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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS SET TO OPEN IN ACTON AND SYLMAR – SEPT. 17

WHAT: The Los Angeles County Operational Area in coordination with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) will open Local Assistance Centers (LACs) for the Los Angeles County fire victims.

The LACs will serve as a one-stop shop for information services on disaster relief, how to replace records lost in the fire, file insurance claims and apply for assistance. The centers will provide a single place for victims of the wildfires to receive information on how to start on the road to recovery.

WHERE: Acton Community Center
3748 Nickels Ave.
Acton 93510
(Open for one day only on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)

L.A. County Veterans Memorial Community Regional Park
13000 Sayre St.
Sylmar 91342
(Open for approximately one week beginning on Sept. 17. Days and hours of operations: Weekdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sun. closed)

WHEN: Thu., Sept. 17 (Please refer to hours of operations listed above)

NOTE: The LACs are information centers and no direct assistance will be provided or donations accepted.

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The following is a list of the participating Federal, State and County departments, agencies, and non-profit organizations invited to be on-site:

FEDERAL:

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Internal Revenue Service – IRS (new as of 9/16/09)

Social Security Administration (new as of 9/16/09)

STATE:

California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA)

California Veterans Affairs

Department of Health Services

Department of Insurance

Department of Motor Vehicles

Department of Public Health Vital Records

Department of Public Social Services

Employment Development Department

Insurance Commission

State Board of Equalization

State Consumer Affairs

State Contractor's License Board

State Franchise Tax Board

COUNTY:

Assessor's Office

Community Development Commission/Housing Authority (new as of 9/16/09)

Consumer Affairs

Department of Community & Senior Services (CSS)

Department of Health Services (DHS)

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)

Department of Public Works – Building Safety (DPW)

Department of Regional Planning (new as of 9/16/09)

Environmental Health

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

American Red Cross

California Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (new as of 9/16/09)

Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA)

211 LA County

Salvation Army

Tzu Chi Foundation

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