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Cleanup, power outages continue in aftermath of Temple City windstorms

Operations shift from emergency to recovery phase; update as of 4 p.m.

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Background

On November 30 and December 1, wind gusts greater than 70 mph toppled trees and downed power lines. Reported calls for service indicate approximately 200 fallen trees and 17 snapped power lines on city streets and other public right-of-ways. The areas hardest hit were neighborhoods near Live Oak Park.

Yesterday, the City Council opened the emergency operations center and declared a local state of emergency. This declaration allows the city additional resources for disaster recovery, including possible cost reimbursement from federal and state emergency management agencies.

Update

Electrical Outage. Approximately 50% of the city remains without power. Southern California Edison is working to restore electricity by Tuesday, December 6. Information on restoration time can be obtained by calling (800) 611-1911 or visiting www.sce.com. Edison crews will work tonight and tomorrow to remove broken transmission lines along Live Oak Ave. Residents are asked not to move the fallen poles and lines. Free flashlights are available at City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Dr. Those wishing to charge electrical devices can do so at Live Oak Park Community Center, 10144 Bogue St.

Public Safety. Additional sheriff's deputies have been deployed to increase evening patrol, and to direct traffic through key intersections. Residents are reminded to treat an inoperative signal as a four-way stop sign.

Service Requests and Referrals. Residents are advised not to call 9-1-1 or other emergency numbers unless it is a life-threatening emergency. City Hall operators will be available all weekend to coordinate service requests and referrals. Call (626) 285-2171.

Water Service. California American Water District has lifted its water boil order. Low water pressure is reported in the area served by Sunnyslope Water District; neighborhoods affected are those north of Longden and south of Loma to Burton. It is unknown when water pressure will be restored. Water tenders are present in the case of fire.

Tree and Debris Removal. Over 150 tree crew workers have been deployed citywide to remove fallen trees and debris. Primary focus is on trees blocking roads, and those which have fallen onto homes. Secondary priority will be given to removing trees and limbs blocking driveways, and which have fallen

onto vehicles. Residents are asked to dispose fallen limbs and other debris at the curb and not in the street. Crews will conduct ongoing collection service through Friday, December 9.

Road Closures. The following closures remain in effect until further notice: Live Oak Ave. between Baldwin and Hermosa; Temple City Blvd. between Las Tunas and Broadway; and Hermosa Ave. between Encinita and Rosemead.

Damage Claims. Claims for damage can be submitted starting Tuesday, December 6 at City Hall. More information is forthcoming.

City Facilities and Programming. The farmer's market at Temple City Park is cancelled for Sunday, December 3. Regularly scheduled programming – including senior meals and dial-a-ride service – resumes Monday, December 5 at Live Oak Park. City Hall will reopen for normal business operations on Tuesday, December 6.

Public Schools. Schools within the Temple City and Arcadia school districts are scheduled to reopen Monday, December 5.

Volunteers. Assistance is not needed from residents at this time. Residents are encouraged to leave their name and contact information for future opportunities by calling City Hall at (626) 285-2171.

Parking Enforcement. To allow for recovery and clean-up, overnight parking restrictions are relaxed through Sunday, December 18. Residents are not required to purchase overnight parking permits.

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