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City of San Diego Deploys Teams to Assess Damage and Clean Up Areas Impacted by Storm

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE COUNTY SURVEY ONLINE FOR POTENTIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

SAN DIEGO – In response to a record amount of rain that hit the San Diego region on Monday, Jan. 22, City crews are now assessing the damage and impacts of the storm that caused major flooding in several communities. According to the National Weather Service, Monday was the fourth wettest day in San Diego since 1850.

The City's Stormwater Department received more than 500 calls regarding flooding and other issues during and following the rain. This week, Stormwater teams are conducting inspections on City levees and storm channels. Six of the City's 15 stormwater pump stations were overwhelmed during Monday's storm; two remain out of service and crews are working around the clock to bring them back online.

Teams from the City's Transportation Department will be removing mud and sand from streets and addressing damage to public sidewalks and streets. If your street is experiencing flooding, or you see a City storm drain is clogged, report it using the Get it Done app or by calling 619-527-7500. Residents can help City crews expedite clean-up activities by parking vehicles off City streets while work is underway.

Starting Wednesday, the City's Environmental Services Department will begin removing accumulated trash and debris from storm-impacted areas in the communities of Southcrest, Mountain View and other neighborhoods. Residents can report bulky items left in the public right of way using the City's Get It Done app under the category for "Illegal Dumping" or by calling 858-694-7000. Hazardous Waste items such as light bulbs, paint, oil batteries, propane tanks, gas cylinders and tires should not be placed in the public right of way.

Anyone who experienced property damage is encouraged to report it through a voluntary online survey, which will be used to gather information and determine if the County of San Diego is eligible for state and/or federal assistance. Completing the form does not guarantee that you will be eligible to receive disaster relief assistance.

Before attempting to clean up after the storm, residents can visit the recovery page on <u>AlertSanDiego.org</u> for tips on documenting damage. San Diegans are encouraged to work directly with their insurance company to submit claims for any damage to homes or vehicles.

For more information about City of San Diego storm recovery efforts, visit SanDiego.gov/storm.