Gualala Community Center Rebuilding Update

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GCC Rebuilding Update:
The last 6 months have been a period of planning and paperwork, meaning that none, except the people pushing the paperwork, are seeing any real progress. This is frustrating for all of us as we want to see ACTION! The Build Local Plan Construction Group (BLPCG) has been busy addressing ADA compliance issues and continuing to answer the second round of comments sent out by the Mendocino Building Department. One big achievement was getting a permit for destruction of the old septic tank without having to undergo a Coastal Commission Environmental review. Julia Krog, Director, County of Mendocino Department of Building and Planning, was instrumental in helping GCC avoid a $975. permit fee.

The BLPCG has also been actively satisfying requirements of the USDA Urban Development grant including back and forth correspondence with an architect from the Western States-USDA Rural Development.

So much has been accomplished by the BLPCG. However, no shovel can hit the ground regarding the rebuilding until all the conditions of the USDA Grant have been satisfied. For example, the USDA Grant specifies in the Guide to Applications for Preparing Environmental Reports or Categorical Exclusions Under 1970.54: "No construction activities may begin until the Agency (USDA Rural Development) completes its environmental review process."

We hope this brief description satisfies your curiosity and concern about not seeing any real action on the GCC property.