



Media Advisory

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Public Invited to Winter Storm Resource Fairs to Learn About Flood Readiness Along Coyote Creek—or Any Waterway

Hosted by the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, three Winter Storm Resource Fairs this month will provide residents and businesses with the opportunity to learn about the agencies' Joint Emergency Action Plan that is under development for severe storms and flooding, and to obtain resources on how to prepare for the possibility of flooding.

WHERE & WHEN:		
<p>Winter Storm Resource Fair Wednesday, October 18 6:00 - 9:00 PM Golden Wheel Mobile Home Park Community Room Golden Wheel Park Dr., San José</p> <p>Welcome by District Vice Chair Richard P. Santos City Councilmember Raul Peralez</p>	<p>Winter Storm Resource Fair Thursday, October 19 6:00 - 9:00 PM Franklin-McKinley School District Offices, Board Room 645 Wool Creek Dr., San José</p> <p>Welcome by City Councilmember Tam Nguyen District Board member Tony Estremera</p>	<p>Winter Storm Resource Fair Saturday, October 28 1:00 - 4:00 PM Martin Luther King Jr. Library 2nd Floor Community Room 150 E. San Fernando St., San José*</p> <p>Welcome by City Councilmember Raul Peralez District Board member Barbara Keegan</p>
<p>WHAT: The public is invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand – Flood Monitoring, Flood Watch, and Flood Warning -- what to do when you hear these words.• See – Locations of water level gauges along Coyote Creek, also found at http://gis.valleywater.org/SCVWDFloodWatch• Hear – How we will notify you of a possible flood.• Enroll & Take Home – Enroll in AlertSCC or download ReadySCC and take home an Emergency Starter Kit and flood preparation tips.• Learn – About the Joint Emergency Action Plan that the City and Water District are developing to manage and respond to flood emergencies on Coyote Creek and other creeks and rivers in San José.		

BACKGROUND: The City of San José and Santa Clara Valley Water District are working together on a **Joint Emergency Action Plan** to improve and enhance joint management and response to severe storms and the possibility of flooding on Coyote Creek and all creeks and rivers in San José. The action plan will be the focus of a special study session between the two agencies on November 3, 2017 and is subject to approval by both the San José City Council and Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors.

Additionally, both agencies have been coordinating on short term projects to reduce flood risk specifically on Coyote Creek, which flooded in February 2017 and impacted three communities: Rock Springs, Olinger/Brookwood Terrace, and the mobilehome parks along Coyote Creek. The three Winter Storm Resource Fairs are being held in locations in or near these neighborhoods, but any resident living near any of San José's creeks or rivers will find the fairs to be helpful in providing emergency and flood readiness tips and information.

About the City of San José - Known as the Capital of Silicon Valley, San José is the nation's tenth largest city and the largest city in Northern California with an ethnically diverse population of more than one million people. San José was founded in 1777, once served as the state capital of California, and now encompasses 180 square miles. Facts about San José can be found here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/780>. The City's website is www.sanjoseca.gov.

About the Santa Clara Valley Water District - The Santa Clara Valley Water District manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection and stewardship of streams on behalf of Santa Clara County's 1.8 million residents. The district effectively manages 10 dams and surface water reservoirs, three water treatment plants, an advanced recycled water purification center, a state-of-the-art water quality laboratory, nearly 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds and more than 275 miles of streams. We provide wholesale water and groundwater management services to local municipalities and private water retailers who deliver drinking water directly to homes and businesses in Santa Clara County. The District's website is www.valleywater.org.

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