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RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY FLOODING

MERCED – Floodwaters in the Le Grand area are receding and a short break in the weather is allowing for some cleanup and recovery before the next storm event.

Flooding along Mariposa Creek on Friday night resulted in about 25 advisory home evacuations. Once the floodwater has receded below the threshold of affected structures, residents in the impacted area will be able to return to their homes, according to the Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health.

Any residential wells affected by floodwaters need to be disinfected before they can be safely used again. For information on well disinfection, follow this link: www.countyofmerced.com/disinfectingwells.

- Information on mold/moisture in the home (California Department of Public Health):
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/IAQ/Documents/MMIMH_English_201610.pdf
- Information on restoring flooded buildings (Federal Emergency Management Act):
http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/eoha/pdf/fema_initialrestorationfloodbldg.pdf
- Red Cross:
National Hotline1-818-606-7116 (English and Spanish)
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Another storm system is expected to arrive Thursday. Residents should use the short break in the weather to prepare for the next system.

- Flood Safety Checklist: <http://web2.co.merced.ca.us/pdfs/news/2017/Flood-Safety-Checklist.html>

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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