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## County advises residents to prepare for storms

The National Weather Service and other forecasting agencies are predicting rain, heavy at times, from Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Therefore the county is warning residents in and below areas recently burned by wildfires to be aware of and prepare for the possibility of flooding. Other low-lying areas near and adjacent to watercourses may experience localized flooding.

County public safety officials and crews will be monitoring weather conditions around the clock for the duration of the storms and will be poised with equipment should it be needed to clear roadways. The Department of Public Works has prepositioned electronic message boards in selected areas to notify residents of the possibility of flooding and debris flows.

Residents are advised to stay clear of flood control debris basins and channels. Persons can be swept away by a surge of water runoff, mudflow, or debris flow. These areas are also dangerous when it is not raining as persons may become trapped in mud and debris by venturing onto what may appear to be stable soil. Do not drive where water is over the road as floodwaters can rise rapidly and sweep a car and its occupants away.

The public can obtain information on storm conditions by accessing the San Diego National Weather Service (NWS) website at <u>http://www.weather.gov/sandiego</u>. Information on sandbags and other disaster preparedness measures is accessible through the county web page at <u>www.sbcounty.gov/floodinfo</u> by clicking on "Sandbag Information" and "Flood Control Home". Recorded information is available by calling (909) 355-8800.

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