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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER IN SYLMAR FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS SET TO CLOSE ON SEPT. 24

LOS ANGELES (Tue., Sept. 22, 2009) – The Los Angeles County Operational Area announced it will close the Local Assistance Center (LAC) at the L.A. County Veterans Memorial Community Regional Park (13000 Sayre St., Sylmar 91342) at the end of the business day on Thu., Sept. 24 (7 p.m.).

The LACs served as a one-stop shop for information services on disaster relief where more than 30 Federal, State, County departments and agencies, and non-profit organizations distributed over 800 applications, brochures and other information to the L.A. County fire victims. The Local Assistance Center in Acton was opened for one day only on Sept. 17. The centers in Acton and Sylmar provided a single place for victims of the wildfires to receive information on how to start the road to recovery.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) customer service representatives will continue to assist individuals and business owners on the disaster loan application process. The SBA announced it will be opening a Disaster Loan Assistance Center in La Crescenta beginning on Fri., Sept. 25. No appointment is necessary. Dates and times listed below may be subject to change.

Acton Community Center
3748 Nickels Ave., Acton 93510
(Hours of operations: Mon. only, Sept. 28 & Oct. 5 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)

VFW Post 1614
2937 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta 91214
(Sunland-Tujunga residents – Hours of operations: Tue.-Fri. from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Residents may also call 211 LA County for information and referral services regarding post disaster resources that are available for those affected by the wildfires. The toll-free **2-1-1** number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 services can also be accessed by visiting www.211lacounty.org.

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