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Extreme Heat – La Palma Cooling Centers Ready if Needed

LA PALMA, Calif. – In response to increased temperatures that are likely to occur over the next few months, the City of La Palma is prepared to activate its Cooling Centers in accordance with its Emergency Operations Plan for Extreme Heat Emergencies. Local cooling centers could be opened if the temperature in La Palma exceeds or is predicted to exceed 95 degrees over a 3-day period. During excessive heat, people with health conditions, including the elderly and children, are encouraged to take advantage of cooling centers in order to minimize the risk of a medical emergency. The general public is also encouraged to take extra precautions if they work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Learn the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Always stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.

Southern California Edison (SCE) is also urging the public to conserve power during excessive and prolonged hot weather. High demand for around-the-clock energy use — especially from air conditioners — could lead to failed equipment and power outages. If widespread local power outage was to occur the City of La Palma would open local cooling centers. The City of La Palma stands prepared to open local cooling centers if temperatures remain excessive or if a widespread local power outage does occur. The opening of local cooling centers by the City of La Palma will be communicated to the public through the City's Notify Me email system and by utilizing Alert OC. Residents are encouraged to register with Alert OC at www.alertOC.org. Cooling center information will also be posted on the City's Facebook page and website: www.cityoflapalma.org.

About the City of La Palma

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2007, 2011, and 2013 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 57 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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