BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Kevin Ester, Deputy Chief, Logistics

SUBJECT: Changes to Sandbag Distribution

In order to alleviate the burden on the department to support sandbag distribution and to allow us to remain focused on our core mission, especially during the height of rain events like we saw last month, sandbag distribution for the remainder of this year will be handled at select Park and Recreation Centers throughout the city. Fire stations will no longer distribute sandbags.

To allow for a transitional period for the public, roughly 200 sandbags were left at every fire station. Once these are gone, they are gone. All surplus sandbags have been collected and turned over to Park & Rec for distribution. Stations are directed to not order any additional sandbags via station requisitions.

The select Lifeguard stations distributing sandbags will continue to do so through this season. Reference the previous sandbag Bulletin for those locations.

Attached to this Bulletin find the new sandbag distribution locations. This is the information to share with the public if they come to your station looking for sandbags. Our Media Services division will be working to get this new message out to the public ahead of the next series of storms.

If sandbags are needed to protect a Fire-Rescue facility, contact the Logistics Facilities Maintenance Officer at SDFDFacilities@sandiego.gov or have them paged through the ECDC in the event of an emergency.



NEWS RELEASE

City Makes Sandbags Easier to Acquire

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With the potential for more El Niño rains in the months ahead, the City of San Diego is making it easier for City residents to receive free sandbags. The City is moving sandbag distribution from fire stations to selected recreation centers in each City Council District. The new plan will ensure that the sandbags are readily available in advance of potential storms.

"The City's Fire-Rescue Department handled sandbag distribution and gave out more than 70,000 bags over a three month period between November and January," said Fire-Rescue spokesperson Captain Joe Amador. "While we were proud to serve our neighbors, we couldn't always be on site to hand out bags when crews were out on calls," he said. "The new distribution plan will ensure that the sandbags are available on a regular schedule and in convenient locations," said Amador.

Starting immediately, those presenting proof of residency can get up to 10 empty sandbags from centrally located recreation centers. Residents offering identification showing their home street address can pick-up bags between 1 pm and 7 pm Monday through Friday and from noon until 2 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Before rains begin again is the best time to prepare. Learn more: http://www.sandiego.gov/el-nino/.

Council District 1	Council District 6
Standley Recreation Center	North Clairemont Recreation Center
3585 Governor Drive, San Diego CA 92122	4421 Bannock Ave., SD CA 92117
Council District 2	Council District 7
Robb Athletic Field	Allied Gardens Recreation Center
2525 Bacon St., SD CA 92107	5155 Greenbrier Ave., SD CA 92120
Council District 3	Council District 8
Golden Hill Recreation Center	San Ysidro Community Activity Center
2600 Golf Course Dr., SD CA 92102	179 Diza Rd., San Diego, SD CA 92173
Council District 4	Council District 9
Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center	City Heights Recreation Center
6401 Skyline Dr., SD CA 92114	4380 Landis St., SD CA 92105
Council District 5	
Scripps Ranch Recreation Center	
11454 Blue Cypress Drive, San Diego CA 92131	