

ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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**REDUCTION OF MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER FOR RESIDENTS OF
MODJESKA, WILLIAMS, AND HARDING CANYONS TO VOLUNTARY**

ALL EVACUATIONS ORDERS FOR SILVERADO CANYON ARE LIFTED

The **mandatory** evacuation order that was in place for residents living in Modjeska, Williams, and Harding Canyons has been reduced to a **voluntary** evacuation order for residents and large animals. Access to these Canyons will be restricted to residents only.

All evacuation orders for Silverado Canyon have been lifted.

Silt, mud, and debris remain on the roads and the streets are very slippery. Drivers are warned to use extreme caution when driving in the canyon areas.

The Red Cross Shelter at Villa Park High School at 18042 Taft, Villa Park, 92861 is now closed. Any canyon residents who require shelter are instructed to contact the Public Information Hotline for shelter assistance.

The National Weather Service is predicting 2/3 to 1 inch of rain in the canyon areas Sunday morning and the same amount of rain Sunday night.

For the Voluntary Large Animal Evacuation Order, the Orange County Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, is ready to accept large animals. Residents must call ahead, (714) 708-1588 for directions. Residents are expected to bring supplies for their large animals.

Residents may also relocate their small animals to the Orange County Animal Control Services, 561 The City Drive South, in Orange. They can accept approximately 30 dogs and approximately 20 cats from residents. Residents can call (714) 935-6848 with questions.

The Public Information Hotline at the Orange County Emergency Operations Center (714) 628-7085 has been activated for any inquiries. Unless it is a life threatening emergency please do not call 911.

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