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TV Districts Go Digital

LUCERNE VALLEY – County Service Area 29 will begin transition to digital TV broadcasts by making digital channels available by July 1, for District residents of the Lucerne Valley area.

The District is in the process of upgrading equipment to convert to digital broadcasts as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As a first step, three analog channels (41 KCAL, 43 KCET, and 48 KABC) will be taken off the air and three corresponding new digital channels will be activated (41, 43, and 48). The three channel digital system will provide station programming for 7 stations (41-1 KCBS, 41-2 KNBC, 41-3 KCET, 43-1 KCAL, 43-2 KABC, 43-3 KTTV, and 48 KCOP). District residents who want to receive over the air digital channels must have an aerial antenna and either a converter box (available from retail electronics stores) or digital-ready television. A single digital channel can deliver multiple program streams. To be sure of getting all the channels available, digital TV viewers after July 1 should run a fresh channel scan on their digital television or converter box.

Four of the CSA 29 analog TV channels (15 KCBS, 17 KCOP, 19 KNBS, and 50 KTTV) will remain available as in the past, but only for a limited time and not past the FCC low power analog systems conversion deadline of September 15, 2015.

Residents who receive television signals via satellite or cable services are not impacted by these changes. Residents of CSA 29 can call (760) 248-7048 to have questions answered and obtain periodic updates on digital TV conversion efforts in the Lucerne Valley area.