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EDD receives up to \$44 million to provide jobs for recovery efforts, employment services to thousands affected by the fires in Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today it has received a grant for up to \$44 million from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide temporary jobs on fire clean-up and recovery projects to 1,350 unemployed workers and career services for 1,620 individuals who have been affected by the wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

“These funds will put people who have lost their jobs back to work, provide career services to those who cannot return to their former jobs because of the disasters and aid in the rebuilding and recovery of local economies,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

This Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant will assist the state in response to the November wildfires by providing temporary employment opportunities to workers who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the fires. Job opportunities include clean up and repair damages to facilities, infrastructure and tribal lands located within the disaster areas of the Camp, Woolsey, Hill and other wildfires.

Career and job training services, including new skills development and certifications for local in-demand occupations, will be available for individuals who are unlikely to return to their prior employment as a result of the destruction.

Public agencies or non-profit organizations in counties with property damage from these wildfires or their after-effects – including post-burn flooding and mudslides – should contact the project operators listed below for assistance in becoming a worksite partner.

EDD recommends that all individuals interested in applying for temporary jobs or receiving employment assistance register at a local [America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM](#) locations, which also offer no-fee employment services and training resources.

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For more information on the workforce and training providers operating local projects, please contact the following:

2018 CA NDWG Temporary Work Contact List		
Project Operator	Counties Served	Contact Person
City of Los Angeles, Economic and Workforce Development Department	Los Angeles & Ventura	Donny Brooks, Assistant Chief Grants Administrator (213) 744-9093 Donny.Brooks@lacity.org
County of Los Angeles Workforce Development	Los Angeles	Rafael Navarro, Rapid Response Coordinator (213) 738-2496 RapidResponse@wdacs.lacounty.gov
La Cooperativa Campesina de California	Butte	Marina Tapia, Executive Assistant mtapia@lacooperativa.org (916) 388-2224 Julissa Garcia, Operations Analyst jgarcia@lacooperativa.org (916) 388-2228
Northern California Indian Development Council, Inc.	Butte	Greg Gehr, Executive Director NDWG@ncidc.org (707) 445-8451
Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium	Butte	Michael Cross, Executive Director mcross@ncen.org (530) 892-9600
Workforce Development Board of Ventura County	Ventura	Patrick Newburn, Workforce Development Board Administration Manager Patrick.newburn@ventura.org (805) 477-5470

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