



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Preparing for El Niño Together

Community Meeting, October 12, 2026

In Partnership With





Welcome



Tonight's Panel

- **Todd Trayer**
Carmel-by-the-Sea, Police Chief
- **Patrick Moore**
Chief of the Monterey Fire Department
- **Jeremy Howard**
PG&E, Regional Senior Manager
- **Yanni Demitri**
Carmel-by-the-Sea, Director of Public Works
- **Justin Ono**
Carmel-by-the-Sea, City Forester
- **Kelsey Scanlon**
County of Monterey, Director of Emergency Management



Tonight's Agenda

1

Panel Presentation

2

Note Card Q&A

3

Raffle



Administering Through El Niño



State Declaration of Emergency

- Declared by Governor Newsom on September 21, 2026
- Mobilizes state resources and streamlines procurement
- Stages sandbags, pumps and equipment, and readies the National Guard
- Fast-tracks permitting for flood and landslide preparation



Local Proclamation of Emergency

- Ratified proclamation at October 6th Council Meeting.
- Mirrors the State's proclamation
- Allows the City to move faster on storm preparation and emergency work
- Opens access to state and federal assistance



Taking Local Action

- Authorizing contracts with vendors
- Funding proactive and emergency work
- Coordinating City department planning and resources
- Responsible for official City communications



Administering Through El Niño



Mutual Aid

- Verifying agreements including Cal Fire
- Monterey Fire coordination for response and rescue
- Coordinating with surrounding cities and County of Monterey



State + Federal Help

- Coordinating requests through the County of Monterey to Cal OES
- Cal OES can seek additional federal support when needed
- State resources being staged now under the Emergency Proclamation



Agency Partners

- NOAA / NWS: forecasts and watches
- PG&E: outages and vegetation work
- County of Monterey: regional alerts and OES
- Cal Fire: Evacuations and wildfire
- CalTrans: Road Closures and updates



City Council Role

- Briefed on readiness and storm impacts
- Ratifies the local emergency declaration and reviews it regularly
- Approves emergency spending and mutual aid requests



Carmel-By-The-Sea



How the PD will collaborate, respond and coordinate, plus how you can prepare at home

Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department
Chief Todd Trayer



ONE CITY. ONE TEAM.



Police



Fire



Public Works



City Leadership



CERT + VIPS

Prepared together. Ready to adapt.



We Adapt as Conditions Change

Emergency Operations Center + Contingency Plans



01

MONITOR

Watch conditions



02

PREPARE

Stage people + equipment



03

RESPOND

Activate resources



04

PROTECT

Life safety first

Our internal storm matrix scales staffing, coordination and public safety actions as impacts grow.

The goal is not to predict every storm — it is to be ready to move early when conditions warrant.





We Need Your Help



Sign up for alerts

Get emergency notices on your phone



Prepare for 72 hours

Be ready to manage on your own



Know where to go

Charging and warming centers

Your 72-hour checklist



Water + food



Flashlights + batteries



Prescriptions filled



Phones + devices charged



Gas tank full / car charged



Talk with your family



Know how to open your garage door



Check on a neighbor

Prepared residents help the entire community respond better.





Key Takeaways

1

**We will be here
with additional
staffing**

2

**VIPS and CERT
teams are ready**

3

Be prepared

4

**Take care of
each other**

Questions?

Chief Todd Trayer

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Monterey Fire Department



Monterey Fire Department 2025-2026 Winter Weather IAP

OPERATIONAL PERIOD
December 15, 2025 0745
to
March 31, 2026 0745





WSSI: What to Expect at Each Level

WSSI Descriptor	General Description of Expected Storm Severity Impacts
None	No snow or ice forecast. No potential for ground blizzard conditions
Limited	Small accumulations of snow or ice forecast. Minimal impacts, if any expected. In general, society goes about their normal routine.
Minor	Roughly equated to NWS Advisory Level criteria. Minor disruptions, primarily to those who were not prepared. None to minimal recovery time needed
Moderate	Roughly equated to a NWS Warning Level criteria. Definite Impacts to those with little preparation. Perhaps a day or two of recovery time for snow and/or ice accumulation events.
Major	Significant impacts, even with preparation. Typically several days recovery time for snow and/or ice accumulation events.
Extreme	Historic. Widespread severe impacts. Many days to at least a week of recovery needed for snow and/or ice accumulation events.





Monterey Fire EOC



Preparing the Central Coast for Extreme Weather

Leading causes of winter storm outages:

- High Winds
- Saturated soils
- Falling trees and limbs

If you see a downed tree or tree branch:

- Look very closely for downed wires as they can sometimes be hard to see.

If you see a downed powerline:

- Assume the line is energized
- Stay away, keep kids, pets, and others away.
- Call 911 or 800-743-5002



Preparing the Central Coast for Extreme Weather



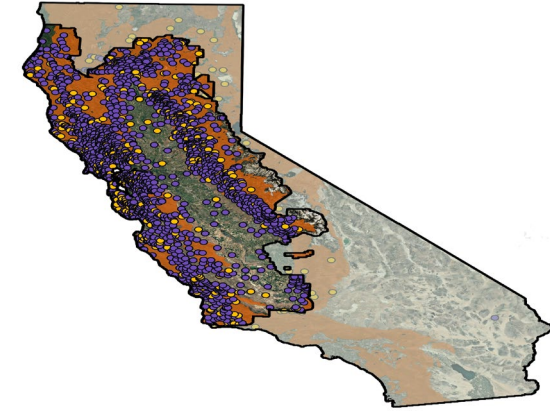
Strengthening the Grid

- 3,000+ maintenance jobs across the Central Coast
- Stronger poles and lines built to take high winds
- 700+ power poles replaced



Keeping Trees Clear of Powerlines

- 100,000 miles of lines inspected each year
- Inspections and trimming intensify before storms
- Satellites detect encroaching vegetation



Situational Awareness

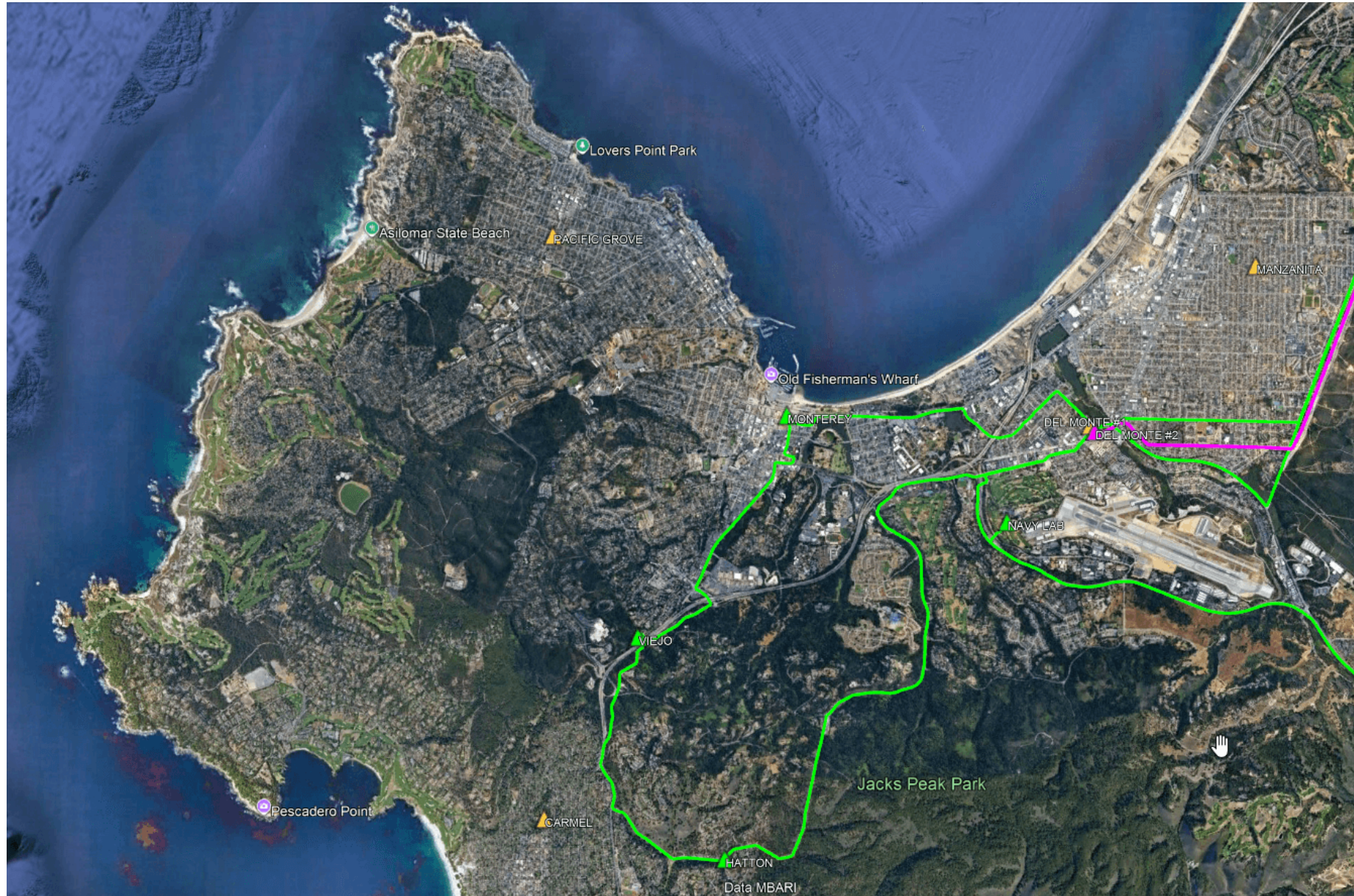
- 1,600 weather stations, 122 in the Central Coast
- Real-time data guides decisions as storms approach
- EOC and OEC activated and staffed on forecast data

Preparing for Storms

Before an Outage, PG&E:

- Monitors weather conditions and forecasts potential impacts before storms arrive.
- Utilizes forecasting to help identify areas that may experience the greatest impacts and determine how many crews, vehicles, materials and other resources may be needed.
- Pre-stage staff, equipment and materials closer to areas expected to be affected, as needed.
- Coordinates its emergency response across operational teams, emergency centers, public-safety partners and local agencies.

Monterey Peninsula – Electric Transmission Overview



Carmel-by-the-Sea - Electric Distribution Overview



Preparing and Staying Safe When Extreme Weather Hits

Staying informed and prepared helps keep you and your family safe through severe weather.

Before an Outage:

- ☐ Create an **emergency plan** and find **backup power options**
- ☐ **Update your contact information** with PG&E to **opt-in to receive alerts**
- ☐ Find out if you qualify for extra support through the **Medical Baseline Program**
- ☐ Apply for the **Disability Disaster Access and Resources** (seniors and residents with disabilities)



More information and preparedness tips are available at pge.com/outageprep.

During an Outage:

- ☐ View current outages and restoration times at pge.com/outages.
- ☐ Find local support by calling 211, texting 'Prepare' to 211-211 or visiting 211.org.



Outage Customer Communications

We will notify you if an outage occurs and provide you with updates during and after the restoration process through:

- Text messages
- NextDoor posts
- Emails
- Phone calls



Outage



Outage Update



Estimated Time of Restoration



Outage Update(s)/Restoration Time



Power restored



Outage Cause and Planned Improvements*

*If available at the time



For more information about an outage and restoration, visit pge.com/outages.

How Backup Power Can Help You

Now is the time to be thinking about backup power options for your home. Some options are less than \$1,000 and provide peace of mind when the power is out. Some rebates are available for customers who live in High Fire Risk Areas.



Generator

A device that acts as a standalone power source, providing you with power during an outage.



Battery

An energy storage system or portable battery that allows you to store energy from solar panels or from the electric grid.



Transfer Switch

During a power outage, this device allows you to quickly switch to generator power and it will automatically switch back to utility power once it's available.

Phone Numbers

Customer Service

1-800-743-5000

- Ask billing questions
- Explore CARE & FERA discount programs
- Enroll in Medical Baseline Program
- Sign up for outage notification *and more!*

Find local support by
Calling 211
 Texting **'Prepare'** to **211-211**
 or visiting **211.org**

Websites

PGE.COM

Billing & Assistance
 Financial Assistance
 Medical Baseline Program

Current Outage & Restoration Times

pge.com/outages

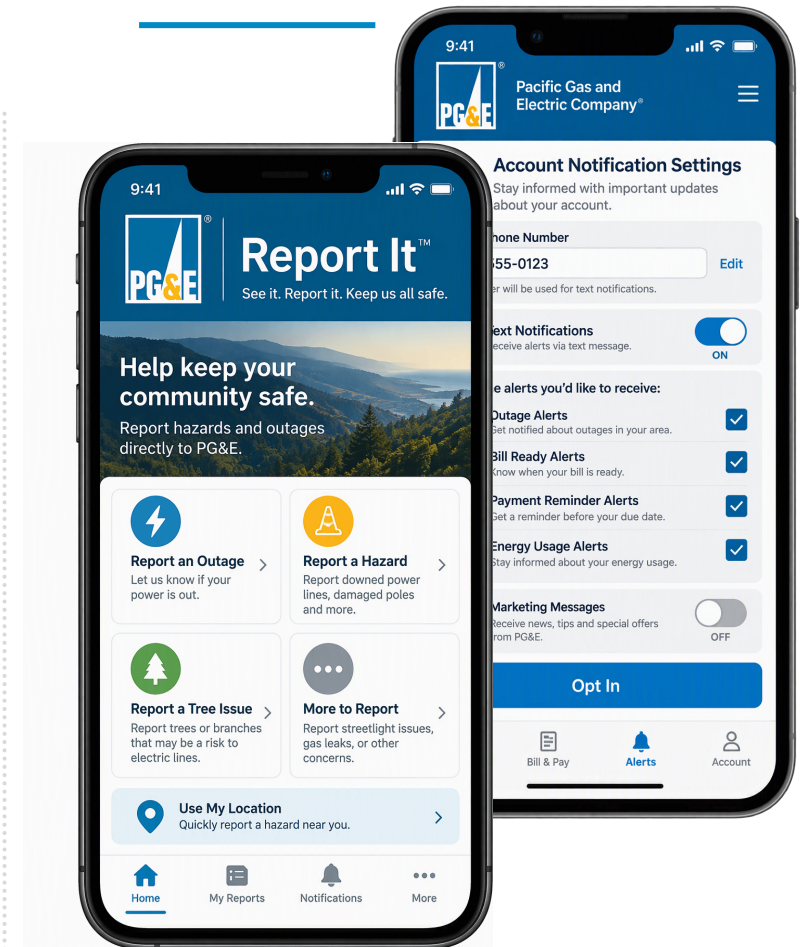
Potential Rebates

pge.com/backuppower

Disability Disaster Access & Resources

pge.com/ddar

Apps





Public Works Department

El Niño Storm Preparedness and Shoreline Projects

Yanni Demitri, Director of Public Works



Impacts of El Niño and Storms

How it could affect our community



Ocean

- Sea level can rise about 6–13 inches higher this season
- King tides and big swells
- Beach and bluff erosion



Rain + Wind

- Drainage flooding
- Falling trees and blocked roads
- Structure damage
- Power outages



Our Shoreline

- Scenic Road, beach stairways and outfalls are directly exposed
- Beach access may close during large swells



Shoreline Projects Update

ONGOING

Sand Redistribution

- Reinforcing revetments, sand ramp and bluffs
- Started in June
- Second in September
- A third before the storm if needed

COMPLETED

Santa Lucia / 13th Ave ADA Ramp Project

- Was completed in September 2026
- It included a new ADA ramp, handicapped parking and pathway upgrades

URGENT

Scenic Road Bluff Repair at 11th Ave

- Will be completed before the storms
- The design nearly done
- Riprap sourced at no cost from Monterey Regional Park District
- Construction early November under emergency proclamation



Planned and Ongoing City Operations

What we are doing right now



Drains + Streets

- Inspecting and flushing storm drains
- Targeting the "hotspots"
- Sandbag supply and refills



Trees + Power

- Tree trimming / removal
- 3 On-call contractors lined up
- Coordinating vegetation work with PG&E



Shoreline

- Berm and erosion review
- Riprap, bluff stabilization and sand redistribution



Facilities

- Generators and transfer switches at City sites were serviced
- City facilities preventative maintenance work performed



Planned and Ongoing City Operations

Sand Redistribution at the Beach





Planned and Ongoing City Operations





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Public Works Forestry





Planned and Ongoing City Operations

Public Works Facilities



City Hall Gutter Repair



Flanders Mansion Leaky Roof Repair



Planned and Ongoing City Operations

Public Works Facilities



Fire Station Generator Inspection



Children's Library Roof and Drainage Cleaning



Looking Out for Each Other



City Warming Centers

Opened in order, based on need and how long the outage lasts

1

Youth Center

Our first warming and charging location



2

Children's Library

Added if needed

Both have backup generators • Openings announced through alerts

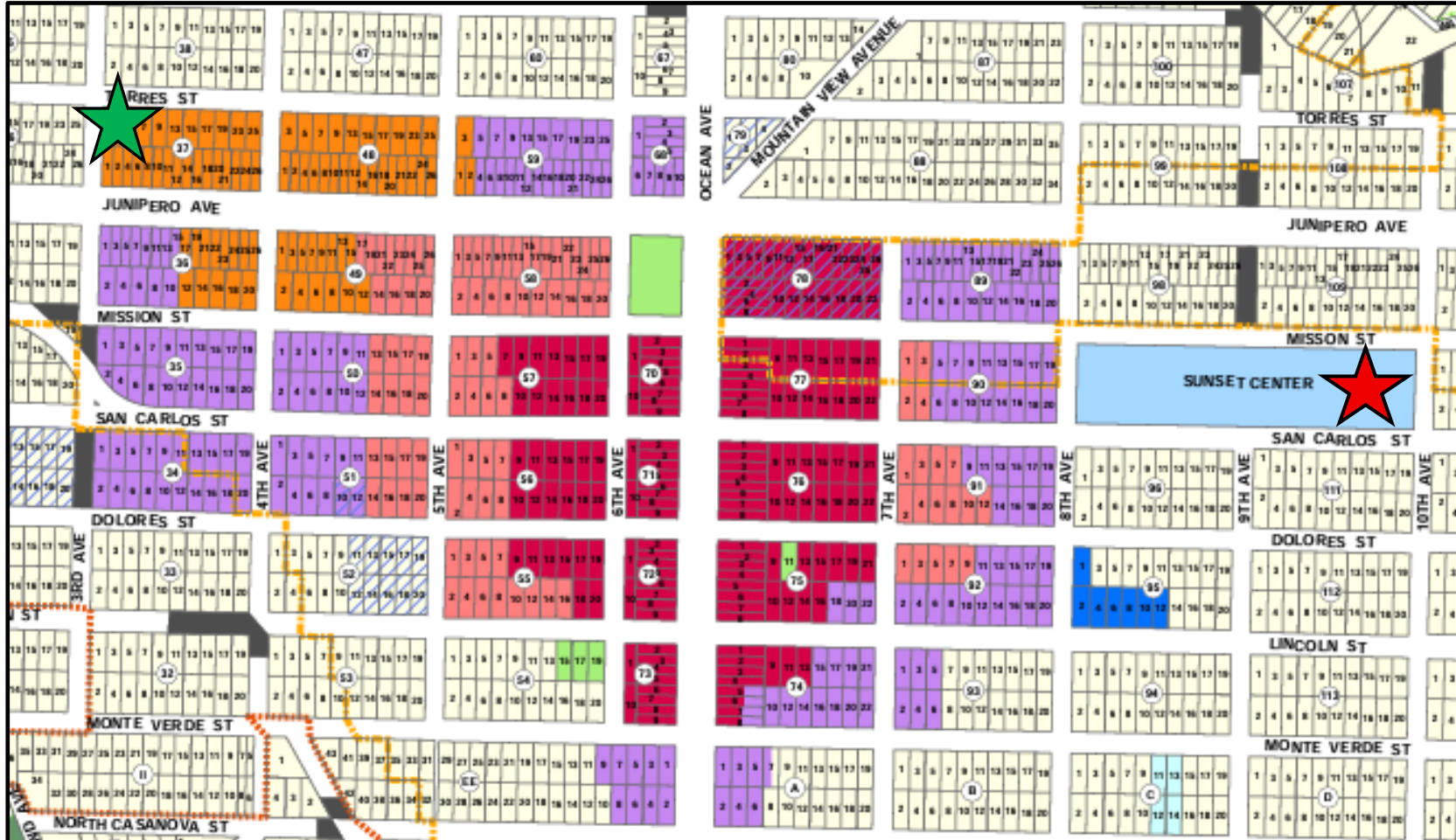


Neighbors

- Check on older adults and anyone who relies on power-dependent equipment
- Share alerts and plans with them



Sandbag Locations



★ Vista Lobos

★ Sunset Center
South Parking
Lot



Crews Ready Around the Clock



24/7/365

Maintenance personnel available, including evenings, weekends, and holidays



Heavy Equipment

Access to heavy equipment rentals secured from local rental companies



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS



High Surf and Coastal Hazards



Flooding



High Winds and Downed Trees



Landslides and Debris Flows



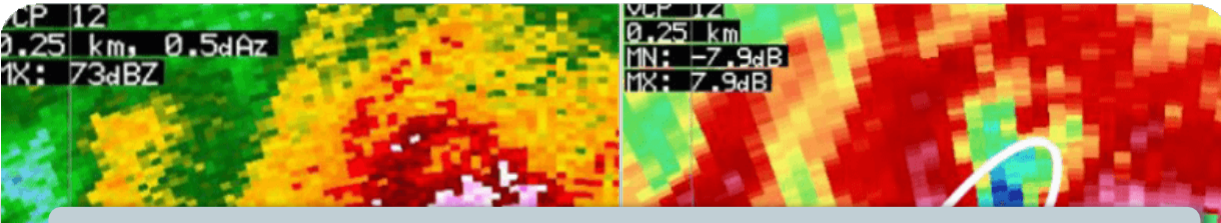
Heavy Rain



Power Outages

WINTER STORM HAZARDS

Emergency Operations Center DURING EMERGENCIES



Monitoring & Forecasting

- Monitor National Weather Service **forecasts**, watches, **warnings**, and advisories
- Monitor and track **forecasts, stream, and rain gauges** for water levels, flood potential, and localized storm impacts
- Monitor **areas vulnerable** to flooding, debris flows, levee impacts, and road closures



Situational Awareness

- Identify areas at increased risk for **flooding, debris flows, road closures**, and **infrastructure** impacts
- Maintain a countywide **common operating picture** and provide **situation updates** to County leadership
- Identify **threats** to critical infrastructure, **communities**, and **essential services**



Alerting & Public Information

- Coordinate timely **emergency alerts and warnings**
Provide clear guidance on flooding, evacuation, road closures, sheltering, and personal preparedness
- Coordinate **consistent messaging**
- Address emerging **public information needs** and misinformation



Response & Resource Coordination

- Activate the **Emergency Operations Center** as needed
- **Coordinate and prioritize resources**
- **Support response** and operational **decision-making** to protect life safety, property, and environment
- Support emergency proclamations and coordinate **transition** from response to **recovery** operations



Storm Patrols



Search and Rescue



Drone Teams



Sand Stockpiles



Air Bridge



Commodity Distribution



Public Information



Care and Shelter



Assistance Centers



Planning



Debris Removal



Flood Fighting



Damage Assessments



Hygiene Hubs



Volunteers

WINTER STORM OPERATIONS

Emergency Operations Center **RESOURCES READY**

Digital Message Boards

Two mobile deployable electronic message boards to broadcast real time emergency information to the public in English and Spanish.



Swiftwater Rescue Team Training and Boat



New specialized Swift Water Rescue Team to serve the community of Pajaro with 10 certified and trained firefighters.

Flood Protection Barriers

Procured approximately 1,000 linear feet of mobile Flood Barriers. In process of purchasing an additional 400 linear feet.



Highwater Vehicle and Tractor

Procured a highwater rescue vehicle and tractor for sand and debris operations for North County Fire Protection District.





STAY INFORMED

ReadyMontereyCounty.org



A!ERT

Monterey County



Alert Registration
AlertMontereyCounty.org

Register

Email

OR

Prefix

+1

Phone number

☒ Receive text messages on this phone

Address Line *



County of Monterey

Emergency Readiness, Response, and Recovery



Prepare

Find out how your family can be more prepared and become more resilient.

[Go to Prepare Monterey County >>](#)



Emergency

Stay up to date with the latest information during an emergency and see active emergency information.

[Go to Emergency Monterey County >>](#)



Recover

After an emergency, find available resources and assistance.

[Go to Recover Monterey County >>](#)



KNOW YOUR ZONE

To save time during an emergency, it is important for residents to know their evacuation zone.

- Evacuation warnings and orders, and repopulation notices are issued based on protection zones.
- **Knowing your Zone** helps you act quickly when alerts are issued.
- **Understanding Your Zone Code**

City/County Zone Number

MRY-A001

Region Letter

Note: Zones may need to change during an emergency. For example, only part of a zone or zones might be evacuated. Impacted and evacuated areas will be communicated in emergency alert messages.



Visit protect.genasys.com

Enter your address or use your current location to find your evacuation zone.



MAKE A KIT

Assemble supplies so you are ready for evacuation, shelter-in-place, or power outages

- Include essentials like food, water, a flashlight, batteries, a phone charger, and a radio.
- Aim to have enough supplies for at least 72 hours.
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container.



Ensure your vehicle is ready for evacuation

- Keep your gas tank at least half full in case you need to leave quickly.
- Have a small car emergency kit with essentials like water, snacks, a flashlight, and a first aid kit.



MAKE A PLAN

Create a Family Emergency Plan

- Escape Routes and Potential Evacuation Routes
- Family Communication Plan
- Phone numbers of family members
- Emergency contacts for out of area
- Emergency Meeting Spots
- Shelter Plan
- Pet plan (if needed)
- Talk to neighbors about how you could work together in an emergency.



Family Emergency Plan



Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out-of-Town Contact Name:	Telephone Number:
Email:	
Neighborhood Meeting Place:	Telephone Number:
Regional Meeting Place:	Telephone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Telephone Number:

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth:	Important Medical Information:
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Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One	School Location One
Address:	Address:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Evacuation Location:
Work Location Two	School Location Two
Address:	Address:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Evacuation Location:

Prepare Your Home

- ✓ Know your risks. Places that have flooded before may flood again.
- ✓ Clear gutters and storm drains.
- ✓ Check your roof for leaks.
- ✓ Remove any dead trees or overhanging branches near structures.
- ✓ Secure outdoor furniture and other loose items like garbage cans.
- ✓ Learn how to manually open an electric garage door.
- ✓ Move valuable to higher levels in your home.
- ✓ Know how to safely shut off household utilities
- ✓ Have sandbags, plastic sheeting and other flood control materials ready.
- ✓ Keep important documents in a dry place such as a waterproof container.
- ✓ Purchase Flood Insurance. Standard policies do not cover flooding.



**Sand and Sand
Stockpile Locations**



**Winter Storm
Resources**



Plan for Power Outages

Ensure you receive outage alerts from PG&E.

Have extra batteries and charge devices.



Be Ready to Shelter in Place

Evacuation is not always possible or safe.

Have supplies in case you need to stay home for days without power.

PREPARE FOR WINTER

STAY VIGILANT

Stay safe during a storm by remaining vigilant, monitoring the situation and following the instructions of first responders

- **Stay informed** by registering for **Emergency Alerts** to receive area-specific emergency information.
- Watch the **local news**, check your city and/or County website, and monitor **social media** regularly.
- **Evacuate immediately**, if told to evacuate. Never drive around barricades. Local responders use them to safely direct traffic out of flooded areas.
- Avoid unnecessary travel. Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. **Turn Around. Don't Drown!** The depth of the water is not always obvious, just a foot of moving water can sweep a vehicle.
- **Move to higher ground** or the highest level of a building to avoid becoming trapped by floodwater.

EmergencyMRY.org

Current Emergency Information

Emergency Information

Current Incidents

Emergency Map

Emergency Resources

Sign Up for Alerts



Active Alerts
AlertMRY.org



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Thank You!

Questions & Answers

Thank you to our partners

