



Media Advisory

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State, Local Water Officials and Emergency Managers to Issue Flood Risk Warning during Drought, Will Call on Californians To Prepare for Storms and Flooding

What: State and local leaders discuss preparations for possible extreme weather and what citizens should do to “Flood Prepare California.”

When: Monday, October 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Jerome C. Daniel Overlook (Hollywood Bowl Overlook)
7036 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles

Who: (Scheduled to Attend)

Matt Petersen, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles

Bill Croyle, Deputy Director for Statewide Emergency Preparedness and Security, California Department of Water Resources

Karen Baker, Chief Service Officer, State of California

Mona Bontty, Southern Regional Administrator, Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, State of California

Los Angeles County Sheriff or Representative

Carrie Bowen, District Director, Caltrans District 7, State of California

Uniformed Volunteer Emergency Response Teams – Volunteers on Patrol, Community Emergency Response Teams, Mountain Search and Rescue, Disaster Communications Service

Los Angeles County Neighborhood Watch leaders

Forecasted El Niño conditions indicate likely heavy downpours throughout California in the coming weeks. Although these storms will not end our current historic drought and continued conservation is needed, Californians may be under increased risk for

catastrophic flooding. The Southland is of particular concern due to forecasted heavy, sustained downpours leading to flash flooding, mudslides and debris flows.

California Volunteers, as State lead agency for volunteer efforts in disaster preparedness, and the California Department of Water Resources are partnering with local emergency managers and Neighborhood Watch groups. The goal is to encourage residents across the state to come together in neighborhood groups to learn and understand their particular risk of flood even during drought, to prepare a home flood preparedness kit, to discuss evacuation options and to be familiar with local and State resources to manage their risk.

For more information on the State's flood-preparedness effort, visit the [Flood Prepare California website](#). For information on the historic drought, visit drought.ca.gov. For information on water conservation, visit Save Our Water's page in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

