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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Sponsors and Property Managers

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SUBJECT: FEMA Aid Information

If your project was impacted by the fires in **Butte, Lake, Napa, Mendocino, Sonoma and Yuba** counties, your tenants are eligible to be reimbursed for damages or losses (such as evacuation and relocation costs) through FEMA. These counties have been part of federal or state disaster declarations. FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal or state benefits.

Only individuals are eligible to apply, so we encourage you to work with your tenants to register for and receive federal aid. Individuals have up to 60 or 90 days to initiate action. Detailed information can be found at: <http://wildfirerecovery.org/>

Impacted individuals who primarily reside in one of the six designated counties can apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by phone at 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. The toll-free numbers are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Applicants will be asked for the following information:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Disaster assistance for homeowners and renters may include grants to help pay for:

- Temporary housing or relocation
- Uninsured and underinsured personal property losses
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance