



Winter Preparedness Briefing

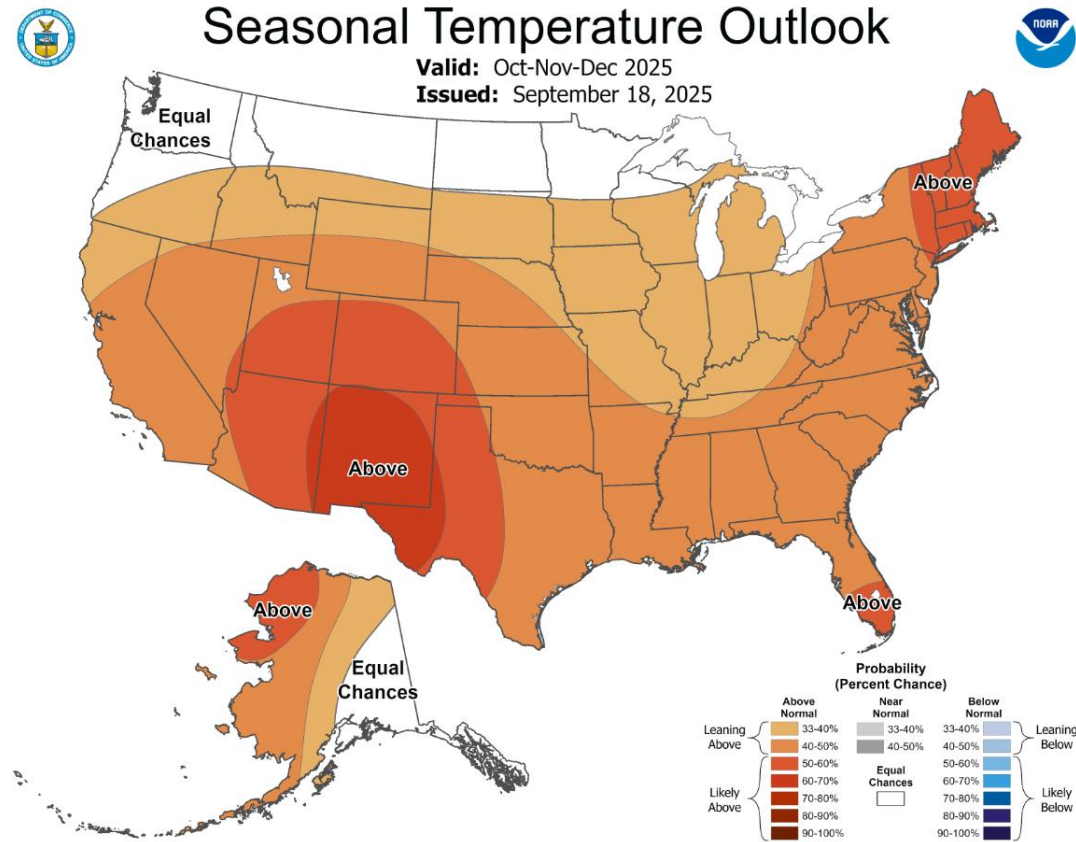
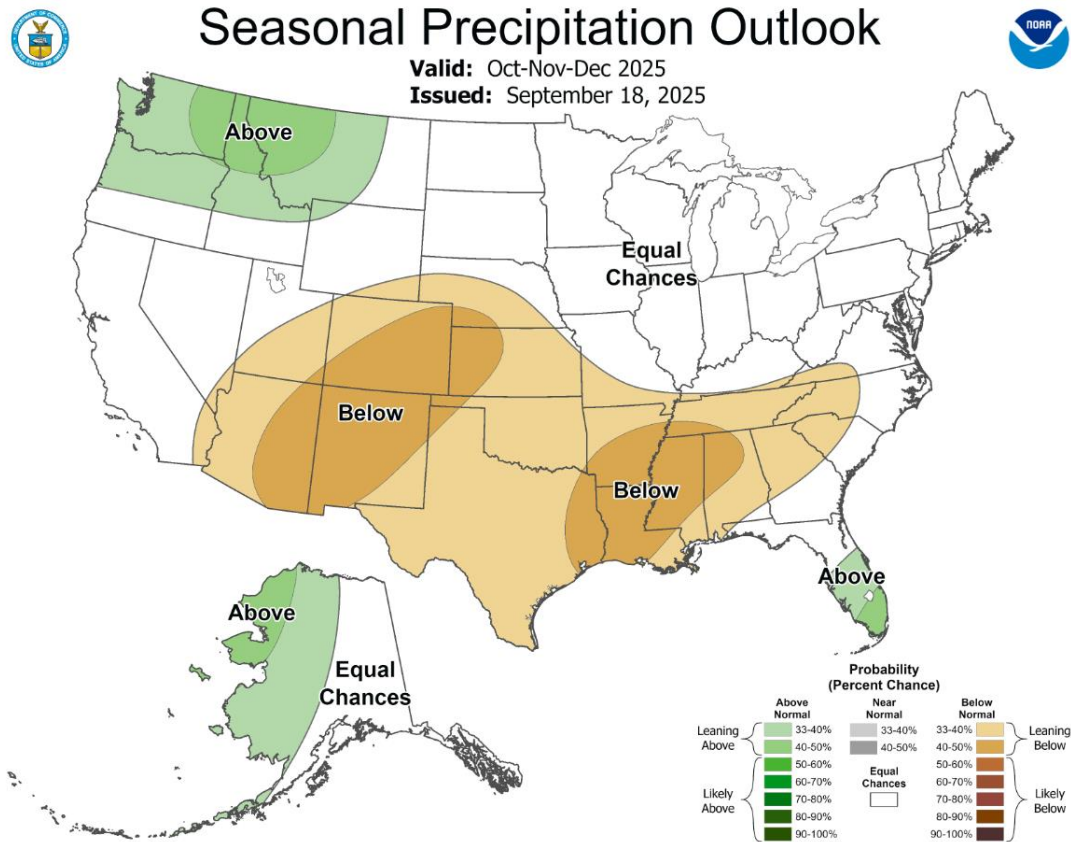
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Today's Discussion

- Weather Forecast
- Protect Parcels From Flooding
- Preserve Flood Conveyance Capacity
- Reduce Flood Risk Through Public Engagement
- Prepare and Respond Effectively to Flood Emergencies
 - Monitoring and Flood Forecasting
 - Valley Water Emergency Management
 - Field Operations

National Weather Service – Weather Forecast

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Protect Parcels from Flooding

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Current Projects

- 14 projects underway in FY26
- \$77.4 million FY26 budget



Funding

- Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Project funded (8)
- Property Tax funded (6)

Preserve Flood Conveyance Capacity

Sediment Removal

28,707 cubic yards of sediment removed (2025 Estimates as of 9/30/25)



**Alamitos Creek – U/S Mazone
(San Jose)**



**Matadero Creek – D/S Louis Rd
(Palo Alto)**



**San Tomas Aquino Creek
– U/S Westmont Ave
(San Jose)**

Preserve Flood Conveyance Capacity

Vegetation Management

1,337 acres of in-stream vegetation control (2025 Est. as of 9/30/25)



Before



After

In Stream Vegetation Removal on Guadalupe River



BE ALERT BE FLOOD SAFE

**REDUCE FLOOD RISK
THROUGH PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**



Valley Water

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BE ALERT, BE FLOOD SAFE

Our climate is changing, and we all need to prepare for storms and the potential for floods.

Please take steps NOW to ensure you know your flood risk, have downloaded emergency apps, and know where to get sandbags before a flood.

MAILERS



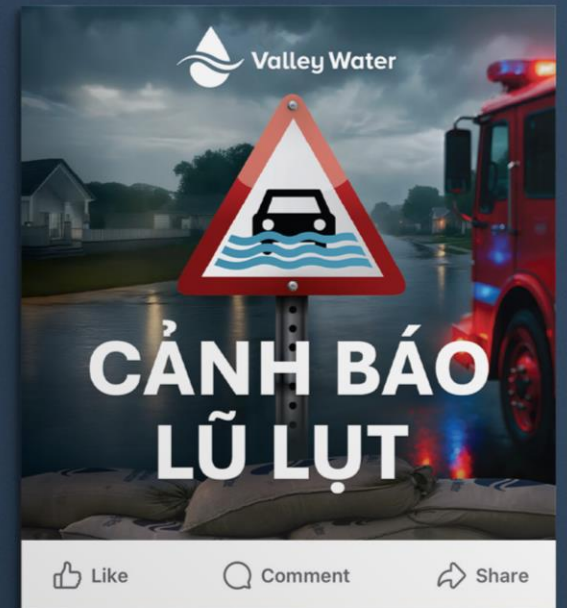
TRANSIT ADS



BILL INSERTS



SOCIAL MEDIA ADS



Valley Water

BE ALERT BE FLOOD SAFE

REGISTER FOR ALERTS

valleywater.org/floodready

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PROTEJASE DE INUNDACIONES

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保持警惕
注意防洪安全

TRANSIT STATION

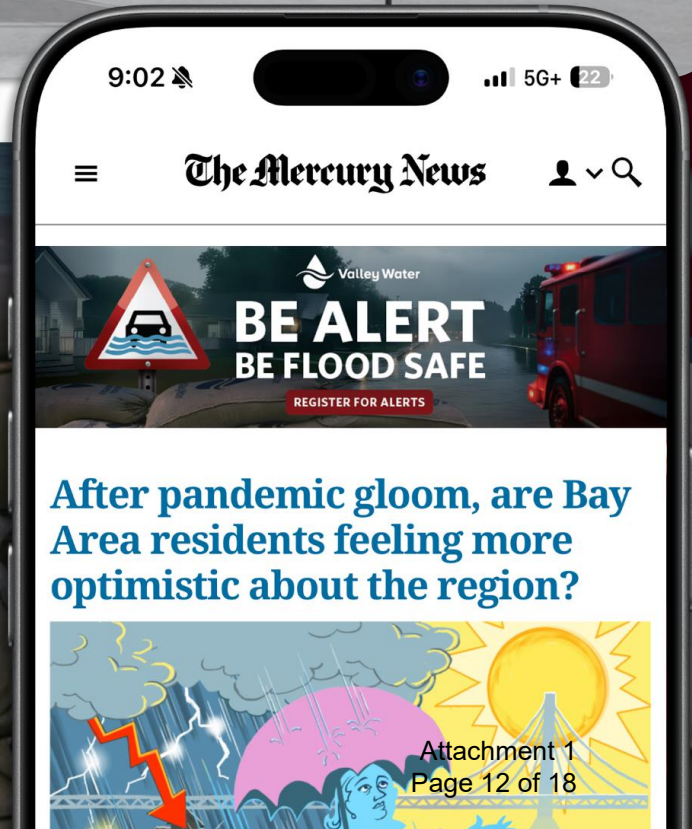
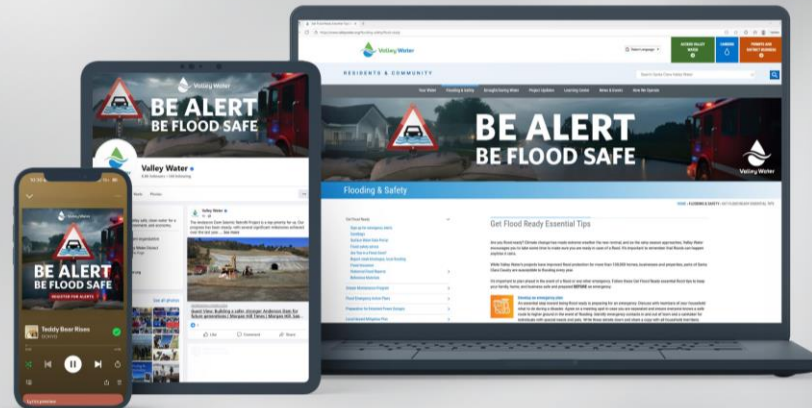
HOT SPOT OUTREACH

- Digital and social media ads targeting IPs of properties in hot spots.
- Transit ads, creek banners and movie theatre ads in hot spot areas.
- Tabletop signs and social media toolkit for community associations.

Creek Banners



Digital Banners

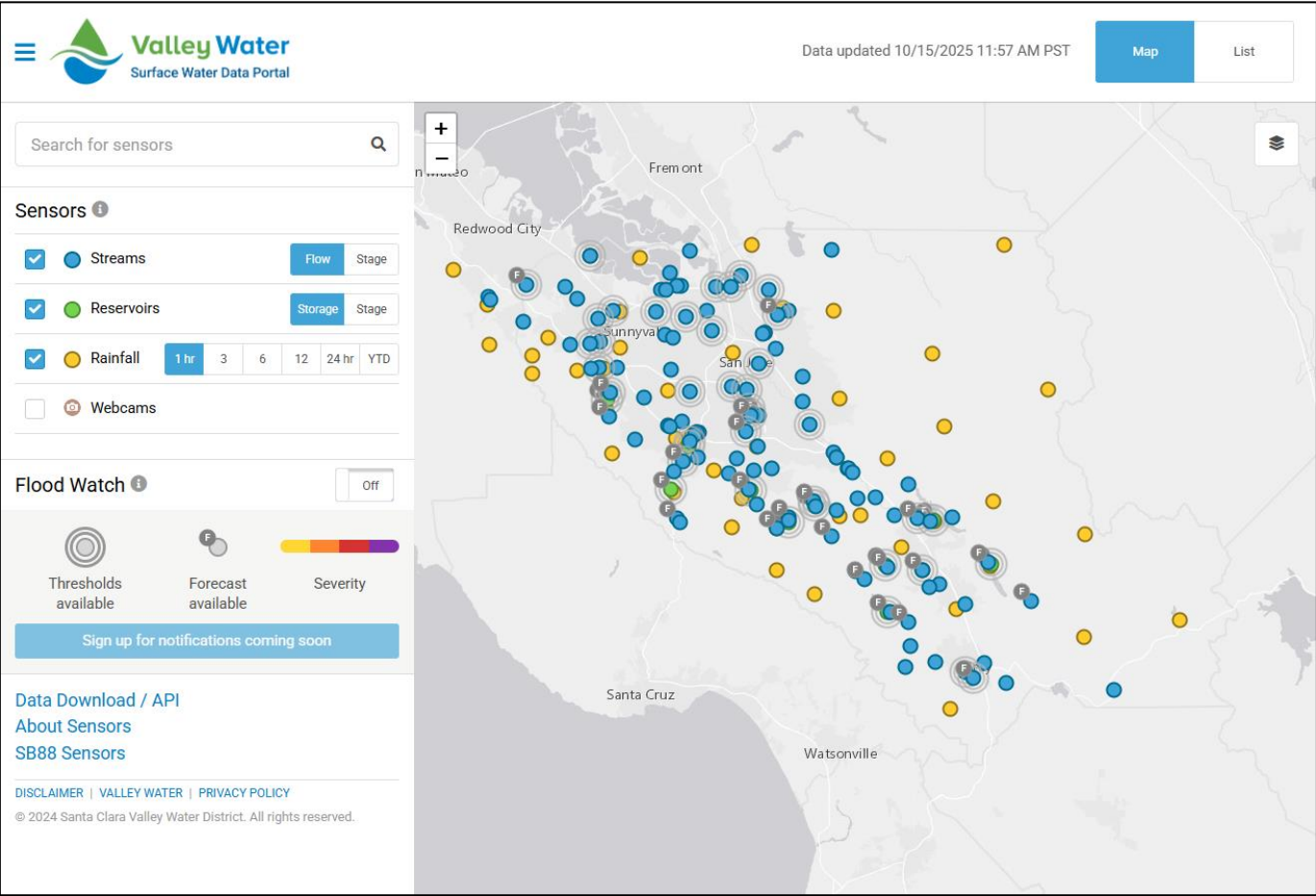




Prepare and Respond Effectively to Flood Emergencies

- Monitoring and flood forecasting
- Valley Water Emergency Management
- Field Operations

Monitoring and Flood Forecasting



Madrone stream gauge at Coyote Creek



Flood stage gauge at East William Street



X-band radar on Penitencia Water Treatment Plant rooftop



Valley Water Emergency Management

- EOC and DOCs
- Interagency Coordination
- SEMS/NIMS
- National Framework
- Emergency Action Plans (EAP) for Flooding and Dams
- Emergency Operations Plan
- OES Strategic Plan
- Annual Winter Preparedness Workshop
- EOC Staff Training
- EOC, EAP, and Interagency Exercises

Field Operations

- Reservoir Operations
- Watersheds 24/7 Hotline
- Blockage Removal
- Field Information Teams



Sandbags

5 Valley Water Sites

20 additional sites
throughout County

Sandbag Locations



VALLEY WATER SANDBAG STATIONS

FILLED SANDBAGS. VALLEY WATER OFFERS FREE SANDBAGS FOR RESIDENTS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY. LOOSE SAND AND EMPTY BAGS FOR SELF-FILLING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE; PLEASE BRING A SHOVEL, JUST IN CASE. BAGS MAY BE HEAVY, CONSIDER BRINGING ASSISTANCE TO LOAD BAGS.

- A. Palo Alto:** 1925 Embarcadero Road, adjacent to Palo Alto Air Terminal.
- B. Alviso:** Located behind George Mayne Elementary School, 5030 N 1st St., (entrance on Wilson Way behind school).
- C. San José:** City Central Service Yard, 1661 Senter Road at Phelan Ave.
- D. San José:** Valley Water Winfield Warehouse, 5905 Winfield Blvd., between Blossom Hill Rd. and Coleman Ave. Bag pickup street access only.
- E. Morgan Hill:** El Toro Fire Station, 18300 Old Monterey Rd., next to the Union Pacific Railroad overpass above Monterey Highway.

OTHER SOURCES OF FILLED OR UNFILLED SANDBAGS

BAGS AND SAND. OTHER SOURCES ALSO PROVIDE BAGS AND SAND. PLEASE BRING A SHOVEL AND ASSISTANCE FOR LOADING HEAVY BAGS, IF NECESSARY. BE AWARE THAT SOME SITES REQUIRE PROOF OF RESIDENCY:

- 1. Palo Alto:** Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Dr. near baseball field. Bags and sand. 650-496-6974.
- 2. Palo Alto:** Rinconada Park Tennis Court Parking Lot (intersection of Hopkins Ave. and Newell Rd.). Filled bags. 650-496-6974.
- 3. Milpitas:** Sport Center Parking Lot at 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd. Filled bags available. 408-586-2600. After hours: 408-586-2399.
- 4. Mountain View:** Public Services, 231 N. Whisman Rd. Bags and sand at parking lot. Must bring shovel. 650-903-6395.
- 5. Los Altos:** Municipal Service Center, 707 Fremont Ave. at McKenzie Park parking lot. Bags and sand. 650-947-2785.
- 6. Los Altos Hills:** Corporation Yard, 27500 Purissima Rd. at Little League Field. Must bring bag and shovel. 650-941-7222.
- 7. Cupertino:** City Corporation Yard, 10555 Mary Ave. Filled bags available. 408-777-3269.
- 8. Sunnyvale:** Corporation Yard, 221 Commercial St. at end of California St. Filled bags. 408-730-7566. After hours: 408-730-7490.

All "Bags and Sand" sites are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week unless otherwise noted.

FloodSAFE: Sandbag Guidelines to help protect your home

**Inundación SEGURA: Guía de bolsas de arena
para ayudar con la protección de su casa**



**Early preparation can help
prevent flood damage.**

La preparación temprana puede
ayudar a prevenir el daño de las
inundaciones.



QUESTIONS

