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## Residents Advised to be Prepared for Continued Flooding

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has advised the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) that major water releases from the Oroville reservoir could cause serious flooding along the Feather and upper Sacramento Rivers.

Based on the DWR reports, officials in Sutter, Yuba, and Butte counties are advising individuals in areas at risk for flooding to prepare for possible evacuation and listen for directions from local emergency officials.

Persons in other areas of the Sacramento River Basin should realize that in coming days, they too may need to prepare for flooding.

"The current alarms and high water levels represent a regional threat that will be with us for days," said OES Deputy Director Bruce Ward. "Although we are meeting local government requests for emergency assistance, it is up to each individual to be prepared for continued flooding.

To further help residents along the Feather River to be prepared for potential flooding, OES offers the following 10 suggestions:

1. Tune to a local radio station for emergency information.
2. Store supplies, including a first aid kit and medication necessary by members of your family.  
**Keep your car fueled.**
3. If advised to evacuate, follow local officials' directions and move to a safe area before access is

cut off by flood water.

4. Know safe routes from home or office to high safe ground.
5. Do not try to cross running water that is above your knees.
6. Do not try to drive over a flooded road.
7. If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
8. Do not "sightsee" in flooded areas.
9. Leave a note in your home advising family and friends of your whereabouts.
10. Before leaving, turn off electricity, gas and water.

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