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PRESS RELEASE

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Urgent Weather Message

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) –

High Wind and Flood Watch warnings are in effect in the region beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 4 through the afternoon Thursday, January 5, 2023, and rainy weather is predicted to continue into the coming weeks. It is expected the storm will bring extremely high winds and excessive rainfall, risk of landslides, difficulty traveling, widespread power outages, downed trees and power lines, extensive street flooding and flooding of creeks.

Public Works, Fire, Police Department and other essential services staff are working diligently to prepare for the storm and have increased staffing to assist in the coming days. Pacifica School District will have a minimum day Wednesday, be closed Thursday, and reopen Friday. Residents are advised to read the following information on what to expect and what precautions to take to keep themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods safe.

To receive important updates, [register for SMC Alert](#) and follow the Police Department and NCFA on Twitter, Nextdoor and Facebook.

Emergency Information

- Please reserve 9-1-1 for life-or-death emergencies. Do not overwhelm our dispatch centers.
- Police Department non-emergency number is (650) 738-7314 .
- To report downed tree limbs, clogged catch basins, or localized flooding, call Public Works Field Services at (650) 738-3760.
- Sand for sandbags is available at the following locations. At this time, residents should plan to bring their own bags as supply may be low.
 - Pacifica Council Chambers Parking Lot (24 hours) – 2212 Beach Boulevard
 - Linda Mar Fire Station (24 hours) – 1100 Linda Mar Boulevard
- Linda Mar and Sharp Park Beaches are closed, as is the Pacifica Pier.
- If needed, emergency shelter information will be made available.

Precautions to Take

- Register with [SMC Alert](#) for regional safety updates
- Know your evacuation route – [register with Zonehaven](#)
- DO NOT WALK OR DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED AREAS
- Avoid forested areas

- Clear drains at and around your residence
- Practice [beach safety](#) and do not go to the beaches or the pier
- Go to bit.ly/PacificaPrepares for more winter storm preparation tips

Additional Information and Resources

- [San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management](#)
- [National Weather Service Weather Awareness \(NOAA\)](#)
- [Pacific Gas & Electric Company \(PG&E\)](#)
- [Caltrans Customer Service](#)

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