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JCSD PARTICIPATES IN GOLDEN GUARDIAN 2008 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE

"Golden Guardian Exercise 2008" Takes Place in Conjunction with the Great Southern California Shakeout Drill on November 13

MIRA LOMA, Calif., November 6, 2008--- Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) will participate in the statewide Golden Guardian 2008 exercise, beginning at 10 a.m. on November 13, 2008. JCSD is located at 11201 Harrel St., Mira Loma, Calif.

Under the leadership of Governor Schwarzenegger and the direction of his office of Homeland Security, the State sponsored "Golden Guardian Exercise 2008" will test agencies capabilities to respond and recover during a major earthquake. The full scale exercise focuses on a simulated, catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake along the Southern portion of the San Andreas fault. For more information on the Golden Guardian Exercise 2008, visit the website at www.goldenguardian.org.

Over five million Californians are participating in the ShakeOut drill, including government agencies, schools, businesses, emergency responders, and law enforcement. As part of the ShakeOut drill, JCSD employees will practice the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill, along with a practice evacuation of the building. For more information on the Great Southern California Shakeout, visit the website at www.shakeout.org.

The public agencies taking part in this drill urge citizens to prepare for a natural disaster. Below are some tips to follow:

- Do a hazard hunt around your home for items that may fall during an earthquake.
- Identify and correct any issues in your home's structure.
- Create an emergency preparedness plan for your family.
- Keep an emergency supply of food and drinking water for your family.

In times of crisis, your water supply may be interrupted. To ensure your water is safe to drink, follow these tips:

- Examine the physical condition of your water.
- Do not drink murky or colored water.
- Filter murky/ colored water through a clean cloth or a coffee filter.
- Boil or chemically treat your water.

In case of an emergency, sometimes a water district will issue a "Boil Water Order." Here is the process to kill bacteria and other organisms in the water during a Boil Water Order:

- Bring all water to a boil.
- Let it boil for 1 minute.
- Let it cool before using.
- Use boiled or bottled water for drinking and food preparation.

If you do not have access to gas or electricity, an alternative method of water purification is through the use of fresh household bleach (Clorox, Purex, etc – do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners). Here are some additional tips from the California Department of Public Health:

- Add 8 drops (or ¼ teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water.
- Add 16 drops (or ½ teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of cloudy water.
- Mix thoroughly.
- Allow to stand for 30 minutes before using.
- A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification procedure. It is an adequate indication that disinfection has taken place.
- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.

For more information regarding JCSD and the Golden Guardian drill, call Bob Frusher, Development Services Supervisor at 951-685-7434 or send an email to info@jcsd.us.

Founded in 1956, The Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) is a public agency known as a Special District, governed by a 5-member, elected, Board of Directors. JCSD is responsible for providing water, Sewer and street lights for over 85,000 people and for maintaining more than 100 acres of parks and over 25 miles of frontage landscape in an unincorporated, 48-square-mile region of western Riverside County. For more information, visit the web site at www.jcsd.us.

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