

Flood Season Resources

DWR's Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings with flood emergency response agencies across the state are in progress. If you already attended a meeting, thank you for the great turnout; if your meeting is coming up, we look forward to meeting with you. The complete 2015 schedule for all meetings is attached as a reminder. Flood Season in California began on October 15 so now is an appropriate time to review opportunities discussed at the Preseason meetings and other flood management resources that may be helpful to you.

California Flood Preparedness Week. This statewide flood awareness event takes place the week of October 19-24, 2015. Here is the main webpage, packed with useful information and now updated with this year's activities in cities and counties:

http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/ca-flood-preparedness/fpw_home.cfm

Flood Fight Methods Course: This one-day training course is offered free to public agencies and groups. Instructors are veteran flood fighters with years of firsthand experience and knowledge. Whether you have 2 or 20 people to get trained, DWR has a class for you. Contact Rick Burnett at 916-574-1203 or Rick.Burnett@water.ca.gov for more information.

Flood Fight Methods Booklet. DWR's "Flood Fight Methods" booklet, a staple in the flood fighting toolbox, was updated in 2012 and now has a Spanish language edition also. Both versions are available online here: <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/hafoo/fob/rass/training/floodfighting.cfm>

Flood Emergency Response Grants: The Division of Flood Management continues to offer no-match grants to local agencies to improve flood emergency response. The webpage for the grant program is here: <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/hafoo/fob/floodER/> We encourage you to subscribe to the email list for updates by contacting Pat Clark at 916-574-1249 or Patricia.Clark@water.ca.gov

2015-16 Emergency Cards: Did you pick up your copies of the Emergency Cards for this winter? The color for 2015-16 cards is tan and they are available at the Preseason meetings. If you still need emergency cards, please contact the Flood Operations Center at 916-574-2619.

Levee Threat Monitoring Guidelines. This 2012 document details best practices to mark and monitor a levee threat. Photos and graphics make this a resource well suited for levee patrollers and others in the field. http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/docs/Levee_Threat_Monitoring_Guidelines.pdf

CDEC. Attached is a one-page informational flyer on the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC). Many agencies find this flyer convenient as a refresher or to give to new staff. <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/> The FAQ is especially helpful for new staff: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/faq.html>

Weather-Hydrology Briefings. Online weather briefings, presented by staff from both the Division of Flood Management and the National Weather Service's California-Nevada River Forecast Center, are available to flood emergency response agencies during Flood Season. Usually these live webcasts begin in mid-October.

The link is: <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/hafoo/fob/focs/weatherbriefing.cfm>

Please note that agencies requesting access must provide an explanation of their operational need for the information must be approved, and that there may be a lag time of up to one week between the request and a response.