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City Worker Quietly Helps Canyon Lake Recover from the Rains of 2010

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CANYON LAKE, CA – The torrential rains of January and the flooding have abated, but the City of Canyon Lake continues to deal with the disaster.

Tenacious as they were three months ago in the downpour, city employees today continue to make sure Canyon Lake gets what it deserves from the state and federal government to assist with the recovery.

Leading the way quietly is Nancy Greenhalgh (pronounced green-all), an accounting specialist with the city who handles accounts receivable and payable along with payroll.

She helped to document both in words and photos what occurred during the storm and how much time and money was spent by the city and other agencies to keep Canyon Lake residents safe and dry.

Greenhalgh, who is the city's longest tenured employee, recently met with representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to figure out how the city can be reimbursed. The meeting started a 60 day clock for city to file a claim for reimbursements.

"We should have no problem meeting the 60-day deadline," said Greenhalgh, as she paged through a 2-inch thick binder that documents the city's expenses. "The sooner this gets done, the sooner we get the grant funds."

She estimated that Canyon Lake could receive as much as \$10,000 in reimbursements.

The City of Canyon Lake Emergency Preparedness Committee (CLEPC) volunteers logged over 152 hours of service to the city. The CLEPC assisted residents at Station 60 who needed sand bags and they also staffed the city's Emergency Operation Center, at City Hall, during the emergency. As a result of the

north causeway and Railroad Canyon Road at Salt Creek being closed, the city was divided into three sections.

Not only did Nancy professionally represent the city, she tactfully described the difference between the Property Owners Association (private area) and city area, said Lori Moss, city manager. When the FEMA officials said they might not be able to reimburse any of the activities within the gated community she tried to convince them otherwise.

Greenhalgh explained that even though the POA area was private, the fire station is public and the crew that assisted on the west end of the community during the flooding also serviced the public area right outside the north gate.

“I know that this is all part of the job, but Nancy hung in there,” said Moss. “Her work is just another reminder that recovery from an emergency takes months, sometime years after the actual disaster.”

Greenhalgh, who worked in the accounts receivable department for Sperry Univac in Orange County before moving to Canyon Lake 20 years ago, enjoys ballroom dancing and camping with friends in her 35-foot recreational vehicle.

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