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MARINA DEL REY EARTHQUAKE REMINDS ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO BE PREPARED FOR THE “BIG ONE”

LOS ANGELES (Wed., July 25, 2012) – The Los Angeles County unincorporated area community of Marina del Rey, its residents and businesses experienced a 3.7 magnitude earthquake that hit a mile east-southeast at 3:18 a.m. PT. The earthquake was felt across the County that included Hawthorne, Culver City, Redondo Beach, Venice and Inglewood. A 2.4 magnitude earthquake struck around the same area at 5:27 a.m. PT.

Los Angeles County is an area that is prone to earthquakes and other natural hazards and threats. The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) wants to take this time to remind all County residents and businesses to take the necessary steps to be prepared for the “Big One,” and other natural hazards and threats.

To learn more about and how to prepare for earthquakes and other hazards and threats, the County and OEM has the following emergency preparedness programs available to assist County residents and businesses to develop their own disaster plans and emergency kits:

- County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guide, Alert LA County – <http://lacounty.gov>
- Specific Needs Awareness Planning – <http://snap.lacounty.gov>
- Emergency Survival Program available at <http://www.espfocus.org>

OEM collaborates with Federal, State and local government agencies and non-government organizations in coordinating the Great California ShakeOut (ShakeOut), a statewide earthquake preparedness drill that instructs people to “Drop, Cover, and Hold” during an earthquake. The 2012 ShakeOut is scheduled to take place at 10:18 a.m. on October 18. To register online for this year’s ShakeOut, access <http://ShakeOut.org>.

Los Angeles County residents and business owners, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs may also call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free **2-1-1** number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting <http://211la.org>.

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