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### SDBJ Poll

Should Southern California receive less water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to preserve threatened fish like the Delta smelt?

- Yes.
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## 2-1-1: A Resource for Nonemergency Questions

While the 9-1-1 system is reserved for emergencies, there are two other numbers which can be helpful during the crisis involving the firestorms.

In times of crisis or disaster, San Diego County residents may call 2-1-1 for information about shelter locations, road closures, relief and recovery resources, donations or volunteering.

Currently the call center does not have information on when or how people who have been evacuated can return to their homes or to addresses that have been affected.

The organization also reported Oct. 23 that its Web site had experienced problems.

The 2-1-1 call center is staffed 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Hold times were running up to five minutes during the recent emergencies, and callers are asked to be patient.

Traffic information is available by calling 5-1-1 or by accessing the Web site, [www.511sd.com](http://www.511sd.com).

The 5-1-1 system is maintained by Sandag and area transportation organizations.

— Brad Graves

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### WEEKLY EDITION

Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2007



#### Nature Scorches Economy

Business in San Diego County came to a crawl during the devastating fires that started burning up vast areas of the region on Oct. 21.

#### Half of Region's Offices Affected By Fires, Says Top Chamber Executive

The worst wildfires in San Diego's history turned parts of the county into a living hell and other parts into virtual ghost towns for most of last week as many employees opted to stay away from their jobs.

#### Smaller Builders to Benefit as Insurers Settle With Displaced Homeowners

It's hard to remain optimistic or see any positive aspect in the fires that have ravaged San Diego County. Yet they may spur the economy. "Through the perverse world of economic accounting, sometimes national disasters turn out positive for the economy in the sense that you have to spend money to rebuild," said USD economist Alan Gin.

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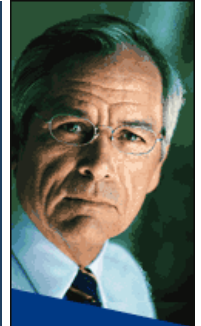
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