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City of Oakland Responds to Winter Storm

All City facilities are open; warming centers help homeless and elderly

Oakland, CA — The following is an update on the status of the City of Oakland's response to today's storm and summary of additional services to help people cope with the cold and wet weather.

Update from Oakland Public Works

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Due to a high call volume, Oakland Public Works reminds City residents and businesses to **only call the Call Center (510-615-5566) in the event of an infrastructure emergency such as:**

- Trees/major limbs down- blocking a street or with property damage
- Flooding into property
- Sewer overflow
- Manhole covers missing
- Traffic Signals flashing/out
- Stop signs knocked down
- Landslides/mudflows

Sandbags are not available. Oakland Public Works has distributed an estimated 21,500 sandbags and 20,000 feet of plastic sheeting in response to an unprecedented number of requests.

As of 2:30 pm, Public Works crews have received more than 226 storm-related calls for service at dozens of locations across the city. Most of these were to address clogged storm drains and flooding. Twenty nine (29) trees have been reported down, and there are three reports of mudslides: 1) in the 5800 block of Skyline Boulevard, 2) Bay Forest Drive and Tunnel Road and 3) Tunnel Road and Charing Cross Road.

Update from Human Services Department

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All **Head Start Centers** are open EXCEPT the following two which are experiencing water intrusion and are closed.

- Virginia Head Start, 4335 Virginia, closed due to water leaks – Closed today and probably tomorrow.
- Fannie Wall Head Start, 647 55th Street, Closing due to water leaks and may be closed tomorrow.

All **Senior Centers are open** but *lunch service was cancelled* at all sites by the lunch provider. Snacks will still be available.

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Warming Centers & Daytime Drop-In Centers. The following agencies will be open to provide drop-in shelter during daytime hours, today December 11th.
(Overnight shelter will be provided through the warming centers noticed below.)

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- St Vincent de Paul, 2272 San Pablo Avenue
(510) 877-9256 or Corey at (510) 681-8811
- Henry Robinson Multi Service Center, 559 16th Street
(510) 238-5091
- Crossroads, 7515 International Blvd
(510) 532-3211
- St. Mary's Center, 925 Brockhurst Street (Serves individuals 55 years and older)
(510) 923-9600

The Warming Centers will be open tonight, December 11, 2014. The Centers will be open from 7pm until 7am the following morning. The Centers are located at:

1. St Vincent de Paul, 2272 San Pablo Avenue
(510) 877-9256 or Corey at (510) 681-8811
2. Henry Robinson Multi Service Center, 559 16th Street
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The Warming Centers are available to single adults seeking respite from inclement weather. They operate on a first come, first served basis. The Centers will provide a cup of noodles for a light evening meal; coffee and water will also be available.

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