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County advises residents to prepare for storm

The National Weather Service and other forecasting agencies are predicting rain, heavy at times, for Wednesday, October 14th. 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 the areas of the Sheep, Oak Glen, Pendleton, Butler II, Old Fire and Grass Valley fire areas to notify residents of the possibility of flooding and debris flows.

In the Sheep fire area Lone Pine Canyon Road is closed through early November by the US Forest Service. Swarthout Canyon Road is closed at this time while the railroad is working in this area.

In the Pendleton/Oak Glen fire areas the City of Yucaipa has been working with a contractor to place K-rail barriers in areas that may be prone to flooding.

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 <http://www.weather.gov/sandiego>. Information on sandbags and other disaster preparedness measures is accessible through the county web page at www.sbcounty.gov/floodinfo by clicking on "Sandbag Information" and "Flood Control Home". Recorded information is available by calling (909) 355-8800.