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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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#### UPDATE: STORM IMPACTS AND RESOURCES

MERCED – After a short break in the weather, the rainfall is back and will bring potential impacts to Merced County.

This current weather system is forecasted to last through Saturday, and will be followed by a short break Sunday. More rainfall is expected to return Monday and last through at least Tuesday. Saturated soils coupled with high wind gusts up to 45 mph Friday and Monday could potentially result in toppled trees and power lines.

Residents should be prepared for the potential of additional regionalized flooding events in the coming days. Always avoid flooded roads, remain clear of fast-moving creeks and rivers, and follow all emergency signage.

Please sign up for the Merced County Emergency Alert System: [www.countyofmerced.com/alert](http://www.countyofmerced.com/alert)

#### RESOURCE REMINDERS:

- For emergencies, dial **911** For general information, please call: **211**
- Merced County Office of Emergency Services 24-hour Information Line (recording): **209-385-7379**
- Any impacts to the agricultural community can be reported by calling the on-duty biologist at the Merced County Agricultural Commissioner's Office during normal business hours: **209-385-7431**
- Flood Safety Checklist: <http://web2.co.merced.ca.us/pdfs/news/2017/Flood-Safety-Checklist.html>
- 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](http://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](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](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/eoha/pdf/fema_initialrestorationfloodbldg.pdf)
- Red Cross:  
National Hotline ..... **1-855-891-7325** (English and Spanish)  
Fresno Hotline ..... **1-559-455-1000 ext. 6601**

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

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