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LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DEACTIVATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – JAN. 27

LOS ANGELES (Wed., Jan. 27, 2010 – 2 p.m.) – The Los Angeles County Operational Area (OA) deactivated the County's Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) at 2 p.m. The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is transitioning its operations to a Duty Officer status. As the recovery efforts continue in the OA, OEM continues to collect Initial Damage Estimates from County departments and cities to determine public and private sector damages throughout the County. OEM will continue to coordinate with the California Emergency Management Agency to secure State and/or Federal assistance as warranted.

On Jan. 21, Los Angeles County along with five other Counties received a State of Emergency proclamation signed by Acting Governor Jerry Brown, which allows for assistance to be provided to local governments under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act. On Jan. 22, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky, City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Senator Carol Liu and Assemblymembers Kevin De Leon and Anthony Portantino attended a briefing and press conference held at the CEOC. On Jan. 26, the Board of Supervisors ratified a motion proclaiming a Local Emergency in regards to the recent winter storms that impacted the County.

OEM stands ready to ramp up if conditions warrant, and all other County departments continue to prepare to respond to any future storms.

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