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**COUNCILMEMBERS CATE AND KERSEY, BOY SCOUTS AND FIRE FIGHTERS TO  
FILL AND DISTRIBUTE 5,000 FREE SANDBAGS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

San Diego, CA: On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Councilmembers Chris Cate and Mark Kersey, San Diego Fire Fighters, Boy Scouts and volunteers will be filling and distributing 5,000 sandbags at the Home Depot in Mira Mesa. Thanks to the generosity of Vulcan Materials Company, each resident may receive up to ten (10) pre-filled sandbags FREE.

The City of San Diego has been steadfast in its efforts to prepare for the likelihood of more and greater El Niño rainstorms. City crews are working vigilantly to clear storm drains, repair roadways and equip City facilities for what is expected to be a very wet winter. Getting ready for El Niño is a team effort which also requires the help of San Diego residents and businesses.

“With the El Niño rains anticipated this winter, protecting your home with sandbags is a great offense,” said Councilmember Cate.

“Properly used, sandbags are a simple and effective way to prevent or reduce flood water damage,” stated Councilmember Kersey.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. “BSA believes that helping youth is key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society,” stated T.J. Zane, Boy Scouts of America District Chairman, Black Mountain District.

**WHAT:** FREE Pre-Filled Sandbag Distribution Event

**WHERE:** Home Depot (Mira Mesa), 10604 Westview Parkway, San Diego, CA 92126

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 16, 2016 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Additional media availability from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**VISUALS:** 5,000 pre-filled, 50-pound sandbags, Boy Scouts, San Diego Fire Fighters, community volunteers

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