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**L.A. COUNTY REQUESTS FOR OPERATIONAL AREA DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES,
UNINCORPORATED AREAS, CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO REPORT
ADDITIONAL OR PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED WIND STORM-RELATED
PUBLIC SECTOR DAMAGES – DEC. 21**

LOS ANGELES (Wed., Dec. 21, 2011) – The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announced this afternoon that it is once again requesting that all Los Angeles County Operational Area departments, agencies, unincorporated areas, cities, special districts including school districts who sustained damages caused by the recent wind storm event to report their damage estimates through the Los Angeles County Operational Area Response and Recovery System (OARRS) or by calling 211 LA County Disaster Hotline (1-800-980-4990) or 2-1-1.

The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) informed Los Angeles County OEM that the Los Angeles County Operational Area did not meet the qualifications for federal declaration (public sector) assistance in regards to government infrastructure which is approximately \$50.3 million for California. The public sector damage estimate totals for Los Angeles County stands at approximately \$33 million. Currently, OEM continues to work with CalEMA on the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) request for State public sector assistance. Federal assistance to individuals, families and businesses is limited to the U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan program which is currently available.

It is essential to the reporting process that all Los Angeles County Operational Area departments, agencies, unincorporated areas, cities, special districts especially school districts immediately report any additional or previously unreported damages so that this information can be incorporated into the County's damage estimates report that is being submitted to CalEMA for reevaluation.

For more information, Los Angeles County Operational Area departments, agencies, unincorporated areas, cities and special districts can contact the OEM Duty Officer at 323-459-3779 or e-mail at dutyofficer@ceoem.lacounty.gov.

Residents and business owners, including persons with disabilities, access and functional needs may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting <http://211la.org>.

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