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California Flood Preparedness

Every region of California faces the risk of catastrophic flooding. Regardless of whether the looming El Niño will bring heavy precipitation and coastal storm surges or provide relief to our ongoing drought, extreme weather events are the reality of California. We must prepare for these extremes by using water carefully while working to protect property and lives against flood.

Since 1992, every single county in California has been declared a federal disaster area at least once as a result of a flood event. The effects of flooding ripple through the economy, as critical interstate highways, airports, gas and electric utilities, water supply, hospitals and even police and fire stations may be impacted.

During California Flood Preparedness Week, local, state and federal agencies work together to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to prepare their homes and families for a flood, and plan for recovery. I encourage all Californians to learn more about the flood threats in California and take steps to guard their lives and property against flood threats, prepare a family evacuation plan, and purchase flood insurance as appropriate.

Sincerely,


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