

# Dear Property Owner:

California has many different terrains and climates, and given the right conditions, flooding can happen anytime and anywhere—even during one of the most severe droughts in the region’s history. Your property is located behind a State-Federal project levee (even if you cannot see the levee). According to our records, your property located at \_\_\_\_\_ may be exposed to potential flood risk from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Your property may also be at risk for flooding from other sources not identified in this notice, such as creeks and local storm drains. Visit [water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk) and enter your property address to find the areas subject to flooding if State-Federal project levees should fail and to get information about State-Federal levees in your area.



## Flood Risk Notification Program

California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Be Aware** of your flood risk  
and **Be Prepared**

Living with Levees

Know your

# FLOOD RISK

Flood Risk Notice **2015**



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# Consider these facts:

- › **Levees** may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding.
- › **Even if a levee** meets the FEMA standard of 100-year flood protection, there is at least a 1-in-4 chance of a larger flood occurring within any 30-year period (the life of a typical home mortgage).
- › **Flood damage** is not covered by most standard insurance policies for homeowners, renters, and businesses.
- › **The State recommends** that you obtain flood insurance for your property. Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at **1-888-435-6637**, or visit **water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk**



## Remember this simple 3-step plan

### PREPARE

**Prepare** an emergency kit that includes: flashlights, radio, batteries, candles, matches, first-aid kit and a list and supply of all medications, blankets, water, food, etc.

**Keep** important documents and valuable possessions on an upper level of the structure or as high as possible.

**Make** a list of items to take with you and have a plan for your pets.

**Know** how to safely shut off your utilities.

**Listen** for emergency instructions from authorities.

**Establish** a family meeting place.



### PREVENT

**Keep** storm drains, gutters and ditches clear.

**Check** with your local flood control agency to see if a permit is required if you plan to build on, fill, alter or re-grade your property.

**Never** excavate, landscape, modify or build anything on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, State and federal agencies.



### PROTECT

**Never** drive through flooded streets or roads; more people are trapped and die in their vehicles than anywhere else during floods.

**Never** try to escape rising floodwater by going into the attic unless you have roof access or no other safe options.

**Consider** buying flood insurance. It is a wise investment.



Get a list of your local emergency agency contacts and more local, state and federal information at

# [water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk)

[myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov](mailto:myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov) 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Please share this important notice with your tenants. Have it translated if necessary.

**ESTA NOTIFICACIÓN CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE.**

Por favor compártala con sus inquilinos. Tradúzcala si es necesario.

Para preguntas llame al: 1.877.769.7475 o visite:

[water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk).

