## ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## VOLUNTARY EVACUATION ORDER FOR MODJESKA, WILLIAMS, AND LIVE OAK CANYONS.

The Mandatory evacuation order for **Modjeska**, **Williams**, and **Live Oak Canyons** has been downgraded to voluntary evacuation status. Only residents will be allowed to enter the areas under voluntary evacuation orders and the public is warned that heavy rain and subsequent flooding and mudslides are possible this afternoon. Periods of rain may continue through Saturday.

The National Weather Service warns that a storm cell is approaching Orange County that could produce up to a half inch of rain within the hour. That level of precipitation could produce flooding and debris flows. Evacuation routes can quickly become impassable due to mud and debris or flooding.

The Orange County Fairgrounds (88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa) can accept large animals from residents. Residents must call ahead to (714) 708-1588 to inform OC Fairgrounds that they are coming and to receive directions about which gate to enter. Residents are expected to bring any necessary supplies for their large animals.

If residents have any questions, they can call the Orange County Emergency Operations Center hotline at (714) 628-7085.

Mud flows have been reported in Modjeska, Williams, and Live Oak Canyons. Water is reported to be rising in canyon creek beds.

Any residents requiring shelter please contact (714) 628-7085.

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