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TO: All Fair CEO's and Board of Director's

SUBJECT: 2019 Fairground Shelter Assessment

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is working on assessing the top 10 high-capacity shelter locations in 200 vulnerable communities statewide per county request, of which fairgrounds are expected to be an integral part of the assessments. Yolo, Amador, El Dorado and Tuolumne counties have all asked for assessments, with Yolo County being the pilot assessment for this project. Partnering with CDSS to perform assessments is the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Department of General Service (DGS), Red Cross, and County Mass Care which could be Emergency Management, Social Services, Human Services, Public Health etc.

The assessment consists of creating disaster emergency event resource layout maps of fairground sites documenting infrastructure for electrical outlets, water and sewer hookups, RV hookups, dump station, drain inlet, water main, fire hydrant, etc. The shelter assessment will document building size, cot setup, bathrooms and other amenities that could be utilized during an evacuation. The assessment has already begun but it will take at least a couple of years to reach all the fairs and other facilities located in the vulnerable communities. The assessment team is generally able to complete the facility assessment in a day or less and agreements, plans, etc. could require separate meetings and conversations over time. See attached facility maps 1-4 of Yolo County Fair for an example of what the site assessment entails.

To see a map of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) and list of cities go to Cal Fire website at http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/fire_prevention_wildland_zones_maps.

If your fair is contacted by your local county or other partnering agencies for this shelter assessment, F&E encourages your fair to participate. By having fairs work with their local county agencies and partnering agencies to plan for future emergencies will be beneficial for your fair and community. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Anater by email at Ken.Anater@cdfa.ca.gov or by phone at 916-900-5073.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

