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Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Continues Efforts to Help Residents and Businesses Apply for Federal Assistance

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San Rafael – The current Marin County Local Assistance Center (LAC) located in San Anselmo, providing assistance to residents and businesses impacted by the New Year's winter storm, has paved the way for the transition of the LAC to a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) with the mission of assistance continuity. The DRC will provide ongoing coordinated assistance from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Small Business Administration (SBA). The County's Health and Human Services staff is committed to continued support at the Center.

The DRC will maintain presence at the Kaufman Building, 241 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in San Anselmo across from the Tamalpais Theater. The Center will remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning Monday, February 13. Beginning Tuesday, February 14, a mitigation specialist will be at the Center.

Disaster affected residents are encouraged to begin the FEMA application process by

registering online at www.fema.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The hearing and speech impaired can call 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Affected businesses can request disaster loans by contacting the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) toll-free at 1-800-659-2955. In addition to registering online or over the phone, residents and businesses can apply for assistance in person at the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).

The public can also contact the County's Storm Recovery Information Hotline (415-473-5614) to ask additional questions about the storm recovery efforts. The County's website includes a variety of storm recovery information. To access the website, click on "Storm Recovery Information" on the County's homepage (www.co.marin.ca.us).