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City of Malibu to Offer Earthquakes Preparedness Information at Public Safety Town Hall Meeting

(Malibu, CA) - The City of Malibu's next Public Safety Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 PM at City Hall will provide information on the earthquake threat specific to Malibu and how to be prepared for a major earthquake. The event is being held as part of the City's year-long Earthquake Resiliency Initiative.

"We know that we will face a major earthquake one day," said Mayor Skylar Peak. "Our mountainous terrain, seaside cliffs and deep canyons, as well as our geographic isolation, present additional hazards and vulnerabilities that some communities don't face. Preparedness is our best defense."

U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist Morgan Page told the Los Angeles Times that there is a 60% chance that a magnitude 6.7 earthquake — the size of the 1994 Northridge quake — or larger will strike the Los Angeles area in the next 30 years.

City Geologist Chris Dean will discuss local earthquake faults, the earthquake history of the area, specific locations in Malibu that are vulnerable to land and rock slides, Tsunami inundation areas, and the impact that a major earthquake on the San Andreas Fault could have in Malibu.

Preparedness information will be provided by Malibu's Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas and will include instructions on how to put together an earthquake preparedness kit for the home and car, non-structural earthquake hazard mitigation, the City's Everbridge disaster mass notification system, and how to create a family emergency plan. Recovery information will include insurance, important papers, medication and the role of FEMA.

The City's year-long Earthquake Resiliency Initiative is a partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Dr. Lucy Jones' Center for Science and Society in the Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Initiative. Participating cities receive technical assistance to prepare for earthquakes and provide strategic solutions for improved resiliency that are suited to each community. The goal is to be better able to respond and recover quickly from a large earthquake, and reduce casualties and damage.

Throughout the year, the City will identify and reduce non-structural earthquake hazards, update emergency plans, conduct Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and public education, identify vulnerabilities in critical City functions and develop continuity of government strategies.

All are welcome to attend and no RSVPs are required. For more information, contact Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas at 310-456-2489 ext. 313 or email SDuenas@malibucity.org.

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