



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Office to Close Saturday, August 21

Sacramento, CA – The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will close its disaster office at **1:00 pm on Saturday, August 21**, announced Alfred E. Judd, SBA’s Disaster Area Director. All disaster victims who have received an SBA application are encouraged to return it before that deadline. The SBA disaster office, located in **Susupe** at the **Pedro P. Tenoria Multipurpose Center on Beach Road**, has been open since July 30 to provide one-on-one assistance to island residents and businesses that suffered losses from Typhoon Tingting.

The center will be open next **Tuesday, August 17 through Friday, August 20 from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5:30 pm, and on Saturday, August 21 from 9 am to 1 pm**. “SBA’s loan officer will be available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan from SBA may help each victim recover from the disaster, and provide one-on-one assistance in completing their loan application,” Judd said.

According to Judd, disaster loans of up to \$200,000 are still available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Secondary homes are not eligible. However, rental properties may be eligible for business loan assistance.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. “Additionally, Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$1.5 million are available to small businesses only if they were adversely impacted financially by the disaster, even if they had no property damages,” Judd continued.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit SBA’s disaster center may obtain information and loan applications by writing to SBA at P.O. Box 419004, Sacramento, CA 95841-9004, or by calling toll-free (800) 488-5323. Hearing impaired individuals may call (916) 735-1683.

Applications for property damage must be returned to SBA by **September 20, 2004**. Applications for economic injury must be returned by **April 20, 2005**.

For more information visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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