



## Proclaiming

October 19-26, 2024

### California Flood Preparedness Week in Ventura County

**"Be Aware • Be Prepared • Take Action"**

**Whereas,** Ventura County recognizes the significant public safety threat flooding poses to the population, residential, business, and agricultural properties, critical community facilities and infrastructures, and the economy of Ventura County; and

**Whereas,** Ventura County has endured multiple number of flood events including the historic floods of 1969, 1978, 1983, 1992, 2005, 2023 and 2024, that resulted in disruptions in normal life, damage to roads, bridges, levees and other community services, and loss of agricultural land due to erosion and sedimentation; and

**Whereas,** Ventura County is at particular risk of flooding from rivers and creeks, coastal wave run-up, shallow low-lying areas, and hillside alluvial fans; and

**Whereas,** in Ventura County, approximately 829,000 people, and roughly \$10 billion in buildings, infrastructure, and other assets are exposed to flood hazard risks; and

**Whereas,** during California Flood Preparedness Week, local, state, and federal agencies across California collaboratively work together to inform the public about the risks associated with flooding, to improve community resiliency to flood disasters through preparedness, and plan for recovery; and

**Whereas,** part of California Flood Preparedness activities conducted by Ventura County include "Storm Day 2024" a collaborative event involving local agencies that work together with the Ventura County Public Works Agency to test response and readiness to potential storm scenarios in coordination with the Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Services, all in preparation for severe storm, and fire-related flooding and debris flow; and

**Whereas,** California Flood Preparedness Week 2024 will be held statewide during the week of October 19-26, 2024, and the theme for 2024 will be **"Be Aware • Be Prepared • Take Action"**.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of October 19-26, 2024, as California Flood Preparedness Week, and expresses support for increased public awareness of flood threats, and encourages all county residents, businesses, and schools to take appropriate action to know their flood threat and prepare appropriately.

Presented on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

  
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