ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FLASH FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FOR ORANGE COUNTY and ADVISORY OF FORTHCOMING EVACUATION ORDERS.

Due to the approaching rain storm, the National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch beginning Friday evening through Saturday afternoon.

Total precipitation amounts will be 3 to 4 inches over the coast and valley areas and 6 to 12 inches over the mountains. This rainfall will be sufficient to produce flash flooding at times Friday night and Saturday.

Mudslides and debris flows are possible especially in and below areas burned by wildfires of 2006 and 2007. Low lying urban areas may also flood, especially if storm drains have been or become blocked.

The Orange County Fire Authority, Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Resources and Development Management Department in consultation with the US Geological Survey and National Weather Service will be issuing at 2:00 pm a **voluntary** evacuation order for residents in the Modjeska Canyon and Silverado residents and **mandatory** large animal evacuation order.

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 approximately 20 cats from residents. Residents can call (714) 935-6848 with questions.

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

Villa Park High School at 18042 Taft, Villa Park, 92861 will be opening at 2:00 pm for canyon residents wishing to voluntarily leave their homes due the storm.

In anticipation of this event the Orange County Emergency Operations Center will be activating their hotline (714) 628-7085 at 12:00 pm Friday for any inquiries.

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