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COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT

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County Public Works Deploys More Resources to Storm-Damaged Lake Los Angeles

The Los Angeles County Public Works Department has deployed additional personnel and heavy equipment into the Lake Los Angeles area of the Antelope Valley as cleanup and recovery efforts continue in the wake of violent storms that struck the community on September 10, 2011.

Several neighborhood streets remain closed while Road Maintenance Division crews continue to clear thousands of tons of mud and debris, assess damage to road shoulders and pavement, and restore damaged bus shelters.

Current road closures include: Avenue P-8, from 160th Street to 170th Street; Avenue Q, from 170th Street to 140th Street; and MacKennis Gold, from 500feet east of MacKennis Gold to Mackennis Gold on Avenue P. Avenue Q and MacKennis Gold are expected to reopen by Friday, September 16, while Avenue P-8 is expected to remain closed until September 28.

Crews are working to clear major highways, then secondary roads, then local roads. The Division has also coordinated with the Keppel Union School District to modify school bus routes due to extensive damage on Avenue P-8.

The Waterworks Division is working to repair a 12-inch water pipeline washed away during the height of the storm. The water supply was quickly re-routed and restored to customers. Waterworks personnel also repaired two other smaller pipelines damaged during the storm.

Building inspectors have begun taking inventories of erosion damage as well as homes and garages damaged by mud and debris flows, while an initial assessment of damaged street signs and roadway striping has been completed.

A special link has been set up on the Department's CARE (Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort) website to provide Lake Los Angeles and Palmdale area residents with additional updates and information on the storm recovery efforts. The website also includes links to other storm-related agencies and organizations as well as local resources. To access the website, log on to www.dpwcare.org and click on the Lake Los Angeles Incident link.

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