Local Assistance Center Now Open in Santa Barbara

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A Local Assistance Center (LAC) is now open in Santa Barbara.

These centers are staffed by representatives from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), FEMA, the U.S Small Business Administration and a host of other federal, state and local agencies.

The LAC will be open for business Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The center will be closed on Sundays. It is located at:

Calvary Chapel
1 North Calle Cesar Chavez
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Survivors of the recent Southern California wildfires, flooding, debris flows and mudslides should register with FEMA before visiting the LAC, but it is not mandatory.

Survivors in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, can go online at DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA app on a smart phone or call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 for TTY users. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service can call 800-621-3362. The toll-free numbers are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Anyone registering for disaster assistance with FEMA should have the following information available:

- Social Security number.
- Address of the damaged primary residence.
- Description of the damage.
- Information about insurance coverage.
- A contact telephone number.
- An address to receive mail.
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

For more information on California recovery, visit the disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4353, Twitter at https://www.twitter.com/femaregion9 and WildfireRecovery.org.
All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY/TDD).

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 SBA is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call the TTY line at 800-877-8339.