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PRESS RELEASE

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Rain Emergency: Update 3

El Paso, Texas – August 1, 2006 – In response to heavy rain fall and flash flooding around the El Paso area, the following measures to help assist in the emergency effort:

- Shelters: The following shelters are available for residents who are self-evacuating. Please note that these are emergency shelters. Full-service locations will provide food and cots. If you seek shelter at the locations that are not full-service facilities, as a precautionary measure, please bring personal necessities (sleeping bag, snacks, personal hygiene products, etc.) in the event you are housed there for the night. **PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THE SHELTER LOCATIONS HAVE CEASED OPERATIONS:**
 - Judson F. Williams Convention Center (full-service) – **CLOSED**
 - Ranchland Middle School, 7650 Yuma Drive – **CLOSED**
 - Bel Air High School, 731 N Yarbrough -- **CLOSED**
 - Moorehead Middle School, 6725 Confetti – **CLOSED**
 - Jefferson High School, 4700 Alameda – **CLOSED**
 - Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Ave (full-service)
 - El Paso High School, 800 E Schuster Ave (full-service)
 - Socorro: Tigua Community Center (full-service)
 - Wellington Chew Senior Center, 4430 Maxwell (full-service)
 - Socorro: Ernesto Serna School

There are currently 385 people in shelters throughout the City.

- Canutillo Elementary – 90
 - Tigua Community Center – 95
 - Wellington Chew – 10
 - El Paso High – 200
- City Services: All City services and facility operations will resume on their normal schedules tomorrow, pending any severe inclement weather overnight.
 - Traffic Currently Into the City:
 - Bus Routes: All routes will resume tomorrow on the Summer schedule, pending serious developments overnight.

- Update on Rio Grande Conditions: Earlier, the National Weather Service had put out an advisory for self-evacuation due to the River cresting. As of 9:20 p.m., the River continues to hold. Officials are continuing to monitor River water levels.
- City of Socorro: The City of Socorro Texas has depleted all of their sandbag resources that were located at the Socorro Police Department. No additional sand bags are available for public distribution at this time.
- General Information: Citizens are asked to call 211 for general information on the emergency situation here in El Paso. The community is being advised to only call 911 if there is an immediate emergency need.
- Street Closures: The City will be monitoring the street situation throughout the night. We will be working to provide information for the morning commute. There will currently be intermittent closures on I-10 from Cotton to Piedras. The right lane will be closed for removal of debris.

Media is advised to contact Juliet Lozano for updates, if necessary, for developments during the night @ 472-1949 or 873-5500.