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PRELIMINARY RESULTS RELEASED FOR 2008 CANCER CASES IN CARLSBAD *June 28 Forum Addresses Residents' Concerns*

WHAT: The California Department of Public Health will release preliminary findings of 2008 cancer cases reported in Carlsbad at a community forum organized by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Residents will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with representatives from state and county agencies. Officials will discuss the work accomplished to date and next steps.

WHEN: Monday, June 28, 2010

TIME: 6:00 p.m.—Table Discussions

7:00 p.m.—Results Presentation

7:30 p.m.—Question and Answer Session

**WHERE: Sheraton Carlsbad
5480 Grand Pacific Drive**

INFO: This is the second community forum organized by HHSA to address community concerns regarding cancer cases reported in the Carlsbad area.

After the first forum in late April, HHSA created a task force to facilitate communication with the state. The task force is comprised of community members and County staff, who are gathering information about cancer cases in the Carlsbad community and providing the data to the California Cancer Registry.

The State of California is responsible for analyzing data to determine if a higher number of cancer cases – beyond what is expected – exists in Carlsbad.

HHSA has worked with state and local agencies to plan for community forums. HHSA established a Web page to provide updates about County activities related to this issue and to offer a source of accurate, reliable information about cancer and to connect people to resources.

HHSA also issued a California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) notice to the medical community to remind them of their legal responsibility to report cases of cancer within six months of diagnosis.

For more information, please call 619-515-6620. Questions may also be submitted via e-mail at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa.

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