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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS TO OPEN ON THU., SEPT. 17 IN ACTON AND SYLMAR

LOS ANGELES (Tue., Sept. 15, 2009) – 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 in Acton and Sylmar beginning on Thu., Sept. 17.

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

The Local Assistance Center in Acton will be open for one day only on Sept. 17 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.).

**Acton Community Center
3748 Nickels Ave.
Acton 93510**

The Local Assistance Center in Sylmar is scheduled to be open for approximately one week beginning on Sept. 17. The days and hours of operations: Weekdays (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Sat. (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) and Sun. (Closed). The days and hours may be subject to change.

**L.A. County Veterans Memorial
Community Regional Park
13000 Sayre St.
Sylmar 91342**

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a State of Emergency proclamation for Los Angeles County on Aug. 28 due the various wildfires. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency on Sept. 1. The U.S. Small Business Administration issued an Administrative Declaration of Disaster on Sept. 15. 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 (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
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)
Environmental Health

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

American Red Cross
Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA)
211 LA County
Salvation Army
Tzu Chi Foundation

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