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SEVERE STORM RESULTS IN REGIONALIZED FLOODING

MERCED – Merced County is experiencing moderate impacts due to the current weather system, and residents are advised to be cautious over the next several days as heavy flows continue along local waterways.

Regionalized flooding has occurred at various locations in the County as a result of high creek flows. Crews have been on site repairing creek banks and pumping water away from residential structures.

Evacuation warnings have been issued to residents at the Merced River Campground Resort in Delhi as a precautionary measure. Anybody who receives an evacuation warning should be prepared to evacuate if necessary. At the time of this news release, no evacuations were carried out. No injuries or severe property damage have been reported.

The Merced County Emergency Operations Center is currently activated and will remain activated until the current weather system subsides.

The Office of Emergency Services is prepared to open shelters if conditions get worse, but at this time no sheltering is necessary. Most major roads and highways remain open. There have only been minor road closures at this time (see below).

As a reminder, please follow all emergency signage and don't drive on flooded roads. It only takes 12 inches of fast-moving water to carry away a small car.

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.

Current County Road Closures:

- Highway 59 between Sandy Mush Road and West Dickenson Ferry Road
- Sandy Mush Road from Highway 59 to Henry Miller Road
- Reilly Road between Highway 59 and Tyler Road
- Healy Road between McNamara Road and Sandy Mush Road
- Rose Garden Road between Orchard Road and Schmidt Road
- Whitworth Road between Cottonwood Road and Romero Road
- South Bert Crane Road at Bear Creek

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