

Task Force for Fire and Mudflow Response
Council Update – February 7, 2018

The Task Force for Fire and Mudflow Response activated in December and officially began meeting in January. We meet twice a month. Each meeting includes check-in about current needs/response in all three regions of the Presbytery.

January Highlights:

Received – \$39,662.54

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – 15,000
Moorepark – 2,556
First SLO – 6,286.54
First Burlingame – \$5,820
St Andrews – \$10,000

Distributed – \$14,000

Farm Workers Ventura/Santa Paula – \$1,000
Institute for Congregational Trauma and Growth
 Counseling & Disaster Education – \$2,000
 Bilingual Pastoral Counselor (Contract & expenses) – \$8,500
Carpinteria Community
 Impacted Family in Need – \$500
 Impacted Individual in Need – \$500
 Kinderkirk Preschool (to offset contract for impacted family) – \$1500

Volunteering:

Carpinteria Community
 Partnered with County groups to provide venue for 20-30 vendors to provide services for impacted individuals, families, and businesses
First SB
 Partnered with Sheriff, County Behavioral Wellness, & Red Cross to provide the Family Assistance Center following the Mudflow

February (Pending):

To distribute:

Carpinteria Community
 Discretionary Fund for Impacted Individuals/Families – \$2500
 (Including Ventura residents who displaced to Carp)

Assessing:

Ongoing preschool support at Carp Community & Elmo

Community needs for undocumented residents; laid off workers; workers experiencing long term effects of business loss; and long term emotional/spiritual/mental health needs in Ventura, Santa Paula, Ojai, Carpinteria, Summerland, Montecito, and Santa Barbara

Long-term financial needs after FEMA / Insurance claims processed (est. 1-2 years)

For Church Groups that want to volunteer with clean up in Montecito, please contact Santa Barbara Habitat for Humanity.

There will continue to be long-term needs throughout the region for the next couple of years. Your donations make a great difference!