

Thomas Fire and Mudslide Questionnaire Date _____

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General

- 1. Name _____
- 2. Address _____
- 3. Home phone number _____
- 4. Cell phone number _____
- 5. Best number to reach you _____
- 6. Email _____
- 7. Occupation _____

The Property

8. How many people live in the home? _____ a.

List name, age and relationship to you of all who live in the home

9. Do you own or rent the property? _____

10. If you own, what date did you purchase the home? _____ a.

What was the purchase price? _____

b. Have you sold the home since the fire or mudslide? _____

c. What are your monthly mortgage payments on the home? _____

d. How much do you pay in property taxes? _____

11. If you rent, what is the date you began renting the home? _____ a.

What is the monthly rent? _____

b. What is the lease term? _____

c. Have you moved out since the flood? _____

12. What is the square footage of the property? _____

13. What is the square footage of the home? _____

14. How many rooms are in the home? _____

15. How many levels is the home? _____

16. Is there a pool and/or hot tub on the property? _____

17. Has the home or property ever experienced a fire, flood, mudslide, or other problem with water intrusion, other than before December 2017? (Please describe including cause of fire or flood, scope of damage, and cost to repair)

Fire or Mudslide

18. Were you present on the property when the fire or flooding occurred in December 2017? _____

19. Were your children present on the property when the fire or flooding occurred? _____

20. What time did you become aware of the fire or flooding? _____

21. Please describe your actions after you became aware of the fire or flooding

22. Estimate the percentage of your home that was:

a. filled with water, and depth of water _____

b. Effected by fire (charring included) _____

23. Estimate the average depth of water, mud and debris in your home _____

24. How many rooms in your home were damaged? _____

25. Describe any damage to your pool or hot tub, if applicable _____

26. Describe any damage to your landscape and or hardscape _____

27. Describe whether or not you had to evacuate the property due to the fire or flooding? _____

28. Describe from which street or drainage easement the majority of the water, mud and debris came from that entered your property.

29. Was anyone physically injured as a result of the flooding? Describe how injury occurred and whether medical treatment was necessary

30. Did you seek any counseling or psychological treatments as a result of the July 2015 flood?

31. Did you miss any time from work due to the flood? If so, how many days/hours?

Out-of-pocket expenses

32. Please provide a general breakdown of your actual out of pocket expenses in repairing your home and property by category. If you performed work yourself, or had friends and family perform the work, describe what work you did and how many hours were spent on each task. a. Water/mud removal i.

Cost _____

ii. Company _____

iii. Dates of service _____

b. Dryout i. Cost _____

ii. Company _____

iii. Dates of service _____

c. Moving i. Cost _____

ii. Company _____

iii. Dates of service _____

d. Was your property remediated for mold or asbestos? If so, did you receive a formal clearance? _____ i.

Cost _____

ii. Company _____

iii. Dates of service _____

e. Additional out of pocket costs i.

Description _____

Cost of Repair

33. Have repairs to your home been completed? _____

34. How many days did you have to sleep out of your home due to the fire, flood and/or construction?

35. List any bids you received to repair damage to your home, including whether or not you were able to afford to go through with the repair. If you received multiple bids, please list all a.

Company _____

b. Scope of Repair _____

c. Cost _____

d. Were you able to afford to go through with this repair? _____

e. Company _____

f. Scope of Repair _____

g. Cost _____

h. Were you able to afford to go through with this repair? _____

Communications with others

36. Did you ever complain to *anyone* (including HOA, COUNTY or Ventura County Planning Board, or the like) about fire damage, flood damage, inadequate drainage systems, inadequate erosion control measures, inadequate fire control measures, lack of property erosion control, lack of fire control, failure to maintain drainage, prior to the December 2017? _____

a. If so, list by date, nature of complaint (whether or not in writing) and to whom you made the complaint. Also, please provide the complaint and any response with this questionnaire.

b. _____

37. Did you attend any meetings after December 2017 where the cause of the fire or flood was addressed including HOA meetings, Community Meetings, Ventura County Meetings, Santa Barbara Meetings, Planning meetings etc.? _____ a. If so, please list by date and speaker and brief synopsis of what was said-each and every time someone told you what caused the 2017 fires and flood

38. Did you ever speak with anyone who performed the post December 2017 fire and flood repair efforts who discussed the causes of the fire and flood? _____ a. If so, please list by date and speaker and brief synopsis of what was said-each and every time you were told what caused the 2017 flood.

39. After the December 2017/ January 2018 fires and flood, did you file a claim for damages with the County? _____ a. If so, what was the outcome? _____

b. Please provide all related documents.

Cause of your damage

Please check each of the causes of the December 2017/ January 2018 fires and flood, that you think apply to your property:

Inadequate drainage system in the development

Improper maintenance of drainage systems and easements by HOA

Improper maintenance of drainage systems and easements by COUNTY

Failure to enact proper fire and flood control and drainage measures around your property

OTHER (Please specify) _____

For each of the causes you identified above, please describe why you believe the cause contributed to the damage of your property.
