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Oroville Evacuation Order Lifted; 2-1-1 Support Continues

CHICO, CA, February 14, 2017 – The Butte County Sheriff has lifted the Oroville Spillway evacuation order, but an evacuation warning remains in effect as significant rainfall is expected over the next week.

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) will continue to provide important information through its 2-1-1 helpline. Since Sunday, 2-1-1 NorCal has been on disaster footing, linking callers and online users to information regarding shelters, road closures and important services.

Larry Olmstead, President and CEO of UWNC, said United Way welcomes donations to support the helpline's disaster efforts. "2-1-1 NorCal and 2-1-1 Butte phone lines and web services are being taxed by this crisis, and we expect high call volume to continue throughout the week as residents return home and look for services and updates on the flood situation," Olmstead said.

2-1-1 is the 24-hour, 7-day social services helpline that provides free and confidential information and referral services. During crises such as the Spillway incident it is a vital conduit for official disaster information. UWNC operates 2-1-1 NorCal, covering Shasta and Tehama counties. 2-1-1 Butte is operated by Help Central Inc., a United Way partner agency. Both agencies operate websites, www.211norcal.org and www.helpcentral.org.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made through MobileCause: <https://app.mobilecause.com/f/188e/n>. Or this shortcut link: igfn.us/f/188e/n.

Donors also can text OROVILLE to 91999. Or donate on the United Way website, www.norcalunitedway.org

Olmstead said that should the evacuation order be reinstated, funds raised would also be used to support organizations assisting displaced families.

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About United Way of Northern California:

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income and health of all residents in the community. UWNC raises funds for non-profit agencies and operates two 24/7 human services helplines: 2-1-1 Shasta and 2-1-1 Tehama, collectively known as 2-1-1 NorCal. UWNC also operates Volunteer NorCal, a website that connects volunteers to agencies (volunteernorcal.org), and currently coordinates the Prosperity Initiative, a collective impact project that promotes financial stability and youth enrichment. For more information about United Way of Northern California visit www.norcalunitedway.org.