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MEDIA ADVISORY – UPDATE

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**Two Warming Shelters Closing but Remain on Standby;
Animal Shelters Open for Residents to Locate Lost Pets
Clean-up continues**

Representatives of the City and County of Sacramento continue to monitor the situation closely and are responding to storm related issues.

The two remaining warming centers, Belle Coolegge Community Center and Hagginwood Community Center, are being closed, but all staff will remain on standby if the need arises to reopen the centers.

Lost Pets: Residents are encouraged to look for lost pets at local shelters. Both City and County Animal Shelters are open Tuesday through Saturday. The Sacramento SPCA is open Tuesday through Sunday. Residents may visit shelters during normal hours of operation.

For further information, visit www.cityofsacramento.org, www.saccountyshelter.net or <http://www.sspca.org/>

Food Safety: A full freezer that has not been opened will hold its temperature for approximately 48 hours (or 24 hours if the freezer is half full and the door has remained closed). More than 48 hours have elapsed since some of Sacramento's most-affected neighborhoods lost power.

A refrigerator will only store food safely at 40 degrees or less for about four hours if unopened. If power has been out at a house for more than four hours and ice hasn't been added to the refrigerator compartment or the food hasn't been transferred to ice-filled chests, the food should be considered unsafe to eat and needs to be discarded.

Fire Safety: Darkened homes waiting for power restoration should be lit with battery-powered lights rather than candles or propane lanterns. Fireplaces, wood stoves and other combustion heaters should be used only if they are properly vented to the outside. Paper should not be burned in a fireplace. Heat can be conserved by closing off unused rooms in a home.

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County and City staff are on duty today to take public phone calls on storm-related problems, and several web resources are available with updated status information:

Important Contact Numbers	
Life-threatening emergencies:	Dial 9-1-1
Urgent assistance needed:	(916) 875-5656 (County residents) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Downed trees or branches in the road:	(916) 875-5171 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Report water or drainage issues:	(916) 875-7246 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Report street flooding:	(916) 875-7246 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Report animal care issues:	(916) 875-5000 (County) (916) 264-5011 (City of Sacramento)
Power outages in Sacramento County:	(888) 456-7683 (SMUD) (888) 743-5000 (PG&E)
Information on County road closures:	www.sacdot.com (click "emergency road closures" in the right-hand column)
Information on creek levels:	www.saccounty.net and search "stormready" or "floodready", or visit www.msa.saccounty.net/waterresources/floodready
Information on emergency preparedness:	www.saccounty.net www.CityofSacramento.org

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