

VO: **AS WILDFIRE DISASTERS HAVE INCREASED IN THE LAST DECADE, CALIFORNIANS HAVE COME TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER REBUILD THEIR LIVES**

Kevin Sokol: “To be part of the help that comes, to get them some semblance of relief, you’re forever connected with that.

VO: **SINCE 2007, CALIFORNIA’S DEBRIS CLEANUP TEAM HAS HELPED SURVIVORS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES RECOVER BY CLEARING TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS.**

THOSE WHO ALREADY KNOW THE PROGRAM UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATE WILL CLEAR THEIR PROPERTY AT NO OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSE.

Mill survivor Chester Hopkins: “My wife’s mom lost her house back during the Boles Fire so we knew it was a good thing to get you know the debris removal”

VO: **CALRECYCLE STAFF TAKE THIS **PURPOSE** DEEPLY TO HEART.**

Stephen Eto: “I’m going to tell everyone right now that if your house gets burnt down, I’m sorry. I’m really sorry because I know what it feels like.”

Alan Zamboanga (former): “And I always like to go out and talk to them and connect with them just to make sure that they understand and know that we’re there to help them.”

Roberta Jetter: “It’s very motivating. There’s not ... there hasn’t been a mission I’ve been on yet where I haven’t cried with a homeowner, um, I haven’t stood on their property and listened to their story. .... but, In the end we know we are moving them toward the future.

VO: **REMOVING THE DESTROYED REMAINS OF THEIR HOMES BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY CLEARS THE WAY TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES.**

Camp survivor Speri Machuga: “watching the first truck haul away. It added to that level of closure. That was very helpful so I could rebuild and keep going.”

River Fire survivor Lizz Porter: “It was weird sort of finality to it... it was sort of a letting go and alright this chapter is done.

VO: CALRECYCLE STAFF FEEL THIS DIFFERENCE THEY  
MAKE IN THE LIVES OF OTHER CALIFORNIANS

Jeremy Edwards: “You get to see the joy and excitement when you can give  
them a clear lot that is ready for construction.”

Stephen Eto: “I consider it part of my job to listen and to be  
compassionate. Workin at CalRecycle has been  
phenomenal for me, it’s the most rewarding job I’ve ever  
had.”

VO: IN THE WAKE OF ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING  
LOSSES POSSIBLE, THE CARE AND HUMAN CONNECTION CAN HELP  
SURVIVORS CREATE HOPE FOR THEIR FUTURE

Camp Fire survivor Michelle: “They were very professional, but they were very human  
and we so appreciate that, so much.”