



Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
Proclaims

CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK
OCTOBER 23-30, 2021

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 and 2005, 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. We also have increased risk of mudflows as result of the recent Thomas, Woolsey, Hill, Easy and Maria fires; and

WHEREAS, in Ventura County, approximately 844,000 people, and roughly \$10 billion in buildings, infrastructure, and other assets are exposed to flood hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, Federal State and Local authorities are currently dealing with COVID disaster, however, due to continued drought conditions flooding after fires remains the most frequent disaster in the County; 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 2021" 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 2021 will be held statewide during the week of October 23-30, 2021 and the theme for 2021 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 23-30, 2021 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 action to know their flood threat and prepare appropriately.

PRESENTED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

Linda Parks

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Linda Parks, Supervisor 2nd District

Matt LaVete
Matt LaVete Supervisor 1st District

Kelly Long
Kelly Long Supervisor 3rd District

Robert O. Huber
Robert O. Huber Supervisor 4th District

Carmen Ramirez
Carmen Ramirez Supervisor 5th District