



November 12, 2015

Subject: Winter Storm Readiness

Dear Agency Secretaries and Department Directors:

As our state continues to respond to unprecedented and ongoing drought conditions and severe wildfire impacts, we must also prepare for the coming winter season. Strong El Niño conditions which have developed could result in above average rainfall, significant flooding and mudslides this year. This underscores what we already know—California is subject to a multitude of hazards which at times exist concurrently.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all State Agencies, Departments, Boards and Commissions to review their Emergency Operations Plans and Continuity Plans in anticipation of emergency conditions. As you review your internal plans, please also review your roles and responsibilities as outlined in the State of California Emergency Plan and the Emergency Function annexes.

As an extension of the recent Flood Preparedness Week activities and newly-launched California Storm Ready website, State Agencies, Departments, Boards and Commissions are a powerful force to model and amplify the emergency preparedness message. The resilience and readiness of state government, the resumption of key government functions and our collective ability to respond to and recover from a flood or any emergency are vital to the safety of all Californians.

The following are resources available to assist you with your emergency preparedness (to access links below press Ctrl + Click Link):

[California Storm Ready Website](#)

[State Emergency Plan and Emergency Function Annexes](#)

[Continuity Planning](#)

In addition, please forward this important message to any of your associated Boards and Commissions.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this critical matter. If you have any questions please contact me, or your staff may contact Deputy Director Tina Curry at (916) 845-8533.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Ghilarducci', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director