In the initial 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Action Plan (December 2009), the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) budgeted Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000) of California’s original 2008 DRI allocation of Thirty-nine Million Five Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-four Dollars ($39,531,784) specifically for forward-thinking planning and other smart strategies to help prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Per the Federal DRI Notice, commitment of DRI funds for these specific purposes allowed the Department to request an equal additional amount to be made available to the State in June 2010 as part of HUD’s Three Hundred Eleven Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-three Dollars ($311,602,923) discretionary Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF). The DREF was designed to allow for secondary allocations to grantees that anticipate they will still have unmet disaster recovery needs after developing and undertaking forward thinking recovery strategies and activities in a timely manner. Eligible DREF activities include:

- Development and adoption of forward thinking land-use planning; including updated General plan safety elements integrated with Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP);
- Critical disaster (fire) area buy-out programs;
- Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM) to improve residential properties making them less prone to damage; and,
- Implementation of modern disaster resistant building codes; including, but not limited to, training on new standards and code enforcement.

In June 2009, the Department was successful in its application for DREF funds and received a 2008 DRI DREF allocation in the amount of Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000). This additional funding brings the State’s total 2008 DRI allocation to a total of Fifty-four Million Five Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-four Dollars ($54,531,784).

This Amendment hereby amends the 2008 DRI Allocation Budget as follows:

- $18 Million for Activity #1 – Housing, infrastructure, and economic recovery and revitalization activities.
- $15 Million for Activity #2 - The development of forward-thinking land-use planning (disaster resistant building codes, safety elements of general plans, LHMPs, and other disaster and/or emergency planning activities), high-risk hazard area buy-out programs, mitigation measures to improve residential properties making them less prone to damage, and other smart strategies incorporated into recovery activities.
• $4.5 Million for Activity #3 - Affordable rental housing activities.
• $15 Million to be applied at the Department’s discretion toward any of the identified eligible DRI activities.
• $2 Million for general administrative costs for Activities #1–3.

2008 DRI funds specifically budgeted for DREF related activities (listed under Activity #2 activities) total $15,000,000 as follows:

• DREF Activity A: $2,500,000 set-aside for the development of forward-thinking land use plans to guide use of recovery efforts and subsequent land-use decisions that reduces existing or future development in areas of high disaster risk;
• DREF Activity B: $1,500,000 set-aside for buy-out programs under an optional relocation plan that includes incentives so that families and private sector employers may move out of areas at severe risk for future wildfire disasters;
• DREF Activity C: $5,000,000 set-aside for Individual Mitigation Measures (IMM) to improve residential properties making them less prone to damage from future wildfire events;
• DREF Activity D: $5,000,000 set-aside for enhanced mitigation measures incorporated into DRI eligible Public Improvement activities; and,
• DREF Activity E: $1,000,000 set-aside for the design and implementation of modern disaster resistant building codes.

All other components of the State’s initial 2008 DRI Action Plan remain as originally submitted.