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HUNDREDS RECEIVE REBUILDING HELP DURING FIRST DAY OF OUTREACH

Disaster assistance information also provided

PASADENA, Calif. — Southern Californians are lining up to rebuild. And one of their first stops is at the FEMA safe rebuilding booths in area home improvement stores.

On a busy first day of outreach, teams of FEMA workers helped 737 Southern California residents seeking information and advice about rebuilding and other wildfire disaster-related information.

“Our teams set up shop in eight improvement stores on Monday, and they had a big day,” said Jay Michaud, mitigation outreach coordinator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. “We met with hundreds of folks who needed advice about fire-resistant rebuilding or upgrading work—that’s a good indicator of the respect that homeowners and business owners have for lessening the impact of future disasters.”

Teams of FEMA rebuilding specialists will be available to answer questions and provide information from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. through Wednesday, November 21, at the following Lowe’s stores:

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| 13300 Jamboree Road | Irvine |
| 26415 Bouquet Canyon Road | Santa Clarita |
| 907 Avenida Pico | San Clemente |
| 2225 Otay Lakes Road | Chula Vista |
| 620 W. Mission Avenue | Escondido |
| 40390 Winchester Road | Temecula |
| 9416 Mission Gorge Road | Santee |
| 1151 West Lugonia Avenue | Redlands |

Unmanned self-help information booths are available at these stores:

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| Escondido Lumber True Value Hardware | 310 S. Quince Street | Escondido |
| Ramona Brothers Lumber True Value Hardware | 532 B Street | Ramona |
| Ramona Ace Hardware | 652 Main Street | Ramona |

FEMA and state mitigation information is for homeowners, building contractors, architects and others who want to learn simple, inexpensive building techniques and landscape strategies that could save costly repairs in the event of future wildfires. In addition to mitigation advice, FEMA staff answer questions about disaster assistance.

FEMA coordinates the federal government’s role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.