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District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley joins other County officials in expressing her grief, as well as her commitment to support the search and rescue efforts of Santa Barbara County's first responders. "What has befallen our County is almost incomprehensible and for those first responders seeking to search for and rescue victims, it is almost unspeakable" DA Dudley stated. "Therefore, I ask the People of Santa Barbara County to join me in supporting the flood victims and their loved ones, as well as those who continue the herculean effort of searching for other members of our community."

DA Dudley went on to state, "Those few who encumber the continuing rescue efforts by unnecessarily entering the affected areas will be cited for violating PC Section 409.5 and will face a maximum of six months in County jail and a fine of \$1,000. As a reminder to our community, the affected areas as designated by the Sheriff's Office include the area west of Sheffield Drive/East Valley Road/Ladera Lane, east of Olive Mill/Hot Springs Road, north of the ocean, and south of the U.S. Forest Service boundary. Those areas are not only active search areas, but also remain dangerous. Therefore, unauthorized persons who enter those areas will not only interfere with critical and time-urgent search and rescue efforts, but may also become victims themselves."

DA Dudley added, "Our community has suffered greatly, but because of who we are we have come together in unimaginable ways. We must continue to support each other and embrace the extraordinary efforts of all our first responders."

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