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### **LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS SET TO OPEN IN LA CRESCENTA & LONG BEACH – FEB. 23**

**LOS ANGELES (Fri., Feb. 19, 2010)** – The Los Angeles County Operational Area, comprised of 88 cities, 137 unincorporated areas and more than 200 special districts, in coordination with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) will open Local Assistance Centers (LACs) in La Crescenta and Long Beach beginning on Tue., Feb. 23.

The LACs are available to all residents impacted by the recent flooding and debris and mudflow. The centers will serve as a one-stop source for information including on how to replace records lost in the winter storms, file insurance claims and apply for assistance. The Local Assistance Centers will provide a single place for the victims of the recent winter storms to receive help and get them on the road to recovery. No direct assistance will be provided or donations accepted at the LACs.

The Local Assistance Centers are scheduled to be open from Feb. 23-27. The days and hours of operations: Weekdays (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Sat. (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sun. (Closed). The days and hours may be subject to change.

**Central Christian Church  
5027 New York Ave., La Crescenta 91214**

**City of Long Beach Gas and Oil Department  
2400 E. Spring St., Long Beach 90806**

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Acting Governor Jerry Brown signed a State of Emergency proclamation for Los Angeles County on Jan. 21 due the various winter storms. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ratified a local emergency on Jan. 26. The U.S. Small Business Administration issued an Administrative Declaration of Disaster on Feb. 16. The declaration and proclamations will provide various disaster recovery programs for individuals, families and businesses. The following is a list of participating Federal, State, and County departments, agencies, and non-profit organizations invited to be on-site:

**FEDERAL:**

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

**STATE:**

California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA)

Department of Insurance

Department of Motor Vehicles

State Board of Equalization

State Contractors License Board

**COUNTY:**

Assessor's Office

Community Development Commission/Housing Authority

Community and Senior Services (CSS)

Consumer Affairs

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

**CITY OF LONG BEACH:**

Department of Development Services

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

American Red Cross

211 LA County

Salvation Army

Tzu Chi Foundation

California Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief

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