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LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS APPROVED TO RECEIVE DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN FORM OF LOW-INTEREST LOANS

LOS ANGELES (Fri., Feb. 4, 2011) – Los Angeles County residents and business owners have been approved to receive assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in the form of low-interest loans available to qualified homeowners, renters, businesses, and private non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the severe winter storms, flooding, and debris and mud flows that occurred from Dec. 17, 2010 through Jan. 4, 2011.

The SBA acted under its own authority to declare a disaster following the denial on Jan. 27, 2011 of the state's request for a major disaster declaration. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available to California counties including Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

Los Angeles County residents and business owners may visit one of the following Southern California SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers:

Opening on Tue., Feb. 8

Orange County Fire Authority, 1 Fire Authority Rd., Irvine 92602
(Hours of Operations: Mondays-Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. until further notice)

High Desert Government Center, 15900 Smoke Tree St., Hesperia 92435
(Hours of Operations: Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Closes on
Fri., Feb. 11 and reopens on Tue., Feb. 22 until further notice)

Highland Family YMCA, 7793 Central Ave., Highland 92436
(Hours of Operations: Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. until further notice)

Opening on Thu., Feb. 10

Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce, 357 Glenneyre St., Laguna Beach 92651
(Hours of Operations: Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. until further notice)

For more information, visit SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance>.

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