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Lovingood: Prepare now for El Nino

With El Nino storms expected this fall and winter, San Bernardino County has rolled out a series of web links to help residents prepare, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Robert A. Lovingood announced.

“County departments and the Flood Area Safety Taskforce are preparing to keep the public safe,” Lovingood said. “Anywhere it can rain, it can flood. So as individuals, we all need to take personal responsibility for preparing our families and homes.”

The “Prepare for El Nino” link is at www.sbcounty.gov/bosd1/. The site also includes information on CHP traffic incident information, getting sandbags, road closures, local rainfall data and weather alerts. It also includes a sign up link for TENS, the county’s Telephone Emergency Notification System. Lovingood will post El Nino updates and tips on his Facebook page, www.facebook.com/robert.lovingood.7.

Lovingood’s office has initiated meetings to discuss flood preparations with local stakeholders. The County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services is conducting training exercises and preparedness drills and is gearing up to conduct public meetings and meetings between public safety agencies.

Prior to the storm season each year, County Public Works and the County Flood Control District ensures the County’s flood control facilities and roadway culverts are clean and ready to receive storm flows. Flood preparation information has been distributed in high flood risk areas.

When the National Weather Service issues a flood warning, San Bernardino County Fire monitors and patrols high-risk flood areas, including areas of the High Desert.

Things you can do now to prepare:

- Clear debris from roof gutters, downspouts. Check nearby storm drains.
- Have a supply of sandbags, available at home improvement stores and at most fire stations, although there may be limits.
- Check for roof leaks.
- Consider flood insurance.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit.
- For more information, click on

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/Uploads/SBCFire/content/pdf/ReadySetGoFloods.pdf>

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