGuire, Assemblymember Jim Wood, and the County of Mendocino

**WHAT:** Redwood Valley Rebuilding Town Hall

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 11; 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Eagle Peak Middle School, 8601 West Rd, Redwood Valley, CA 95470

*Refreshments will be provided*