Rossmoor EPO to Host Flood Preparation Meeting Ahead of Record El Niño

ROSSMOOR — With forecasters predicting a record-setting El Niño winter, the Rossmoor Emergency Preparedness Organization (EPO) will hold an informational meeting on flood safety at 10 a.m. on November 2nd at Peacock Theater.

Experts warn this winter's El Niño has a 70% chance of exceeding all previous records since 1950, bringing powerful atmospheric rivers—including the "Pineapple Express" storms from Hawaii—to the West Coast. What is an atmospheric river? It's a long narrow band of concentrated water vapor in the sky that transports massive amounts of moisture from the tropics to higher latitudes. While rainfall in November is expected to remain average, forecasts predict double the average rainfall for December, January, and February, with January slated to be the wettest month.

Lower elevations face elevated risks of flooding, landslides, high winds, and coastal erosion. Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Flooding often occurs following a thawing snow or several days of sustained rain. The forecasted El Nino potentially has both of these with predicted higher snow levels and sustained rain.

EPO President Ken Jonah will lead the presentation, covering critical actions residents should take before, during, and after a flood. Topics will include home and pet safety, indoor and outdoor protection, and key flood safety do's and don'ts.

The primary function of the Rossmoor EPO is to educate the residents of Rossmoor how to be prepared for a disaster, which can strike at any time without warning. Being aware and knowing of a forecasted potential disaster before it happens enables you to prepare ahead of time.
The meeting is free and open to all Rossmoor residents. No reservations are required.