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COUNTY UPDATES EL NIÑO RESOURCES PAGE

With National Preparedness Month underway and with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts calling for a potentially strong El Niño this fall and winter, the County of Santa Cruz has launched an updated El Niño resource page to help residents prepare for winter weather while staying informed as conditions develop.

Strong El Niño conditions can increase the likelihood of severe weather impacts. In California, El Niño can increase the potential for heavy rain, flooding, landslides, large waves and coastal erosion. However, its effects vary considerably from one event to another, and the relationship between El Niño and increased rainfall is less consistent in Central and Northern California than in Southern California.

The County's updated El Niño page provides information on what residents can do before, during and after severe weather including:

- Household and property preparedness
- CruzAware emergency alerts and evacuation zones
- Sand and sandbag locations
- Drainage, erosion and private-road preparation
- Where to find information on County road closures, Caltrans highway conditions and power outages
- Pet and large-animal evacuation resources
- Flood cleanup, mold and private wells information
- Tips on documenting storm damage and disaster assistance

Where available, resources are provided in both English and Spanish. Residents do not need to wait for a severe-weather forecast to prepare. Clearing gutters and drainage systems, putting together a family emergency kit, signing up for CruzAware and knowing evacuation routes are steps that can be taken well before a storm arrives.

Visit the site at <https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/living/elnino.aspx>.

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