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EVACUATIONS ISSUED IN LE GRAND AREA DUE TO FLOODING

MERCED – Flooding along Mariposa Creek has resulted in several residential evacuations in the Le Grand area.

At the time of this news release, the affected area is north of Le Grand Road, south of Le Grand Canal, west of Fresno Road and east of Burchell Avenue.

Emergency personnel made direct contact with more than 40 individuals in the affected area early this morning. About 25 homes were evacuated due to flooding. A shelter/resource center is set up at Yosemite High School.

The issue was caused by heavier-than-normal flows along Mariposa Creek. A large volume of water in the Mariposa Reservoir resulted in a significant flow of water going over the dam's spillway. Residents in the affected area were previously notified to be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

Heavy flows along other local creeks could cause additional flooding, but no additional alerts are being issued at this time. The Merced County Emergency Operations Center is currently activated and will remain activated until the current weather system subsides.

Emergency personnel and equipment are currently operating in the affected area. Please refrain from entering the area.

As a reminder, please follow all emergency signage and don't drive on flooded roadways.

Sandbags will remain available in the Counties and Cities. Visit www.countyofmerced.com for sandbag information. To sign up for Merced County emergency alerts, visit www.countyofmerced.com/alert.

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