



Lake County, CA

2015 Fire

Physical Address

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Directions:

From north or south of Clearlake, enter town on Rt 53 and turn west onto Lakeshore Drive. Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Mullen Ave. Turn left at the 3rd street onto Pearl Ave and the United Methodist Church will be on the left.

Location

Lake County is located northwest of Sacramento in hilly terrain mostly covered with pine forests. It contains the largest lake within the state of California, thus the origin of its name. It is primarily rural, with a population around 64,000 people, and is one of the poorest counties in the state. Agriculture is the primary business, with grapes and pears being the largest crops. Temperatures range from freezing to over 100, and most of the rain falls in the winter months.

Disaster

In September 2015 the Valley Fire started near the town of Cobb, burning out of control over 120 square miles and destroying over 1,300 homes. California's recent drought conditions fed the wildfire as it became one of the worst in the state's history. Adding to the devastation, in August 2016 a wildfire south of Clear Lake burned over 100 homes.

MDS

MDS will build new homes in Lake County, working with Team Lake County (TLC), the long term recovery group for the wildfire. Accommodations will be at Clearlake

Community United Methodist Church in the town of Clearlake. Bunk rooms are in the fellowship hall, and long-term accommodations in the parsonage next door.

Transportation Options

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in Lake County. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator of Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111. Public transportation to Clearlake is available, but it is difficult and takes much time.

- The closest airport to Clearlake is Sacramento International Airport. Car rentals are available. Taxi service can be scheduled at phone number 916-444-0008.
- Amtrak serves Sacramento and Martinez, about 25 miles north of Oakland. It is possible to travel by bus from Martinez to Clearlake, using three different bus lines taking around 7 hours.