



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE ALERT V

Thursday, November 1, 2007, 3:00 PM PST

FIRE UPDATE—CONCERN FOR RETURN OF WINDY WEATHER

As California transitions from response to recovery from the wildland fires that have affected large areas of Southern California for the past few weeks, **the forecasted return of the Santa Ana winds has caused the state to “proactively prepare for a new round of fires in southern California.”** Two fires, the Poomacha Fire (85% contained), and the Santiago Fire (90% contained), continue to burn. Visit www.calfires.com for updated information on the situation.

CAHF'S FIRE RESPONSE

CAHF staff continue to communicate daily with various state agencies and will continue to share recommendations with you as we get them.

**Visit CAHF's Disaster Preparedness Program Web site at

http://www.cahf.org/public/dpp/dpp_wildfires.php for important information on the fires** including links to resources, an archive of all Member Alerts sent to member and non-member facilities throughout this firestorm, worksheets on topics ranging from Health Considerations During Wildfires to Safe Cleanup of Fire Ash, and much more. New information is being added daily during this emergency.

Please notify Jocelyn Montgomery at jmontgomery@cahf.org with any questions you may have, or if your facility has been impacted by the fires. We will be sharing your reports and questions with the state emergency authorities.

HEALTH-CARE FACILITY UPDATE

Most long-term care facilities, hospitals and clinics that were affected by evacuation have re-opened after extensive cleanup operations. If you have been evacuated, before re-populating your evacuated facility, please follow guidance from local safety officials and work with your local district L&C office. L&C surveyors are working to promptly inspect facilities for fire-related issues.

BOIL WATER ORDERS

There are currently 28 Boil Water Orders in effect for various water systems in San Diego, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, and 11 additional systems are still under evaluation. Some systems may have as little as one connection, while others serve hundreds. For the most accurate and timely information on which areas still have Boil Water Orders, contact your water service company directly.

RESOURCES, SUPPLIES AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE

NOTE: If you are having an emergency, call 911. If you are an impacted facility that needs disaster-related resources, supplies or information, call your local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for advice and/or referral to the proper agency. Numbers are listed below. Please also remember to notify your local L&C District Office of any changes in your status, such as evacuation or accepting evacuees into your facility.

If you cannot get through to L&C or to your local EOC, or if it is after hours, contact the OES Warning Center at 916-845-8991. If none of these numbers works, and you need resources, supplies or information, you may call CAHF staff members Jocelyn Montgomery (mobile: 916-420-5994) or Ellie Anderson (mobile: 408-646-4107) and we will try to assist you.

Also, please visit our Web site at www.cahf.org/public/dpp for current information related to this and other disasters.

Los Angeles County EOC: (323) 980-2102

Riverside County EOC: (951) 955-4700

San Diego County EOC: (858) 565-3490

At this time, Santa Barbara County has stood down their Emergency Operations Center

Orange County EOC: (714) 628-7060

San Bernardino County EOC: (909) 356-3998

Ventura County EOC: (805) 223-6873

If you have a non-urgent information need, dial 211 (available in most areas)—this is a helpful resource for facilities and staff members. 211 serves as a clearinghouse for information and helps to connect people with a wide variety of resources. For a list of public information numbers in your county, go to www.calfires.com.