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Private Burial at Sea to be Held for Metro's Ron Dupuis

(Nov. 9, 2007) A private burial at sea will be conducted for Ron Dupuis, director of Contract Administration, who died Thursday during convalescence following a heart attack last May. A public "celebration of life" reception will be held at a later date.

Dupuis, 53, experienced cardiac arrest aboard his boat, May 19, while it lay at anchor in Avalon Harbor at Santa Catalina Island. He was evacuated to St. Mary's Medical Center in Long beach where he was revived, but was found to have suffered extensive brain trauma.

After several months of hospital care and physical therapy, he was transferred to a brain trauma center near his home in Tustin. During the wildfires, he was transferred again to a hospice care home where he died.

Dupuis joined Metro in July 2000 as director of Purchasing. Previously he worked for transit agencies in San Diego and Orange County where he held a variety of positions, starting out as a bus mechanic.

Along the way, Dupuis earned a bachelor's degree from Western University and a law degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He was an avid reader, loved the outdoors and was an accomplished snow skier and sailor. At every opportunity, he indulged his passion for sailing.

He is survived by his wife, Shohreh, and daughter, Sonnyjoy. For information about the "celebration of life" reception, contact Don Dwyer at dwyerd@metro.net.



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