Sent on behalf of Superintendent Duardo:

LACOE family,

The safety of our staff is always our top priority, and because the restoration of power is still uncertain during this outage, employees at LACOE’s EC, ECW and ECE are dismissed effective at 2 PM today. Thank you for exercising caution in your work areas and watching out for each other today.

Please remember to check your email tonight for an update at 10 PM to confirm that power has been restored and LACOE will be operating as usual on Tuesday.

In addition, please remember to take extra precautions during this time of extreme temperatures. The following is guidance from Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, Interim Health Officer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:
“When temperatures are high, even a few hours of exertion may cause severe dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Others who are frail or have chronic health conditions may develop serious health problems leading to death if they are exposed to high temperatures over several days. It is critically important to never leave children, elderly people, or pets unattended in homes with no air conditioning and particularly in vehicles, even if the windows are ‘cracked’ or open, as temperatures inside can quickly rise to life-threatening levels. If you have an elderly or infirm neighbor without air conditioning, make sure that they get to a cooling center or other air conditioned space between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.”

Again, please take care during this time.
Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent