

Shelter for Homeless During El Nino

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Today

- 1) Receive report on status of sheltering homeless during El Nino
- 2) Consider allocating additional resources to meet critical community need

Homeless in SBC

1 455 homeless

Carp	18
Goleta/IV	99
Lompoc	116
SB	893
SM	324



Homeless in SBC



- Average age 43
- Oldest contact 83
- Average length of time homeless 5.5 years
- 200 homeless veterans (15% total surveyed)

Homeless in SBC

- 57% victims of violence/trauma
- 64% reported mental illness
- 28% reported physical disability

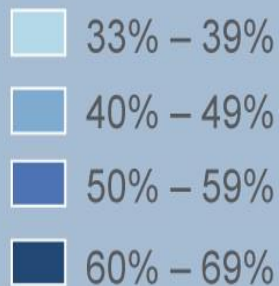


Very Strong El Niño Likely

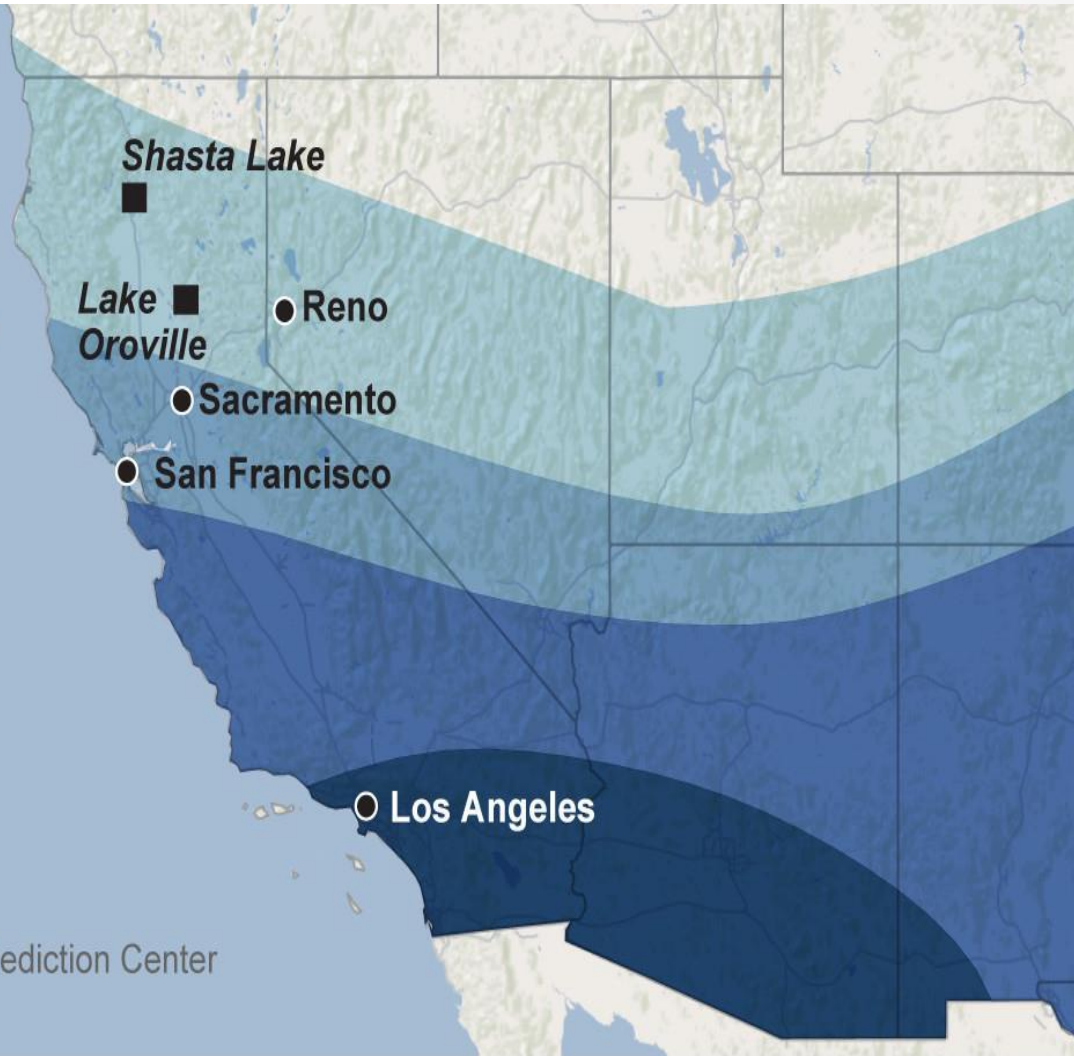
Potential rain

California stands to get above normal amounts of rain from January to March 2016 because of El Niño.

Chance of above normal precipitation



Sources: NOAA, Climate Prediction Center
@latimesgraphics



El Nino Already Impacting SBC



High Vulnerability

- Homeless are especially vulnerable during extreme weather
- Risk death, suffering due to illness and hypothermia



2 Key Deficits as Storm Season Approaches

- 1) Need to augment current Warming Center Contract – provide **night** shelter
- 2) Need for new program to provide temporary **day** shelter

Warming Centers

- Existing contract with HCD \$50,000
- Network of church congregations
- Provides night shelter
- “Operational season” Nov-Mar
- Activation:
 - 35 degrees or below and/or
 - 50% chance rain for 2 consecutive days

Warming Centers

- Activated 27 nights countywide YTD
- Same time last year only 13 nights
- Provided 1,200 shelter beds to 500 unduplicated individuals YTD
- Large increases in individuals seeking shelter during rain

Warming Centers

- Warming Centers anticipate needing to active more than normal this season
- **Requesting \$37,000** to support 15 additional night activations

Need for Day Shelter

- Warming Centers close at 6am, rain or shine
- Lack of day shelter options
- Homeless end up in the ER, jail, libraries or businesses



Day Shelter Program Proposal

- Temporary and intermittent use
- Open 6am – 6pm
- 2 Locations county wide
- 50-150 individuals per location
- Predict up to 35 day activations
- Activation season until end of April

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Day Shelter Program Proposal

- Basic shelter and meal
- Possible County homeless services
- Transportation
- Good Samaritan Shelter or Unitarian Society provide staff (All employees trained)
- **Up to \$91,000** total program cost

Total Package



Expand Warming Center (Night) Contract	\$37,000
Establish Temporary Day Shelter Program	\$91,000
Total	\$128,000

Conclusion

\$128,000 to be funded by release of contingency

Only released for service rendered

Up to authorized amount

HCD will report back on outcomes

Staff will approach cities to offset cost



Many Partners Contributed to This Report

C3H

Good Samaritan
Shelter

Unitarian Society

PATH

City of Santa Maria

City of Santa Barbara

Doctors without Walls

Salvation Army

Rescue Mission

New Beginnings

City of Lompoc



Recommended Actions

1. Receive and file a report
2. Authorize CSD Director to enter into agreements for **new temporary day shelter services**
- 3a. Increase appropriations of **\$37,000 for expanded Freedom Warming Center services** funded by release of Committed Contingency Fund Balance;
- 3b. Establish appropriations of **\$91,000 for new temporary day sheltering services** funded by release of Committed Contingency Fund Balance;
4. Exempt from the CEQA

