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County issues flood warning for recently burned areas

The County warns residents in and below areas recently burned by wildfires to be aware of and prepare for the possibility of flash floods.

Residents are urged to be aware of their surroundings and approaching weather systems. They are also urged to review and update their emergency and evacuation plans, and if roads leading away from their property are in danger of being washed out, to identify the nearest high ground. Heavy thunderstorms can develop quickly and County crews may not have time to organize a formal door-to-door evacuation.

Residents are advised to stay clear of flood control debris basins and channels. Persons can be swept away by a surge of water run off, 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 San Diego National Weather Service is predicting a chance of measurable precipitation for tomorrow through Sunday in San Bernardino County. County Public Works staff will monitor conditions during the rain event and take action as appropriate.

Additional information can be obtained by accessing the San Diego National Weather Service website at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sqx> or flood information listed on the County Public Works web page at www.sbcounty.gov.