

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**  
 FORM J-13A, REVISED DECEMBER 2017

**SECTION A: REQUEST INFORMATION**

- This form is used to obtain approval of attendance and instructional time credit pursuant to *Education Code (EC)* sections 41422, 46200, 46391, 46392 and *California Code of Regulations (CCR)*, Title 5, Section 428.
- Only schools that report Principal Apportionment average daily attendance (ADA) for the purpose of calculating a K-12 Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) entitlement should submit this form.
- Refer to the instructions and frequently asked questions at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> for information regarding the completion of this form.

**PART I: LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA)**

LEA NAME: <b>El Camino Real Charter High School</b>		COUNTY CODE: <b>19</b>	DISTRICT CODE: <b>64733</b>	CHARTER NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE): <b>1314</b>
LEA SUPERINTENDENT OR ADMINISTRATOR NAME: <b>David Hussey</b>			FISCAL YEAR: <b>2019-2020</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>5440 Valley Circle Boulevard</b>			COUNTY NAME: <b>Los Angeles</b>	
CITY: <b>Woodland Hills</b>		STATE: <b>CA</b>	ZIP CODE: <b>91367</b>	
CONTACT NAME: <b>Daniel Chang</b>	TITLE: <b>Chief Compliance Officer</b>	PHONE: <b>(818) 595-7537</b>	E-MAIL: <b>d.chang@ecrhs.net</b>	

**PART II: LEA TYPE AND SCHOOL SITE INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST (Choose only one LEA type):**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> Choose one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> All district school sites <input type="checkbox"/> Select district school sites	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (COE)</b> Choose one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> All COE school sites <input type="checkbox"/> Select COE school sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CHARTER SCHOOL</b>
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**PART III: CONDITION(S) APPLICABLE TO THIS REQUEST:**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE:** When one or more schools were closed because of conditions described in *EC* Section 41422. LCFF apportionments should be maintained and instructional time credited in Section B for the school(s) without regard to the fact that the school(s) were closed on the dates listed, due to the nature of the emergency. Approval of this request authorizes the LEA to disregard these days in the computation of ADA (per *EC* Section 41422) without applicable penalty and obtain credit for instructional time for the days and the instructional minutes that would have been regularly offered on those days pursuant to *EC* Section 46200, et seq.

There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.

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**MATERIAL DECREASE:** When one or more schools were kept open but experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to *EC* Section 46392 and *CCR*, Title 5, Section 428. Material decrease requests that include all school sites within the school district must demonstrate that the school district as a whole experienced a material decrease in attendance. Material decrease requests for one or more but not all sites within the school district must show that each site included in the request experienced a material decrease in attendance pursuant to *EC* Section 46392 and *CCR*, Title 5, Section 428. The request for substitution of estimated days of attendance for actual days of attendance is in accordance with the provisions of *EC* Section 46392. Approval of this request will authorize use of the estimated days of attendance in the computation of LCFF apportionments for the described school(s) and dates in Section C during which school attendance was materially decreased due to the nature of the emergency.

There was a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of California during the dates associated with this request.

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**LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS:** When attendance records have been lost or destroyed as described in *EC* Section 46391. Requesting the use of estimated attendance in lieu of attendance that cannot be verified due to the loss or destruction of attendance records. This request is made pursuant to *EC* Section 46391:

*"Whenever any attendance records of any district have been lost or destroyed, making it impossible for an accurate report on average daily attendance for the district for any fiscal year to be rendered, which fact shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the affidavits of the members of the governing board of the district and the county superintendent of schools, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall estimate the average daily attendance of such district. The estimated average daily attendance shall be deemed to be the actual average daily attendance for that fiscal year for the making of apportionments to the school district from the State School Fund."*



**SECTION C: MATERIAL DECREASE**

Not Applicable (Proceed to Section D)  
 Supplemental Page(s) Attached

**PART I: NATURE OF EMERGENCY** (Describe in detail.)

**PART II: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION** (Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 10 lines are needed for this request. Refer to the instructions for information on completing the form including the definition of "normal" attendance.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G*	H
School Name	School Code	"Normal" Attendance (October/May)	Dates Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance	Date of Emergency	Actual Attendance	Qualifier: 90% or Less (F/C)	Net Increase of Apportionment Days (C-F)
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**PART III: MATERIAL DECREASE CALCULATION FOR CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOLS** (Provide the attendance in hours. Use the supplemental Excel file at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/pa/j13a.asp> if more than 5 lines are needed for this request. Refer to the instructions for information on completing the form including the definition of "normal" attendance.)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G*	H
School Name	School Code	"Normal" Attendance Hours	Date Used for Determining "Normal" Attendance	Date of Emergency	Actual Attendance Hours	Qualifier: 90% or Less (F/C)	Net Increase of Hours (C-F)
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Total:		0.00			0.00		0.00

\*Qualifier should be 90% or less except when the governor declares a state of emergency or in the case of a Necessary Small School (NSS) site.

**SECTION D: LOST OR DESTROYED ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

Not Applicable (Proceed to Section E)

**PART I: PERIOD OF REQUEST** The entire period covered by the lost or destroyed records commences with \_\_\_\_\_ up to and including \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART II: CIRCUMSTANCES** (Describe below circumstances and extent of records lost or destroyed.)

**PART III: PROPOSAL** (Describe below the proposal to reconstruct attendance records or estimate attendance in the absence of records.)

**SECTION E: AFFIDAVIT**

**PART I: AFFIDAVIT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS** – All applicable sections below must be completed to process this J-13A request.

We, members constituting a majority of the governing board of El Camino Real Charter High School, hereby swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements are true and are based on official records.

Board Members Names

Board Members Signatures

Brian Archibald

Gregory Basile

Beatriz Chen

Jeff Davis

Steven Kofahl

Kenneth Lee

Darin Ryburn

Scott Silverstein

At least a majority of the members of the governing board shall execute this affidavit.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, this 24th day of October, 2019.

Witness: David Hussey Title: Executive Director of Los Angeles County, California  
(Name) (Signature)

**PART II: APPROVAL BY SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER** (Only applicable to charter school requests)

Superintendent (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing LEA Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature)

**PART III: AFFIDAVIT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The information and statements contained in the foregoing request are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

County Superintendent of Schools (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, California  
(Name) (Signature)

COE contact/individual responsible for completing this section:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Students, Parents and Staff members,

As always El Camino puts the health and safety of our students, our families, and our community first.

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the fires in our area, which have necessitated street and freeway closures, affected air quality, and required mandatory evacuations, El Camino Real Charter High School will be closed today, Friday, October 11, 2019

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide ongoing updates through emails, phone messages, social media and our website.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

David Hussey  
Executive Director

Local county sites for emergency information

[www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire/](http://www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire/)

[www.vcemergency.com/](http://www.vcemergency.com/)

#### Instagram Posting



The image shows a screenshot of an Instagram post from the account 'ecrchs'. The post features a large graphic with a red border containing the text: 'ATTENTION: School Closure Due to poor Air Quality www.ecrchs.net'. The background of the graphic is a faded school crest. To the right of the graphic, the Instagram interface shows the post's details: the account name 'ecrchs', the caption 'ecrchs ECR Families and Staff, Due to very poor air quality, ECR will be CLOSED today. Be Safe!', the time '19m', and engagement metrics '261 likes' and '19 MINUTES AGO'. There are also icons for liking, sharing, and bookmarking.

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Facebook Posting



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# EL CAMINO REAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

## 10/11/2019: School Closure

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## School is canceled today

Dear GHC Parents:

School at both the Devonshire and Zelzah campuses will be canceled today given the local fires, mandatory evacuations, poor air quality, and closed roads.

Please be safe.

Thank you.



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**School Closure Friday, October 11, 2019**

Both campuses are closed today due to the current fire situation in the north San Fernando Valley, families subject to evacuation orders, road closures, and unpredictability caused by weather conditions.

- All activities on the middle school campus, including the Halloween dance, have been canceled.
- The high school service trip to Operation Gratitude is canceled.
- Off-campus activities, including football, robotics, and Lumos retreat, are **not canceled** at this time.

Updated 10/11 7:14 am

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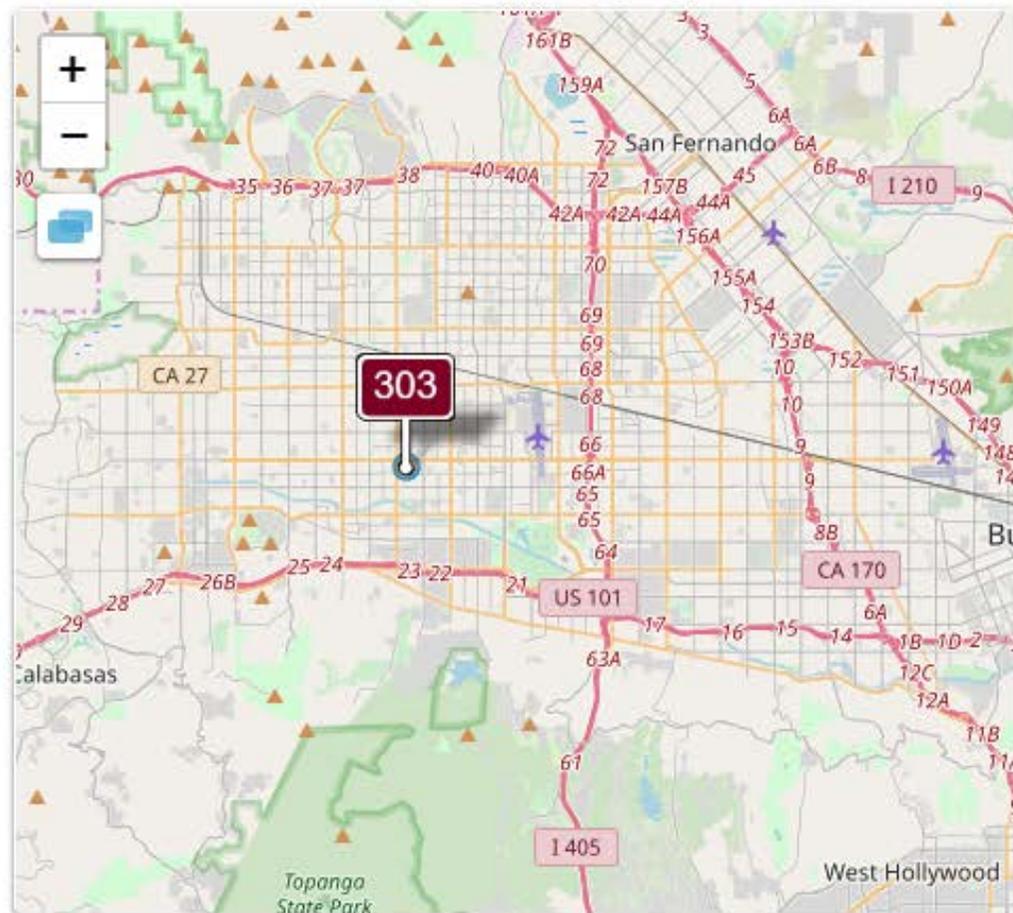
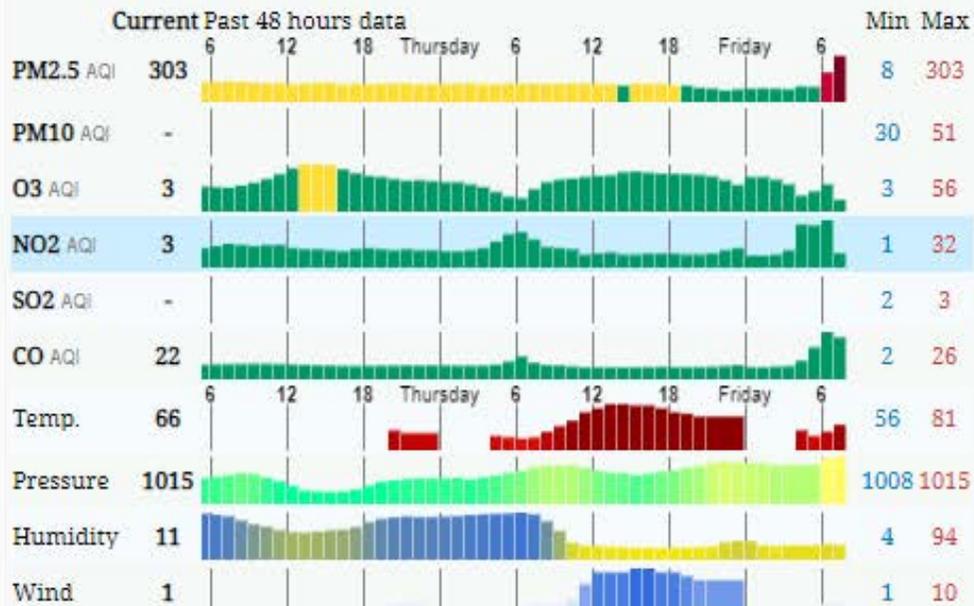


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# Subsided winds aid firefighters in fight against deadly wildfires in California

Published: Oct. 12, 2019 at 8:34 AM

Brian Lada & Adriana Navarro & Renee Duff, Accuweather

Oct. 13 (UPI) -- The strong winds that fanned the flames of multiple fires in Southern California have subsided; however, firefighters have a long way to go as low humidity levels and rising afternoon temperatures continue to make for difficult conditions.

At least eight blazes continue to burn across the state of California.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom [declared a state of emergency](#) in Los Angeles County and Riverside County due to the wildfires on Friday afternoon.

Southern California Edison shut off power to more than 21,000 customers in an effort to reduce the risk of the windblown fires exploding in growth due to coming in contact with downed power lines.

The planned Public Safety Power Shutoff was smaller in scale than the one instituted by Pacific Gas & Electric [in Northern California on Wednesday](#). About 13,000 PG&E customers remained without power on Saturday, out of the estimated 738,000 home and businesses that had electricity cut off earlier in the week.

The largest blaze, the Saddle Ridge Fire ignited and grew exponentially in just a matter of hours on Thursday in a densely populated area just north of Los Angeles. The fire was reportedly 150 acres at 2 p.m., but 2 hours later, it had grown to 500 acres, [according to the Riverside County Fire Department](#).

The fire quickly engulfed [7,965 acres](#) by Saturday jumped two freeways, and closed parts of another, according to the [Los Angeles Fire Department](#). Containment was up to 33 percent as of Saturday evening.

On Friday, California [Newsom secured](#) a Fire Management Assistance Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will help make resources more readily available to fight and recover from the Saddleridge Fire.

The LAFD confirmed the Saddleridge Fire is responsible for one fatality as a one person suffered cardiac arrest and died after being taken to a local hospital. One firefighter was treated for a minor eye injury.

At least 1,000 firefighters and eight helicopters are battling the fire. At least 31 structures have been damaged or destroyed, but officials did not specify how many were homes.

As of Saturday afternoon, all evacuations orders related to the Saddleridge Fire have been lifted.

"We thank members of the community for promptly heeding the evacuation orders and their patience as we worked to contain the fire. As you repopulate the previously evacuated areas, we ask you to remain vigilant, and drive cautiously, as there are still public safety personnel working in the area," the LAFD said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the Sandalwood Fire ignited when a trash truck dumped burning garbage sparking the blaze which resulted in the loss of 76 structures thus far, mainly homes at a hilltop mobile home park, according to fire officials.

The Sandalwood Fire is responsible for two fatalities after the fire raged through a mobile home park on Thursday, Cal Fire spokeswoman [Cathey Mattingly said](#).

A 350-acre wildfire, named the [Reche Fire in Moreno Valley](#), Calif., started with a trailer fire that jumped into surrounded vegetation, propelled by intense Santa Ana winds, officials with the Riverside county Fire Department said.

The sheriff's department identified the first victim as 89-year-old Lois Arvikson of Calimesa. The second unidentified body was found on Saturday morning in a mobile park home in Calimesa.

As of Saturday evening, the flames were burning 1,011 acres and wildfire was 68 percent contained.

Fire crews continue battling the Briceburg Fire near Yosemite National Park, which was burning 5,563 acres and 60 percent contained as of Saturday evening, according to CalFire.

A wildfire named the Reche Fire in Moreno Valley, Calif., started with a trailer fire that jumped into surrounded vegetation, propelled by intense Santa Ana winds, officials with the Riverside county Fire Department said.

As of Saturday afternoon, the flames were burning 350 acres and 97 percent contained, with no homes or other structures threatened, fire authorities said.

The cause of the Reche Fire is still under investigation.

Crews gained significant ground on the Wendy Fire in Ventura County on Friday and Saturday, which has burned 91 acres and is 80 percent contained.

Firefighters should be able to gain ground on the ongoing blazes with winds not being nearly as strong as what fueled the firestorm.

"Fire weather conditions will improve Sunday. It will remain rather dry, but an onshore wind and cooler temperatures will help to alleviate the fire threat. However, that threat is not zero," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Mike LeSeney said.

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# LA Declares Emergency As Saddleridge Fire Forces 100,000 People From Their Homes

by [LAist Staff](#) in [News](#) on [October 11, 2019 7:07 PM](#)



A firefighting helicopter works the Saddleridge Fire on October 11, 2019 near Porter Ranch, California. (Mario Tama/Getty Images)

**NOTE: This story is no longer being updated. [Go here for the latest information](#) on the Saddleridge Fire.**

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A fast-moving fire that began near Sylmar grew by thousands of acres overnight and continued to spread throughout the day, prompting the mayor of Los Angeles to sign an emergency declaration.

The Saddleridge Fire forced mandatory evacuations of whole communities in Porter Ranch and Granada Hills and snarled traffic in the San Fernando Valley. Dozens of schools and college campuses canceled classes.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti said Friday he signed the declaration, the first step to securing extra resources from county and state agencies.

I've signed an emergency declaration for the [#SaddleridgeFire](#) directing [@LACity](#) agencies to take all necessary steps to protect lives and property threatened by this fire, and calling on our County and State partners to support us with the resources and collaboration we need. [pic.twitter.com/c90eRk2UwV](https://pic.twitter.com/c90eRk2UwV)

— Mayor Eric Garcetti (@MayorOfLA) [October 11, 2019](#)

The fire has now burned an estimated 7,542 acres. It was just 13% contained as of the latest official report. It's burning mostly within the city of L.A., but also into parts of unincorporated L.A. County.

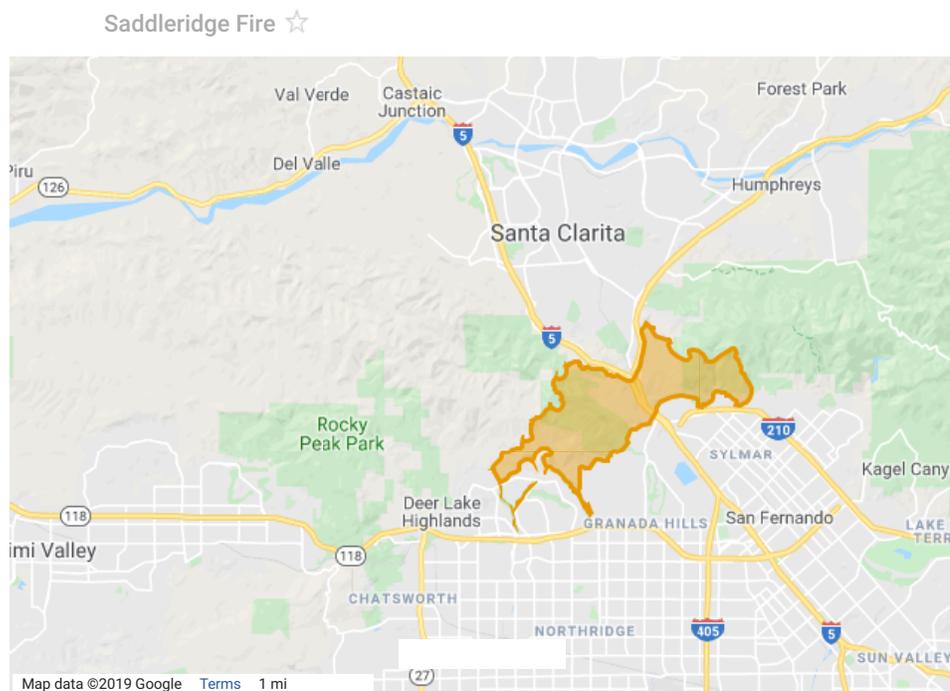
## BEST OF LAIST

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[We're answering your questions about the SoCal fires. What do you want to know?](#)

"This is a very dynamic fire," Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Ralph Terrazas said at a news conference Friday morning. "Do not wait to leave. If we ask you to evacuate, please evacuate."

LAPD Chief Michel Moore said mandatory evacuations are affecting more than 20,000 homes and 100,000 people.



Authorities painted a grim picture of conditions. Sustained winds in the area have been blowing at 20 mph, with gusts over 50 mph, and there's very little humidity in the air. Officials said the fire was moving at a rate of about 800 acres per hour in the morning.

Authorities also said one "civilian male" died Thursday night from cardiac arrest. One firefighter suffered an eye injury.

At least 31 structures have been destroyed.

More than 1,000 firefighters were on the scene, as well as 25 rescue ambulances who have helped evacuate the elderly and disabled. Handcrews, dozers, engines and aircraft, including Super Scoopers and air tankers, are all supporting the firefighting effort. Terrazas said his department is on "recall mode," meaning firefighters are in for a long weekend.

"Nobody's going home right away," he said. "This event's going to take a few days."

Part of the fire is burning in a CalFire "very high fire hazard severity zone." The designation is important because, since 2008, all homes built in these zones have had to meet strict building codes designed to prevent them from catching on fire. They must have fire resistant roofs and siding; fine mesh screen on attic vents to keep embers out; decks and patios made of non-flammable material, and heat-resistant windows. You can search and [see if your house is in a VHFHSZ](#).

## BACKGROUND

The blaze started about 9 p.m. [near Yarnell Street](#) north of the 210 Freeway in Sylmar and quickly spread west, jumping the 5 Freeway and burning into Granada Hills and Porter Ranch.

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The X marks the spot where the Saddleridge Fire began (Sharon McNary/ LAist)

The fire broke out in red-flag conditions along with scores of other fires statewide. L.A. authorities put the city on tactical alert to respond to the blaze. A command post for the fire has been at Hansen Dam.

Just after 10 a.m. Friday, the National Weather Service [extended a red flag warning in the region](#). The warning had been scheduled to expire at 6 p.m. Friday but will now be in effect until 6 p.m. Saturday.

### THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE

LAFD's Terrazas noted at an afternoon news conference that they were investigating media reports that a witness saw the Saddleridge Fire start at the base of an electrical tower behind his home. [Robert Delgado told ABC7](#) that he noticed the fire at around 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



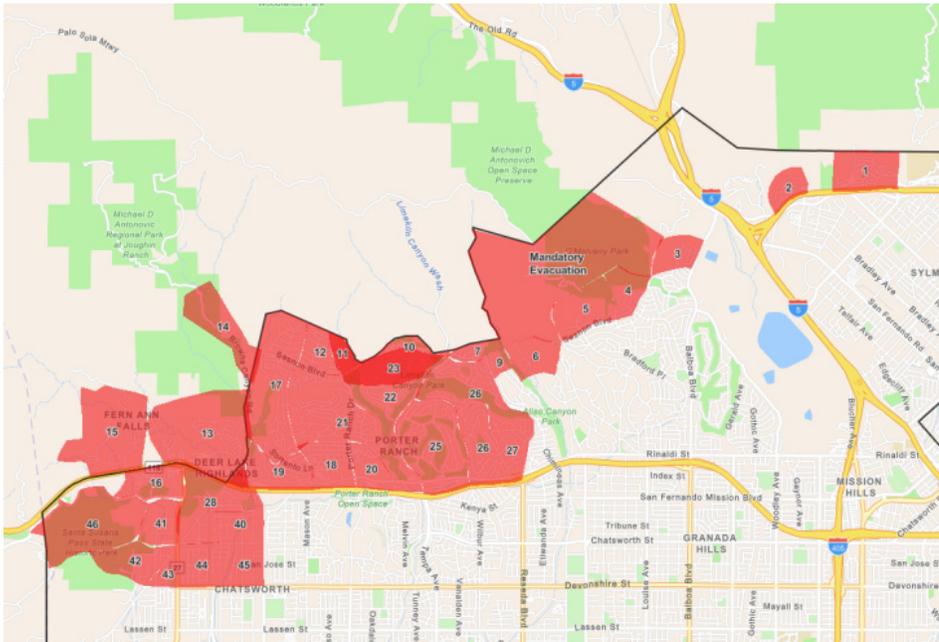
Firefighters enter a burned house as the Saddleridge Fire grows to thousands of acres in just a few hours, in Porter Ranch in the early morning hours of Oct. 11, 2019. (David McNew/AFP via Getty Images)

### MANDATORY EVACUATIONS

As of 5 p.m. Friday, evacuations were lifted for homes south of the 118 Freeway, but the remaining evacuations would remain in place until tomorrow. See below for a map.

Los Angeles police offered residents affected by the evacuations an escort home to collect their belongings. Proof of residence was required.

- Porter Ranch Town Center, Porter Ranch Drive and Rinaldi Street
- Target, northwest corner of Balboa and San Fernando Mission boulevards
- Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave.



(Courtesy Los Angeles Fire Department. Full map [here](#).)

For some, the evacuation felt like chaos.

Peter Greenwood, a 21-year-long resident of Porter Ranch, said information from authorities was lacking.

He said he was sleeping Thursday night when his partner woke up him up to say the LAPD is "going up and down our street with their bullhorns saying 'mandatory evacuation.'"

The couple was directed to Granada Hills High School, but once they arrived they noticed hardly anyone there and realized they had been given the wrong location.

"Communication is really, really poor actually," Greenwood said. "I'm just frustrated."

The couple wound up sheltering at the Granada Hills Recreation Center, but Greenwood said it has been a struggle to get updates about the fire.

"I'm just concerned about the homes up there," Greenwood said. "I'd like to know what's going on, but meanwhile nobody knows anything at all."

Greenwood said when he's needed information, he's had to leave to go to the nearby Starbucks to ask around.

Local authorities and politicians urged residents to be proactive by paying close attention to news reports and signing up for alerts through the city.

"You're not going have a police officer knock at every single door if mandatory evacuations change," Rep. Katie Hill, (D-Agua Dulce) said at a press conference Friday afternoon with fire and police officials.

By texting "READY" to 888-777, residents will be registered with [NotifyLA.org](https://notifyla.org), and receive notification of evacuations in their area.

Hill advised potential evacuees to follow television news, Twitter and to have AM radio at hand.

"If cellular networks go down, then (radio) is the last line of defense," Hill said.

## EVACUATION CENTERS



Authorities had to shut down the Granada Hills Recreation Center to new evacuees before dawn Friday because of the heavy demand for a place for people to shelter from the Saddleridge Fire. The facility later reopened to new arrivals. (Chava Sanchez / LAist)

The following evacuation centers are accepting new arrivals, including people and small pets:

- **Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Rec Center, 14201 Huston St. (OPEN)**
- **Brandford Rec Center, 13306 Brandford St. (OPEN)**
- **Lanark Recreation Center, 21816 Lanark St. (OPEN)**
- **Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth St. (OPEN)**
- **Northridge Recreation Center, 18300 Lemarsh St. (OPEN)**
- **Balboa Recreation Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd. (OPEN)**
- **Mason Park, 10500 Mason Ave. (FULL)**
- **Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave. (FULL)**

Shelters for large animals have been opened at [Hansen Dam Equestrian Center](#), the [West Valley Animal Shelter](#) and [Pierce College](#).

Among the evacuees Friday was U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, whose home is in Porter Ranch.

Sherman said he was about to go to bed but checked for updates one last time on his iPad when he saw the evacuation zone had been extended into his neighborhood. He got in his car.

"October has not been a good month for Porter Ranch," Sherman said, recalling the 2008 Sesnon Fire, 2015 Aliso Canyon gas leak and this latest fire.

Tom Stramat said he's on the board of directors for Porter Ranch Estates, which covers more than 1,128 homes in the evacuation zone. The group had been working on clearing big brush in the area for the past six months, a move that he credits for saving homes.

The fire "got up to the perimeter of the fencing, but it didn't get into the properties this year," Stramat said. "We're very happy."

Porter Ranch resident Sherry Johnston, who evacuated to the Granada Hills Recreation Center in the early morning with five family members and several pets, said it was clear the fire was

bad.

"All we had to do is walk on the front yard and see the fire," she said. Shortly after that, she said they got a call telling them to get out.

"The guard gate called and then they were going door-to-door by the time we left," she said.



Paul Moriak, who fled his home in Porter Ranch as the Saddleridge Fire closed in, at the Granada Hills Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 11, 2019. (Emily Elena Dugdale/LAist)

Paul Moriak of Porter Ranch said once it was clear how serious the fire threat was, he wasted no time.

"One of my friends at work, [during] the last set of fires, last year actually, he was the one person in all of this west area that lost family," said Moriak, his voice breaking with emotion. "His mother and his brother. I don't know what happened, they just lost direction and ended up on a dead end street. All I'm thinking about is I want to get the boys out of there. I don't really give a damn about the house."

## POWER AND GAS

SoCalGas officials said personnel at their gas storage facility at Aliso Canyon had been evacuated by fire authorities. In an email responding to questions, they said multiple fire engines and firefighters from the city and county were fighting the fire "in and around the Aliso Canyon facility."

They said they were unaware of any damage to the facility at this time and added that they maintain "a detailed and systematic brush clearing program around our facilities to minimize the chances of a brush fire affecting storage wellheads."

The facility was the site of the [largest sustained gas leak in U.S. history](#) in 2015, putting more than 100,000 metric tons of methane and other chemicals into the air.

Meanwhile, L.A. Department of Water and Power officials said they acted to mitigate risk.

Our grid operators have shut off power flow along major transmission lines in vicinity of the [#SaddleridgeFire](#) in [#Sylmar](#) to assist firefighting ops. No outages as result of tx lines out. Power is being rerouted into [@LACity](#) using other paths away from affected area.

NFD [@LAFD](#)

— LADWP (@LADWP) [October 11, 2019](#)

As of 12 p.m., Southern California Edison said it had shut off power for 20,664 customers across all five counties in its coverage area: Kern, L.A., Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. As many as 110,000 more residents faced the possibility of a shutoff, according to spokesperson Mary Ann Milbourn.

## ROAD CLOSURES

Several freeways and connections in the north Valley, including major routes to and from the Santa Clarita Valley, were closed.

When was the last time you saw the 118 freeway like this? This means surrounding streets and freeways are heavily congested. If possible stay home and off the roadways.

Please evacuate if asked to do so. [#SaddleridgeFire pic.twitter.com/mfibOwdMFI](#)

— LASD Lost Hills Stn. (@LHSLASD) [October 11, 2019](#)

Closed, per Caltrans:

- SB 14 at Newhall Ave (14 expected to reopen but a slow lane will remain closed)
- 210 Freeway between the 5 and 118 freeways

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

Los Angeles Unified School officials said fire danger and poor air quality led to the [decision to close](#) more than 35 schools on Friday (this list has been growing throughout the morning and may be updated):

- Bert Corona Charter School
- Bert Corona High School
- Birmingham Community Charter High School
- Castlebay Lane Charter
- Danube Avenue Elementary
- Discovery Charter Preparatory School #2
- El Camino Real Charter High School
- El Oro Way Charter for Enriched Studies
- Fenton Avenue Elementary Charter School
- Fenton Avenue Primary Center
- Fenton Charter Leadership Academy
- Fenton STEM Academy Elementary Center
- Frost Middle School
- Granada Hills Charter High School
- Haskell Elementary STEAM Magnet
- High Tech Los Angeles Middle School
- Ingenium Schools (all locations)
- Ivy Academia Charter School
- James Jordan Middle School
- Jane Addams Continuation High School
- John F. Kennedy High School
- Knollwood Preparatory Academy

- Magnolia Public Schools 1,2,5,7
- Montague Charter Academy
- New Academy Canoga Park
- North Valley Military Institute
- Our Community Charter School
- Porter Ranch Community School
- PUC Valley Schools (all locations)
- Rinaldi Adult School
- Valley Charter Elementary School
- Valley Charter Middle School
- Valley International Preparatory High School
- Valor Academy Charter Schools (all locations)
- Van Gogh Charter
- Vaughn Next Century Learning Center
- Village Charter Academy
- West Valley Occupational Center

LAUSD officials said a minimum-day schedule is in place for "all schools in Local District Northwest and Northeast" due to poor air quality.

The district also said it has canceled all planned after-school activities in the San Fernando Valley.

#### **AIR QUALITY**

Several smoke advisories were in effect Friday across Los Angeles and Riverside counties.

Anyone who smells smoke was advised by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to limit their exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoid physical activity.

We've got more on the air quality and [how you can stay safe here](#).

And you can [see AQMD's current air quality map here](#).

#### **HOW WE'RE REPORTING ON THIS**

Reporters [Emily Elena Dugdale](#) and [Sharon McNary](#) have been covering the story on the ground near the scene of the fire, along with photojournalist Chava Sanchez. Reporter [Jacob Margolis](#) reported from the command center at Hansen Dam. Reporter [Josie Huang](#) and our KPCC newscast producers have been making calls. Digital producers Ryan Fonseca, Lisa Brenner and Brian Frank have been keeping this story updated.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For the latest information straight from local emergency officials, check the following websites and social media accounts:

- [LA Fire Department](#)
- [Los Angeles Police Department](#)
- [LAFD incident page](#)

#### **FIRE RESOURCES**

- [Every Day Is Fire Season. Here's How Angelenos Can Prepare Right Now](#)
- [How To Find Out About Fire Evacuations In Your Area](#)
- [How To Keep Yourself Safe From Wildfire Smoke](#)
- [The Air Is Brown — Should I Wear A Mask?](#)
- [This Is Why Fire Officials Don't Want You To Stay And Defend Your Home](#)
- [What To Do — And Not Do — When You Get Home After A Wildfire](#)
- [How To Avoid Getting Towed During LA's Red Flag Parking Restrictions](#)

**UPDATES:** *This article was updated frequently throughout the day and was originally published at 6:39 a.m.*

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?**

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**Office of Environmental Health and Safety**

**TO:** Local District Superintendents  
Local Districts

**DATE:** October 11, 2019

**FROM:** Carlos A. Torres, Director  
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

**SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY & SMOKE ADVISORY FOR 10/11/19**

Smoke from the Saddleridge brush fire may impact air quality for Los Angeles Unified school communities. The brush fire began last night in Sylmar and is currently affecting areas of Granada Hills, Chatsworth, and Porter Ranch. Individuals should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion in areas where smoke can be smelled, or ash is present. Children, older adults and people with respiratory or heart disease should remain indoors with windows and doors closed in these areas.

The Office of Environment Health and Safety (OEHS) will continue to monitor air quality and fire conditions and provide updates as necessary. For more information on ash from wildfires, refer to the Office of Environmental Health & Safety's [Safety Alert 03-13, Responding to Wildfire Ash in Schools](#).

Please share this information with schools and offices. If you should have any questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (213) 241-3199.

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