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**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR STORM DAMAGE**

Los Angeles County Assessor Rick Auerbach today urged owners of properties which may have been affected by the recent storms to contact his office as soon as possible to seek tax relief if rain, mud or other storm-related damage amounts to \$10,000 or more.

Misfortune/calamity forms are available on the Assessor's Internet website at <http://lacountyassessor.com> by clicking the Download Forms icon and then selecting ADS-820.

"Under state law," Auerbach noted, "home and business owners can qualify for a temporary reduction in assessed value. The law also covers mobile homes and business personal property. Reassessment could mean a lower tax bill for the period between damage and repair or rebuilding."

Auerbach added that Section 170 of the Revenue and Taxation Code requires the application form to be submitted within one year of the date of damage. Photographs and any other documentation, such as repair estimates, should accompany the form.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Assessor's Main Office in the county Hall of Administration at (213) 974-8658 or offices in Sylmar (818) 833-6000, Signal Hill (562) 256-1701, Culver City (310) 665-5300, South El Monte (626) 258-6001 or Lancaster (661) 940-6700.