

# El Nino 2015/2016

Climatologists have predicted a strong El Nino for this 2015/2016 winter season, bringing with it the possibility of severe flooding across much of the state. Many state and local emergency officials are now warning that despite being in the midst of one of the worst droughts in California's history, cities and residents should be making preparations for some moderate to severe flooding events.

The City of Reedley is taking early, proactive steps to mitigate possible localized flooding within public right-of-ways. City crews are currently in the process of:

- Cleaning storm drains
- Confirming pump stations and mobile pumps are operational
- Cleaning city-maintained sumps and ensuring outlet structures are free of debris



## WHO TO CALL FOR STORM RELATED ISSUES

<b>Blocked Storm Drains/Sewers</b>	(559) 637- 4200 – Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM (559) 637- 4250 – after hours emergency 5 PM to 8 AM
<b>Downed Trees and/or Branches</b>	(559) 637- 4200 - Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM (559) 637-4250 – after hours emergency 5 PM to 8 AM
<b>Street Light and/or Traffic Signal Outages</b>	(559) 637- 4200 - Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM (559) 637- 4250 – after hours emergency 5 PM to 8 AM
<b>Downed or Arcing Power Lines, Smell of Gas</b>	9-1-1
<b>Power/Gas Outage - PG&amp;E</b>	1-800-743-5000 or <a href="#">PG&amp;E Online Reporting</a>
<b>Gas Outage - So. Calif. Gas Co.</b>	1-800-427-2200
<b>Free Sand Bags Available for Reedley Residents only (Self-Serve)</b>	Reedley Corporation Yard, 1108 I Street Reedley Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1701 W. Huntsman

## Preparing for El Nino

- Clear debris from roof gutters, downspouts and drains, and check the roof for leaks and damage.
- Clear drain areas around your home before the rain starts. Leaves and debris can clog drains and cause flooding.
- Let local officials know if you see a clogged storm drain or other storm-related problems.
- Have a supply of sand bags and other materials such as plastic sheeting, plywood and tarps.
- Make a list of items to take with you if you are asked to evacuate, such as emergency supplies, keys, cash, credit cards, insurance papers, prescriptions and pet supplies.