



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: October 3, 2023
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 20 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Kelly Hubbard, OEM Director (805) 681-5526
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SUBJECT: 2023/2024 Winter Storm Preparation

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: n/a

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file a report on County preparations for a possible strong storm season resulting from predicted El Niño conditions; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it is organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on County efforts to prepare for potentially strong winter storms resulting from predicted El Niño conditions.

Background:

Current global temperature models indicate a high likelihood of El Niño conditions in the coming months. El Niño conditions may lead to increased rainfall in the Central and Southern California regions. As the year progresses, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will gather additional information on the developing patterns and provide more refined modeling. The Office of Emergency Management, Public Works, and other departments have met to discuss the potential impacts of various scenarios that may result from a moderate or strong El Niño and what steps should be undertaken to prepare. This item presents the current state of County facilities following the historic

storms of the last winter, findings of various departmental working groups and actions under way to address preparation for the upcoming storm season.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: n/a

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Attachments: 23/24 Winter Storm Preparations PowerPoint