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## **THREE ASSISTANCE CENTERS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSITION TO DRCs**

**PASADENA, Calif.** – Three Local Assistance Centers in San Diego County will transition to Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) on Monday, Nov. 19. The name change does not change the basic intent: providing vital disaster assistance information.

The centers are located in Fallbrook at the Community Center, 341 Heald Lane; in Ramona at the Ramona Community School, 1710 Montecito Rd.; and in El Cajon at Rancho San Diego - Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway.

The centers provide one-stop shopping for recovery information from representatives of the state, federal, and voluntary agencies, as well as loan officers from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These recovery experts are available to answer questions and provide recovery information. Written materials about various assistance programs are also available to individuals and business owners. Visiting a DRC is not required to be considered for assistance.

Operating hours for DRCs are: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on Sundays. All DRCs will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 22.

Disaster victims are encouraged to register for federal and state assistance first by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585**. Phone lines are open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily. Those affected by the fires can also register online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

A complete list of assistance centers follows this release.

*FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.*

*The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinates overall state-agency response to major disasters in support of local government. OES is also responsible for maintaining the State Emergency Plan and coordinating the California's preparedness, mitigation and recovery efforts.*

*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 1-800-462-7585.*

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*SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955.*

*Temporary housing assistance from FEMA does not require that an applicant file for an SBA loan. However, an applicant must complete an SBA loan application to be eligible for additional assistance under the part of the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. There are other ONA grants such as public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses that do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan to be eligible. FEMA will process applications for housing assistance regardless of whether the applicant has applied for an SBA loan, and eligibility determinations for applicants requesting FEMA's temporary housing assistance will not be held up because the applicant has or has not filled out an SBA application.*

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