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UPDATE ON MORRIS AND STATION FIRES

(Shelters, Evacuations and Road Closures)

LOS ANGELES (Tue., Sept. 1, 2009 – 7 p.m.) – There are two active wildfires taking place in various parts of Los Angeles County. The first is the Morris Fire, which began on Tue., Aug. 25. This fire has burned approximately 2,168 acres in the Angeles National Forest of Los Angeles County. The Morris Fire is 95 percent contained. There have been no confirmed structures destroyed at this time. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Drinking Water Program in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service are advising residents/employees of the following areas (listed below) to use boil tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution upon the lifting of the evacuation order and return to the residency.

- Rincon Station B-10
- USFS East Fork Station
- Cogswell Dam
- Camp Bon Accord
- Fire Camp 19
- San Gabriel Dam
- Camp Williams
- River Community

The second is the Station Fire which started off of Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2) about one mile above Angeles Crest Fire Station around 3:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 26. Los Angeles County Fire reported that this fire has burned 127,513 acres and is 22 percent contained as of 6 p.m., Tue., Sept. 1. Approximately 10,000 residences are threatened at this time (500 commercial structures and 2000 out buildings as well). Over 4,128 personnel are working the fire. 62 structures including residences and recreational cabins have been confirmed as destroyed. The Station Fire continues to burn within the Angeles National Forest and near surrounding foothill communities of La Canada-Flintridge, Altadena, La Crescenta, Acton, Aliso Canyon, Soledad Canyon, Pasadena, Mt. Wilson, Mt. Lukens and Sunland-Tujunga.

Two Los Angeles County firefighters were killed Sun., Aug. 30, as they were fighting the Station Fire.

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Five injuries have been reported. Law enforcement and Fire personnel are urging residents in the area to be ready to evacuate if you are near the fire boundary. Do not hesitate to move to a designated evacuation center.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is planning on visiting the Station Fire Incident Command Post based at Hansen Dam in Lake View Terrace on Wed., Sept. 2. Schedule to join him are Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca and Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management Administrator John Fernandes.

The Governor proclaimed a local emergency for Los Angeles County on Aug. 28. Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka of Los Angeles County has proclaimed a local emergency due to the various wildfires.

American Red Cross Shelters:

- **Golden Valley High School**
(27051 Robert C. Lee Pkwy - Santa Clarita, 91350)
- **Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center**
(2723 A Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale 93550)
- **La Canada High School**
(4463 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada Flintridge, 91011-3797)
- **La Crescenta Valley High School**
(2900 Community Ave., La Crescenta, 91214)
- **Verdugo Hills High School**
(10625 Plainview Avenue, Tujunga, 91042)

Pet Evacuation Centers (Large and Small Animals)

- **Pierce College**
39055 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (boarding horses/big animals)
- **La Canada High School**
4463 Oak Grove, La Canada (small animals)
- **Pasadena Humane Society**
361 S. Raymond, Pasadena
- **Loma Alta County Park**
at Lincoln and Loma Alta, Altadena
- **Humane Society**
401 N. Verdugo, Glendale
- **East Valley Shelter**
(For Tujunga Residents) 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys 91405 - 888-452-7381
- **Baldwin Park Shelter**
(For Altadena Residents) 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park 626-962-3577

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Information for Residents:

- LA County.gov – Emergency Alerts
- LA County 211
- L.A. County Department of Mental Health ACCESS Center 1-800 854-7771
- American Red Cross-(888) 737-4306
- For residents who may have to evacuate-please check out the Los Angeles County Fire web-site at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov> and click on: "Ready! Set! Go!"
- In the event of an evacuation recommended by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, residents are urged to register their telephone and cellular numbers at Alert LA County <http://portal@lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla>
- To view a map of the fire areas, go to <http://gis.lacounty.gov/FireFlex/>

For more information on road closures, access the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' website at <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov>.

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