



## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

### [CEHA] SBStrong Update

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Greetings generous donors and EH family,

I wanted to update everyone on the latest with the San Bernardino Strong Fund and San Bernardino Environmental Health as well. The last 6 months have been indeed very challenging.

#### **#SBSTRONG FUND**

CEHA has officially closed the SB Strong Fund July 1, 2016. Myself and a few others have been working on our distribution protocol to work on getting people the aid they need.

In total, we raised \$50,708.15!!! This is absolutely amazing considering our goal was \$14,000. Donations came from all over the US, the world (Many from the UK), Environmental Health Associations, and even our regulated community. Many individuals even donated who simply heard about it through media. Pretty amazing.

There are some legal things we had to cover in our protocol and I could only take it so far, well since I am not a lawyer. However, one of our past presidents, Darryl Yorkey, is actually a practicing lawyer and finished it up! When approved, which should be this week, I will send it to you all and post it on our website for transparency purposes.

We will now begin the process of getting aid to the victims families and the victims who continue to recover. The distributions will be coming from those who have personal connections with whomever was injured or with the families of the deceased. Low key, simple, with a card from CEHA. I will be coordinating all of the individuals and distributions behind the scenes. This process should be within the next month.

***THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!***

#### **SB MUTUAL AID**

Over the past 6 months, Environmental Health staff from all over Southern California have answered the call to assist San Bernardino EH in recovery. Staff from Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and Ventura counties (may be more...) have been actively working in San Bernardino to assist in Plan Check, Food and Pool Inspections and many other duties such as new hire training. Also, retirees from all over have stepped up and have been assisting in the recovery process as well. As you will see in the video, this was much more than just simple inspections, staff were there to help the regulated community as well. The current CEHA Past President (President during the event) also assisted in inspections.