

## **Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (BTC)**

### **Update on the Rim Fire damage**

**Berkeley, California (Friday, October 25, 2013)** – Due to a massive wildfire that devastated much of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp in late August, the camp remains closed while the City performs cleanup and demolition work at the site.

To-date, the City's specialized contractor has completed the erosion control work at the site and the testing of the site for hazardous materials. This week, they have begun the demolition work and are scheduled to complete this work by the end of November 2013.

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013, Governor Brown signed an Executive Order that provides financial assistance to local agencies and non-profit organizations and directs additional assistance to support local recovery efforts in order to help mitigate the effects of the devastating Rim Fire in Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. City staff also worked with county, state, and FEMA officials to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding assistance as well. Once the type and amount of funding assistance from these efforts becomes known, the City will make this information available to the public.

In terms of a temporary camp option in the Summer of 2014, City staff has now visited a number of potential camp options, and met with a focus group comprised of the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (FOBTC). The City hopes to finalize options for a summer 2014 camp season by the end of November 2013.

More information about the City's system of parks and facilities is available at <http://cityofberkeley.info/PRW>

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