



IMMEDIATE RELEASE **PRESS INFORMATION**

January 7th, 2016

Time: 2:43 pm

PRESS INFORMATION: DOUGLAS COUNTY REQUESTS STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PREPARATION FOR FLOODING

Minden, Nevada Minden NV- The Douglas County Board of Commissioners have declared a State of Emergency in preparation for the significant flooding event forecast for this weekend. The declaration has been submitted to the State of Nevada and will allow regional partners to speed up the delivery of resources required to more effectively respond to an emergency and meet the needs of the community during a time of crisis and well as take the first steps toward a State declaration.

Declaring an emergency allows the County Manager and Emergency Management to speed up the delivery of resources required to more effectively respond to an emergency and meet the needs of the community during a time of crisis.

According to the National Weather Service in Reno, there is a Flood Warning in effect from Sunday to Monday for East Fork of the Carson River, below Markleeville affecting Alpine and Douglas Counties. Residents should also be prepared for a Winter Weather Advisory today, Jan. 7, 2017, from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Douglas County Emergency Operations Center will be activated on Sunday morning for the duration of the event. Currently East Fork Fire Protection District, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Road Department, and several entities are working together, and staying in close communication with the National Weather Service to monitor changing conditions. Resources are being staged strategically throughout Carson Valley so responders can quickly assist citizens as incidents arise.

Sandbag locations can be found [here](#).

How to get information:

- To reach our flood hotline call (775) 782-9099 or (775) 783-6404 from 7am to 8pm.
- Call 2-1-1 if you have non-emergency questions and someone will pick up the line to answer questions on local and regional events.
- Follow the hashtag #NVFlood17 on social media, or use the specific communications channels for each entity described below. For more information, visit <http://www.douglascountynv.gov> . Hit the Flood Warning Bar for current alerts and information.
- Call 9-1-1 in an emergency situation.
- Media and the public are encouraged to ask questions and share information on social media by using the hashtag #NVFlood17.
-

The Douglas County Roads Division is busy making sure roads are as safe as possible.

Written by: *Douglas County Joint Information Center*
Douglas County Emergency Management
1594 Esmeralda Ave
Minden, NV 89423
mblosser@co.douglas.nv.us
775-782-781-6886

###