



MENDOCINO COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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***U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DECLARES
MENDOCINO COUNTY A DISASTER AREA.***

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Chief Executive Officer Al Beltrami is notifying the small business community that the U.S. Small Business Administration has declared the primary county of Tehama and contiguous counties of Butte, Glenn, Mendocino, Plumas, Shasta, and Trinity a disaster area. This declaration is a result of an August 9, 2007, USDA disaster designation due to agricultural losses caused by drought that occurred November 1, 2006, through April 10, 2007.

Small, non-farm businesses and small agricultural cooperatives, which include small businesses that do business directly with the growers, such as truckers and suppliers of agricultural equipment or services, may be eligible for Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The deadline to submit an application for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan is April 9, 2008. For further information, contact SBA at 1-800-659-2955, or visit SBA's website at: www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-877-8339.