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# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## **SBA to Close Disaster Fire Recovery Assistance Center**

**Sacramento, CA** – Bruce C. Thompson, Regional Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration, today announced that SBA will close its **Fire Recovery Assistance Center** in **San Diego** on **Friday, March 28 at 5 pm**.

“The center is located at the Community Service Center, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive in San Diego. It will remain open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm until it closes,” said Thompson. “SBA representatives will continue to be available to help residents and business owners close their approved disaster loans and answer their questions,” he continued.

So far, SBA has approved more than \$86.3 million in low-interest disaster loans to Southern California residents and businesses hurt by the wildfires.

Even though the deadline passed on January 9, 2008 to apply for loans to repair property damage, SBA is still offering Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs of small businesses that suffered economic injury related to the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The deadline to apply for these loans is **July 24, 2008**.

Individuals and business owners may obtain information by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or by visiting SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

*For more information visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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