

	<b>County of (Insert Here)</b> <b>(Health/ Fire) Agency</b> (Address) (Phone #) (Email Address)	
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## DEBRIS REMOVAL RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT

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(For Providing Debris Removal on Private Property)  
 This form *must* be completed and submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of Structure(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner), hereby permit the County of \_\_\_\_\_, its officers, employees, state agencies, contractors and subcontractors, to enter the Owner's property located at the above- referenced address (the Property), subject to all licenses. Easements, encumbrances, and claims of title affecting the Property upon the following terms and conditions:

- GRANT OF RIGHT OF ENTRY:** Permission is hereby granted and Owner hereby grants to County, its officers, employees, designees, and/or permittees a right of entry ("Permit") to enter upon the removing and clearing any or all wildfire-generated debris of whatever nature including but not limited to ash, vehicles, trailers, miscellaneous debris, construction debris, waste or other materials from the Property, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Permit, and to perform all incidents necessary thereto. Owner understands and accepts that the entity performing debris removal on behalf of County will determine on a case-by-case basis what materials classify as "debris" to be removed from the site pursuant to the removal program and that structural foundations and trees deemed hazardous may also be removed pursuant to this Permit. It is fully understood that this Permit does not create any obligation on the part of County to perform inspection, testing or debris clearance. Owner understands that County will undertake no cleanup action until this Permit is signed and returned. Owner understands that participation in this program shall not operate to either require or prohibit County from later deeming a condition remaining on the property a public nuisance.

**This is not a request for a permanent easement and/or right-of-way and the permission granted will automatically terminate upon completion of said work, as determined the discretion of County, its officers, employees, designees and/or permittees.**

- PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE:** Most homeowner insurance policies have coverage to pay for the costs of removal of wildfire-generated debris. Owner understands that in the event state financial assistance is received by Owner for purposes of inspection, testing or removing debris hereunder, state law (California Disaster Assistance Act., California Government Code sections 8680-8692) requires Owner to reimburse County for the cost of removing wildfire-

generated debris to the extent covered in Owner's insurance policy. Owner hereby assigns to County any and all insurance proceeds he/she would be entitled to for the removal of debris from the Property. Owner agrees to inform the insurance company listed below of this assignment, and will instruct the insurance company to issue all insurance proceeds directly to County. In the event the insurance company listed below issues insurance proceeds to Owner for the removal of debris from the Property, Owner agrees to immediately and without delay forward such insurance proceeds to County.

Owner also understands that, when requested, Owner must provide a copy of the insurance policy, proofs/ statement of loss and settlement agreement from Owner's insurance company to County.

Owner (\_\_\_\_\_ does,\_\_\_\_\_ does not) have homeowner's or other similar insurance. If Owner indicates that Owner does not have such insurance, Owner certifies under penalty of perjury that there was no insurance in effect at the time of the wildfire which may provide coverage for the costs of inspection, testing or removing debris.

Insurance Information for the Property:

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS:** Owner (\_\_\_\_\_ has, \_\_\_\_\_ has not) and ( \_\_\_\_\_ will, \_\_\_\_\_ will not) receive(d) any compensation for debris removal from any other source including the Small Business Administration (SBA), individual and family grant program or any other public assistance program. Owner will advise County in writing of any insurance settlements for debris removal in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 2 of this Permit. Owner further agrees to reimburse County within thirty (30) days of the receipt from such insurance proceeds, for the cost of the debris removal conducted by County in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 2 of this Permit. In the event the insurance proceeds are less than the cost of debris removal incurred by County, Owner will not be responsible for the difference. If the insurance proceeds exceed County's cost of debris removal, Owner will keep any excess proceeds. Owner understands that all disaster related funding, including that for debris removal from private property, is subject to audit.

**4. COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS:** In consideration of the permission granted, County agrees to the following:

- a. No permanent structure that appears safe and habitable to the entity performing debris removal will be disturbed or damaged. Work will be performed in such a manner that it will not materially affect ingress or egress

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to or from the Property. This determination shall not operate to either require or prohibit County from later determining that a public nuisance exists on the Property. If Owner is present at time the debris removal team enters the Property and demands that certain debris not be removed, this debris will not be removed. Owner understands and acknowledges that if he/she refuses to allow removal of debris deemed hazardous by federal, state, or local officials. Owner shall still be legally responsible to timely and lawfully remove the hazardous debris at his/her own cost.

- b. Gates shall be closed and/or locked at all times, except when ash and debris removal activities are in progress.
- c. Any pre-existing improvements on the Property, such as fences, gates, etc. which are damaged or temporarily removed in the debris removal process will be repaired and/ or replaced.

**5. INDEMNIFICATION- HOLD HARMLESS:** County shall not be liable for, and Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless County, the State of California, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and any of their officers, agencies, agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees, and volunteers, against any and all claims, deductibles, self-insured retentions, demands, liability, judgments, awards, fines, mechanics, liens or other liens, labor disputes, losses, damages, expenses, personal injury, death, and charge or costs of any kind or character, including attorney' fees and court costs (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Claims"), which arise out of or are in any way connected to actions arising out this Permit, and Owner hereby releases, discharges, and waives any Claims or any action, in law and equity, arising therefrom.

**5.1 Owner shall make Owner's best efforts to mark any sewer lines, utilities (electricity, gas, cable, etc.), septic tanks and water lines located on the Property.**

**6. NO COUNTY ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY FOR REMEDIATION:** In consideration of the assistance County is providing to Owner under this Permit at no cost to Owner, and subject to Section 5 of this permit, County assumes no liability or responsibility and Owner shall not seek to recover from County, CalOES, CalEPA, CalRecycle, or any of their officers, agencies, agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees and volunteers, the costs of any remediation of damages to the Property incurred due to actions taken pursuant to this Permit.

**7. COUNTY'S AGENTS:** Any person, firm, or corporation authorized in writing to work upon the Property by County shall be deemed to be County's agent, including but not limited to the State of California, Cal OES, CalEPA, CalRecycle, contractors, and subcontractors and shall be subject to applicable terms hereof.

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**8. AUTHORITY:** Owner represents and warrants that he/she has full power and authority to execute and fully perform its obligations under this Permit without the need for any further action, including but not limited to any notice to, or approval from any co-owner(s), leaseholder(s), tenant(s), lender(s), or lienholder(s), and any person(s) executing this Permit on behalf of Owner(s) is the duly designated agent(s) of Owner(s) and is authorized to do so, and that fee title to the Property vests solely in Owner(s). If this Right of Entry Permit is executed by anyone other than Owner(s), it shall be accompanied by a complete and legible notarized authorization form signed by Owner(s). Incomplete or illegible authorization forms will not be recognized as a lawful designation of authority.

**9. STATE OF CALIFORNIA DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM:** By initialing below, Owner(s) hereby acknowledge the following activities that will be conducted by County and/or County's agents:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Eligibility:** This program is applicable **only** to residential property, including rental properties, where occupants reside as a primary or secondary home. The Property must not be owned under any business or commercial affiliation, other than as a primary/ secondary residence (i.e., resort or retreat complex, LLC, etc.) Any property that is sold prior to issuance of the cleanup certification will be withdrawn from the program and billed for cleanup services, unless both new and former owners sign a property transfer affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Owner Notification of Entry:** As this program involves access to the Property by County and/or County's agents at various times throughout the cleanup process, Owner(s) will only be contacted to arrange for cleanup at the "Ash and Debris Cleanup" phase (Step 4). This contact will attempt to be made 24-48 hours in advance. Owner(s) will not be contacted for property access during the other steps. All agents associated with the program will have proper identification and will provide that upon request.

The Property ( \_\_\_\_\_ is, \_\_\_\_\_ is not) a rental property and Owner(s) ( \_\_\_\_\_ does, \_\_\_\_\_ does not) request for the tenant to be contacted prior to entry for special instructions. Owner(s) ( \_\_\_\_\_ do, \_\_\_\_\_ do not) transfer all decisions related to cleanup to tenant.

Contact Information for the Tenant:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Property Accessibility:** Due to the need for property access by County and/or County's Agents, the Property will be made accessible throughout the cleanup process (i.e., Owner(s) will provide gate code/keys to ensure property access). Owner(s) acknowledge either ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) a gate code or ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) a key is required for

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access. Owner shall provide a gate code \_\_\_\_\_ or key which shall be dropped off at the debris removal operations center.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Foundations:** In order to participate in this program, Owner(s) must allow removal of all foundations. Stem walls and retaining walls may be left on a case-by-case basis for erosion control purposes only, as approved by the Operations Chief and/or his or her designee. Any Owner(s) initiating participation in the program and later deciding to keep a foundation will be withdrawn from the program and billed for cleanup services up to that point. In addition, it is Owner's responsibility to fill any depression (s) left on the Property from the removal of foundations.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Soil Sampling:** Part of the debris removal program is to take soil samples in the debris footprint to determine if all ash is removed and no longer poses a public threat. In some instances, if soil samples do not meet the cleanup goals for this project, additional soil will be removed from the debris footprint and more soil samples will be taken. In order to participate in this program, Owner(s) must allow access to County's agents so all necessary soil sampling can be conducted after all debris and ash is removed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hazard Trees:** Trees identified by a Certified Arborist as dead or dying may be deemed hazardous. Hazardous trees may be cut down and removed through this Permit if they are deemed to constitute a hazard to the debris removal crews. Owner understands and accepts that the debris removal team may not remove all trees on the property that are hazardous (or may later prove hazardous) and is advised to independently consult an arborist about any remaining trees that Owner is concerned may be potentially hazardous. Tree stumps will not be removed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wells and Septic Systems:** Pumping and/or removal of wells and septic tanks/system are not part of this program. Only those septic tanks that are deemed to be hazardous to cleanup crews will be pumped. All other identified wells/septic tanks will be fenced off to ensure proper marking and safety.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Propane/ Fuel Tanks:** Propane and other fuel tanks found on the Property will be assessed as part of the "Household Hazardous Waste Assessment and Removal" phase (Step 1.) Tanks will be assessed to determine whether fuel remains. Small and medium tanks (less than 80 gallons capacity) will be removed. Large propane tanks that are leased by a gas company will not be removed through this program (property owners must contact the gas company and arrange for them to pick up/ remove their damaged tank.) If tanks are owned by the property owner, they may be removed through this program during the "Ash and Debris Cleanup" phase (Step 4.)

Owner(s) acknowledge that they (\_\_\_\_ do, \_\_\_\_ do not) own large propane tank(s) and the Owner(s) ( \_\_\_\_ does, \_\_\_\_ does not) want them removed during the "Ash and Debris Cleanup" phase.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Repairs:** Debris and ash removal crews will do their best to avoid and minimize damage to areas and intact structures surrounding the impacted property site. Where wells, septic and leach lines are properly identified in advance by Owner(s)

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as part of the Permit, the Operations Chief **may** authorize attempted repair of any damage done to these as part of the cleanup process. (Please note: before and after photos are taken of site conditions.) However, ultimately, Owner(s) acknowledges the Permit indemnification- hold harmless clause (Section 5 above) for all structures associated with the Property.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Driveways and Roads:** Repair of publicly accessed roads and driveways is not part of this program. Road damage to public right-of-ways will be addressed by County. Damage to privately owned driveways as a result of this program's operations will be assessed and **may** be repaired on a case-by-case basis, as determined by the Operations Chief. Repair to damaged concrete or asphalt driveways will consist only of gravel placement for purpose of ingress/ egress.

- 10. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Permit constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings and representations, oral or written, are superseded.
- 11. **MODIFICATION:** The provisions of this Permit, may not be modified, except by a written instrument signed by both parties.
- 12. **PARTIAL INVALIDITY:** If any provision of this Permit is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby. Each provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 13. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** This Permit shall bind and benefit the parties and their successors and assigns, except as may otherwise be provided herein.
- 14. **NOTICES:** Any notice required hereunder shall be provided as follows:

Contact Information for the County:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information for the Owner:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**15. SUBMISSION BY FACSIMILE OR EMAIL ATTACHMENT:** In lieu of personal delivery, Owner(s) may elect, at his/her own option and at his/her own risk, to transmit to County by facsimile or email attachment a complete, legible, and fully executed Right of Entry Permit and (as applicable) an Owner Authorization to Designate Agent form. Owner(s) is responsible to ensure complete, legible, timely, and accurate transmission of such documents, and County shall not be held responsible for any errors or omissions related to electronic or facsimile transmission, including but not limited to errors resulting from failed or delayed transmission, delays resulting from SPAM filters, technical malfunctions of facsimile machines or electronic communication equipment, inability to open attached documents, or other failure of County to timely receive and act upon these documents.

- a. Fax: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Email: (attached as PDF): \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and County of \_\_\_\_\_ have executed this Permit effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner 1 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner 2 Signature

Approved by County of \_\_\_\_\_ and verified that the Property, APN, and Owner are accurate and meet the eligibility requirements of program:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Disaster Debris Removal Program  
Property Information**

**Please check all that apply on the Property:**

<b>Large Item Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Keep</b>	<b>Remove</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Vehicles				
Boats				
Trailers				
Trees				
Other:				

<b>Underground Tanks</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Construction Date (If Known)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Septic <sup>1</sup>			
Fuel/ Oil <sup>2</sup>			
Water			
Other:			

1. Septic tanks will be pumped of all waste as part of the debris removal project if posed a hazard to crews.
2. Owner(s) must provide documentation of ownership for large propane tanks to be removed.

<b>Underground Structures</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Construction Date (If Known)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Basement			
Root Cellar			
Other:			

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