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**PRESS RELEASE** 

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## MANHATTAN BEACH RESPONDS TO TROPICAL STORM HILARY City staff deployed across Manhattan Beach to Assist Community

**Manhattan Beach, CA (August 21, 2023) –** Tropical Storm Hilary reached Southern California on Saturday evening, and by Sunday morning the rain began in Manhattan Beach. On August 20, 2023 at 8:00 AM, the City's Emergency Operation Center was activated to monitor the storm, and staff mobilized resources to respond to the needs of the community.

"City staff worked all night on Saturday preparing for the storm and continued through Sunday night to quickly repair the City's streets, address flooding, and keep our community safe," said Mayor Richard Montgomery. "Public Works staff worked around the clock to provide thousands of free sandbags to our residents and businesses. I'm proud of our City's response, working hand-in-hand with our local partners to ensure the health and safety of Manhattan Beach. We are also grateful that the Manhattan Beach Open ended without incident and we were able to crown our winners."

The emergency response teams in our Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments remained on-site throughout the night and continued to respond to calls for the duration of the storm. The City has observed some road closures, flooding, and downed trees due to the rain, however, the Fire Department and Public Works staff responded quickly and repaired the roads where possible, ensuring the safety of the City's streets with few interruptions.

Some residents in Manhattan Beach have lost power temporarily. To report the outage and receive updates, you may contact Southern California Edison at 1-800-611-1911.

There is no anticipated interruption to scheduled trash service.

Following the 5.1 magnitude earthquake in Ventura, the Manhattan Beach Fire Department reported no damage or injuries in the City. This is a reminder that earthquakes can happen at any time. Please take it as a reminder to be <u>prepared</u>.