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TO: Communities of Paradise and Swall Meadows

RE: Disposing of Burned Residential Debris

Debris from burned structures is considered “mixed burned debris.” This waste may contain contaminants.

The County has been directed by Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board that **mixed burned debris cannot be accepted and disposed at Benton Crossing Landfill**. If mixed burned debris is brought to Benton Crossing Landfill (or the Paradise Transfer Station), staff will be forced to reject the material.

The County understands our citizens immediate interest and need in cleaning up the debris, but pleads that residents hold off on cleanup and transport of this mixed burned debris until appropriate disposal locations and effective transportation methods can be identified.

The County is also exploring the option of having a team of specialists come to individual sites to perform the cleanup, thereby ensuring it is done in an environmentally safe manner with the least exposure to our citizens. The County again pleads residents to wait for this process to unfold before exposing themselves, friends and family to the hazards associated with these sites.

Nonetheless, certain material apart from “mixed burned debris” can be recycled, and accepted at Benton Crossing Landfill for recycling instead of disposal. **Materials that will be accepted at Benton Crossing Landfill including: trees and wood waste, metal, vehicles, appliances and aggregate material. All materials must be segregated.**

For this fire-related material, **the County will extend accounts** to anyone bringing waste to the Benton Crossing Landfill or the Paradise Transfer Station. These accounts will help people track disposal expenses and defer payment. Should the Board of Supervisors waive any fees associated with the cleanup, the accounts will be adjusted accordingly.

For additional information, contact Tony Dublino, Environmental Services Manager, at (760) 932-5453.