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Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds

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**2019 Yuba-Sutter Fair
Livestock Exhibitor
FEMA Informational Memo**

Over the past 4 months the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds has served in numerous capacities in response to the Butte County Camp Fire incident. This resulted in the fairgrounds being utilized as an Evacuation Center, Pet Shelter, Donation Center and now currently serving as an RV Campground for 40 FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) trailers occupied by evacuees displaced by the Camp Fire incident.

Over the past few weeks, the fairgrounds has received numerous public inquiries regarding the FEMA trailers and how or if they will affect the 2019 annual fair, which will take place August 1-4. The fairgrounds has developed a fact sheet to help provide the public and the fair exhibitors some insight to the operations and effects of the FEMA RV Campground.

Thank you for your understanding while we strive to serve the needs of both our local and surrounding communities. If after reading this Fact Sheet, you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me anytime using the contact information listed above.

Thank You,

Dave Dillabo, CEO

FACT SHEET

1. How long will the FEMA RV Campground be at the fairgrounds?
 - a. The current contract is set for 6 months and will expire on June 15, 2019. However, FEMA may extend the contract in one to 12 month increments for up to 18 months.
2. Where and how many locations on the fairgrounds are the FEMA trailers located?
 - a. The FEMA trailers are located on one (1) site on the fairgrounds, which is on the corner lot of Franklin Avenue and Garden Highway.
3. Who is living in the FEMA RV Trailers and do they have to pay rent?
 - a. The FEMA trailers are occupied by evacuees from the Butte County Camp Fire Incident. Each resident is registered and approved through FEMA. FEMA provides the use of the RV trailers rent free to the evacuees.

4. Who owns the RV trailers?
 - a. FEMA owns all of the RV trailers in the FEMA RV Campground.
5. Do the FEMA Campground residents have access to the entire fairgrounds?
 - a. No. A perimeter fence has been installed on the west side of the RV Campground restricting the residents of the FEMA RV Campground to only that allotted area of the fairground's property.
6. Why is the Highway Patrol patrolling the FEMA RV Campground?
 - a. This is normal procedure for a California State owned property serving as an Emergency Center. The Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds is owned by the State of California and thus the California Highway Patrol has overall legal jurisdiction of providing these types of services for state owned facilities. The CA Highway Patrol was also onsite when the fairgrounds served as an Evacuation Center & Pet Shelter.
7. Will the FEMA Trailers be on the fairgrounds during the annual fair?
 - a. The fair staff is preparing for the annual fair assuming the FEMA RV Campground will be onsite during the fair. However, the decision for the contract to be extended past the initial 6-month (June 15th) period is at the discretion of FEMA.
8. If the FEMA RV Campground contract is extended into August and during the annual fair, how will this affect the annual fair operations?
 - a. If the FEMA RV Campground is still active during the annual fair there will be (4) four main operational changes that will affect the livestock exhibitor's during fair-time.

1)The current FEMA RV Campground is located in the Garden Highway Campground that 70 of the Livestock Exhibitor's RV Trailers are normally parked in during the week of fair. Currently, the plan is to have the 70 Livestock Exhibitor RV trailers parked in the North Parking Lot. The North Parking Lot area is large enough to hold over 90 trailers. Last year, one portion of the North Parking Lot was utilized as a Dry Camp RV area to hold the overflow of Livestock RV's that exceeded the capacity of the Garden Highway RV Lot. This year the plan will be to utilize the entire North Parking Lot as a Dry Camp Lot for the Livestock RV's that would normally be parked in the Garden Highway RV Campground. The North Parking Lot area is much larger than the Garden Highway RV lot and will easily accommodate the Livestock Exhibitor RV space needs from those exhibitors displaced from the Garden Highway Lot. The fairgrounds is currently reviewing the potential of installing water services for the North Parking Lot, which would allow the RVs to have access to running water. The RVs would need to be connected to generators for electrical purposes.

2)Due to the North Parking Lot being full of Livestock RV trailers, the Staging Area for the unloading of Livestock will be moved from the North Parking Lot to the South Parking Lot. The Vet Health check for all livestock except for chickens and turkeys will take place at the time of weigh-ins instead of upon arrival, which should reduce the time of the unloading process and alleviate long wait times in the parking lot area.

3)The Livestock Exhibitor walk thru gate located on the Garden Highway perimeter fence will not be accessible during the fair. Livestock Exhibitors will have to utilize the Main Gate located on Franklin Avenue when walking from the Livestock Parking Lot that is adjacent from the fairgrounds on Garden Highway.

4)The North Parking Lot area would be limited to providing services as a Dry RV Campground during fair-time, which will minimally reduce the fairground's parking capacity by approximately 100 vehicles.