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COUNTY LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS CONTINUE TO OFFER SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN DISASTER AREAS

Residents in areas affected by the wild fires can continue to seek assistance at the three County-operated LACs in Fallbrook, Rancho San Diego and Ramona; in addition to the City and County co-operated facility in Rancho Bernardo.

Local Assistance Centers provide residents with a “one stop shop” where they can get recovery information from a wide range of local, state and national sources including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), American Red Cross, the California Office of Emergency Services and the County Departments of Planning and Land Use, Environmental Health and Social Services.

Residents in disaster areas can apply for Disaster Food Stamps at San Diego County Family Resource Centers, and at the four Local Assistance Centers. The application period for San Diego County residents affected by the 2007 Wildfires to apply for Disaster Food Stamps has now been extended to Saturday, Nov. 10 by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services. Food Stamps are available to residents affected by the fires who live in identified disaster areas on a one-time-only basis if they meet specific eligibility requirements.

The HHSA (Health and Human Services Agency) Public Assistance Information Line has complete eligibility guidelines for Disaster Food Stamps, as well as a listing of the disaster area zip codes, and location and hours of the Family Resource Centers and Local Assistance Centers. The Public Assistance Information Line is (866) 262-9881.

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