



## ***Public Information Release***

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The following is a public service announcement from the Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NASA are both reporting that multiple large and powerful storm systems are expected to slam into California from the west and northwest over the coming two weeks. Very heavy rainfall and strong to potentially very strong winds are expected to impact the lower elevations throughout the state all this week and into next weekend. Heavy snowfall is expected for elevations above 3000 and 4000 feet and much of northern California is likely to see 5-10 inches of rainfall in the lowlands, with 10 to 20 inches expected in mountainous areas.

The state is looking at even more rainfall next week, which is expected to be a warmer series of systems and may further the potential for serious flooding given the massive volume of snow expected this week. "In short, the next 2-3 weeks (at least) are likely to be more active across California than any other 2-3 week period in recent memory," according to a NASA advisory.

By the middle of this week, we can expect to see significant rises with swiftly moving water in small rivers and streams in our area. Minor flooding may develop as soon as mid to late week this week in small rivers, streams, and in low lying areas.

In preparation for the incoming storm systems, the Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services has developed staffing patterns to serve the County Emergency Operations Center if needed. Lake County Public Works and Cal Trans have pre-positioned resources to respond in the event of localized flooding. PG&E has also pre-positioned resources to respond to power outages if needed. The PG&E outage hotline number is 800-743-5002.

Motorists are advised to use extreme caution on the roadways, particularly when standing water or water running across the roadway is encountered. Remember that water may be deeper or running more swiftly than it appears and negotiating such conditions can be very dangerous.

Those with travel or outdoor plans this week should closely monitor conditions by first checking [www.weather.gov/sacramento](http://www.weather.gov/sacramento) or the NOAA weather radio for the latest weather information.

As of January 18<sup>th</sup>, the following businesses have sandbags on hand:

Rainbow Agricultural Services  
1975 Argonaut Road, Lakeport 707-279-0550

Piedmont Lumber  
2465 South Main Street, Lakeport 707-263-8400

Kelseyville Lumber and Supply Co.  
3895 Main Street, Kelseyville 707-279-4297

Lake Builders Supply Co.  
3694 East Highway 20, Nice 707-274-6607

Mendo Mill and Lumber Co.  
5255 Old Highway 53, Clearlake 707-994-1014

Four Corners Building Supply  
14975 Olympic Drive, Clearlake 707-994-6277

As of January 18<sup>th</sup>, the following businesses have sand on hand:

R.B. Peters  
78 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport 707-263-3678

Piedmont Lumber  
2465 South Main Street, Lakeport 707-263-8400

Kelseyville Lumber and Supply Co.  
3895 Main Street, Kelseyville 707-279-4297

Pivniska Trucking Inc.  
85 West Highway 20, Upper Lake 707-275-3203

Layne Paving and Trucking  
3700 Old Highway 53, Clearlake 707-994-6324

Clear Lake Lava  
14572 East Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks 707-998-1115