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**NEWS UPDATE**

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**Update on the Marek Fire and City Facility Closures**  
*As of October 15, 2008, 1 p.m.*

Fire. The fire is 80% contained with full containment expected by Thursday, October 16, 2008. The blaze is currently burning in the Lopez and Pacoima canyons. There is a low threat of flying embers within the city of San Fernando. Emergency crews are on stand-by.

Evacuation Centers. Nearby evacuation centers remain open at San Fernando Senior High School, 11133 O'Melveny Ave., San Fernando; and Sylmar Senior High School, 13050 Borden Ave., Sylmar.

Crisis Counseling Services. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is offering crisis counseling services to people affected by the recent wildfires. Locations and phone numbers: San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center in Granada Hills, (818) 832-2400; and West Valley Mental Health Center in Canoga Park, (818) 598-6900.

Health Advisory. Air quality remains poor with high levels of smoke, ash and other particulates. Residents should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion. Those with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Respiratory equipment is available at the aforementioned evacuation centers.

City Facilities. Due to poor air quality, the following facilities will be closed with cancelled programming until further notice: the San Fernando Regional Pool Facility; gymnasiums at Cesar E. Chavez and Las Palmas parks; and sport fields at Cesar E. Chavez, Las Palmas, Pioneer and Skate parks. For updates, please call (818) 898-1290.

School Re-Openings. Public schools in San Fernando are open. Classes resumed today at Los Angeles Mission College.

Fire and Air Quality Updates. The County of Los Angeles has established a hotline for current fire information: (800) 439-2909. Air quality forecasts can be obtained by calling the South Coast Air Quality Management District at (800) 288-7664.

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