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LOCAL, FEDERAL EXPERTS TO OFFER ADVICE ON MITIGATION

PASADENA, CA. Homeowners, renters and business owners are invited to learn how to prepare for the possible outcomes of a disaster. This is mitigation: any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long term risk to human life and property from hazards. By spending only a few dollars, lives can be saved and damages in the thousands of dollars can be prevented. FEMA Mitigation specialists will teach low cost, non-structural mitigation techniques during a Rosetta Canyon Neighborhood meeting hosted by the City of Lake Elsinore Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC).

DATE: Wednesday April 7, 2010
TIME: 6 PM to 8PM
LOCATION: Earl Warren Elementary School, Performing Arts Room
41221 Rosetta Canyon Drive
Lake Elsinore, California 92532

Residents of the Rosetta Canyon neighborhood and friends will learn, from displays and discussions, how low cost, non-structural mitigation measures can prevent injuries and reduce damages. A study, by the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council, found \$1 spent on mitigation saves an average of \$4. “Implementing a few low cost mitigation measures will go a long way toward a quick recovery from a natural disaster,” according to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Branch Director, Diane Earl.

Ken Worman, Cal EMA State Hazard Mitigation Officer concurs. “Taking actions ahead of time, like securing large-screen televisions, installing fire-resistant roofing, and backflow valves will help save lives, prevent injuries and reduce the financial burden of the next earthquake, fire or flood on residents of Rosetta Canyon.”

Materials needed to protect your homes or businesses can be purchased at local hardware stores and easily installed. For example flexible straps can be used to secure top-heavy furniture so the objects don't fall over during an earthquake.

The presentation will emphasize flood, fire and earthquake mitigation for prevention of future damages. Following a question and answer session, FEMA will provide mitigation publications and fact sheets to interested individuals.

Following the theme “**Building Better, Safer, Stronger,**” can reduce or eliminate long- term risk to human life and property from hazards.

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FEMA will share the spotlight with City of Lake Elsinore Public Safety Advisory Commission and other City officials. The PSAC periodically hosts neighborhood outreach events throughout the City to inform residents about crime prevention, public safety programs and emergency preparedness. The PSAC’s goal is to foster safety awareness through communication on a neighbor-to-neighbor level.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) coordinates overall state agency preparedness for, response to and recovery from major disasters. Cal EMA also maintains the State Emergency Plan, which outlines the organizational structure for state management of the response to natural and manmade disasters.