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Canyon Dam Earthquake Recovery Update

Quincy, CA – Yesterday, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors ratified the emergency proclamation for the Canyon Dam earthquake. Extending the proclamation will allow businesses and homeowners more time to discover and assess potential damage. Over \$1M in damages has been reported, and 60 homes in the Lake Almanor basin have been impacted.

Many homeowners have begun efforts to recover from this earthquake. The Plumas County Housing and Community Development Commission can offer **assistance to low income property owners** needing to correct health and safety damage. Certain household income limits apply, but this program is designed to establish terms that result in affordable payments. For more information please visit their website at www.plumascdc.org or contact 283-2466 and mention the Home Repair Program.

Environmental Health has received reports of **groundwater wells that turned cloudy** after the quake. Most wells have returned to normal after thoroughly flushing the well and piping for up to 60 minutes. Anyone continuing to experience cloudy well water or concerns with their drinking water quality should contact a testing laboratory for possible analysis. Cloudy water by itself does not mean the well is contaminated, but a bacteria test is an inexpensive and easy way to check drinking water safety. Environmental Health's water quality page at <http://countyofplumas.com/index.aspx?NID=285> has information on water sample testing labs and procedures on how to disinfect contaminated wells.

To help residents with **disposal of broken or damaged electronics** such as televisions or computer screens, special E-Waste Events have been scheduled for the Chester Transfer Station and the Greenville Transfer Station this Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Electronic devices will be accepted at no charge at both locations.

The Plumas County Assessor's Office may be of assistance to property owners that have incurred a significant amount of property damage due to the recent earthquake. The "**Calamity Application for Reassessment –Damaged or Destroyed Property**" form can be downloaded from the Assessor's department page of the Plumas County website: www.countyofplumas.us Look under the section titled "Assessor's Office Forms". The form includes information about the qualification process or contact the Assessor's Office at (530) 283-6380 if you need more information.

If you have any questions, please e mail: PlumasOES@gmail.com or call me at 530-283-6367. Thank you.