ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT IN EFFECT FOR ORANGE COUNTY.

Due to the approaching rain storm, the National Weather Service has issued a Special Weather Statement for Orange County indicating a forecast of heavy rain this Saturday night and Sunday. Total storm precipitation amounts of 2 inches are possible at the coast and 4 to 6 inches on south and southwest facing mountain slopes. This heavy rainfall could cause flash flooding and debris flows especially in recently burned areas.

If you live on or near recently burned slopes, please take all necessary precautions to protect life and property. Monitor local media sources for additional information and be prepared to evacuate if conditions worsen or if county officials institute voluntary or mandatory evacuations.

If you have or your family has special needs (disabled or impaired, special medical needs, etc.) or keep large animals (horses, livestock, etc.), please consider voluntarily evacuating in advance of the storm.

If canyon residents choose to relocate their animals, the Orange County Animal Control Services (561 The City Drive South, Orange) can accept approximately 30 dogs and 20 cats. Residents can call (714) 935-6848 with any questions.

The Orange County Fairgrounds (88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa) can accept large animals from residents. Residents must call ahead to (714) 708-1588 to inform OC Fairgrounds that they are coming and to receive directions about which gate to enter. Residents are expected to bring any necessary supplies for their large animals.

Please be advised that voluntary evacuations of the canyons may be ordered if the National Weather Service issues a Flash Flood Watch. A Flash Flood Watch means that flash-flooding and debris flows are likely. Mandatory evacuations may be ordered if a Flash Flood Warning is issued. A Flash Flood Warning means that flash-flooding and debris flows are imminent or occurring.

If residents have any questions, they can call the Orange County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center at (714) 647-7000.

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