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CITY ASKING RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED AS MAJOR STORM NEARS

The City of Vacaville is asking all residents to be prepared as a series of weather systems make their way through the region in the coming weeks.

According to the National Weather Service, there are significant storms developing that could affect our region beginning late Sunday or Monday. Intense rains may last from 30 minutes to one hour every 24 hours beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Strong winds of approximately 50-60 mph may hit along the coast. This is an El Niño weather pattern, which could last from 2-4 weeks.

Sand will be available to Vacaville residents at the Irene Larson Softball Complex located on Alamo Drive between Mariposa Avenue and Peabody Road, but residents must bring their own sandbags. Residents can also purchase their own sandbags and sand at any one of the City's home improvement centers – Lowe's, Home Depot - or other stores that carry these items. Castle & King Rock and Ready-Mix at 105 Aegean Way in Vacaville has filled sandbags available for purchase.

If you live in an unincorporated area of Solano County, pick up sandbags at the following locations:

- The corner of Suisun and Rockville roads
- The Cordelia Firehouse, Cordelia Road and Thompson Corner
- Suisun Fire District, Clayton Road
- Dixon Corporation Yard
- Vacaville Fire Protection District, Cantelow Road

Key City personnel will be monitoring the situation throughout the weekend and, if needed, the City will activate its Emergency Operations Center. Police and fire personnel will be visually checking creek levels as well.

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Storm preparation information can be found on the City's website, www.cityofvacaville.com, under the "Frequently Requested" and "What's New" areas of the home page; Channel 26 (Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse) will have weather information posted including current rainfall totals; and the City's radio station, located at 530 AM, will provide information as well. The City will also utilize its Emergency Notification System if needed.

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