



Office of the City Manager

December 1, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *Dee* Dee Williams-Ridley, Interim City Manager

Subject: December 10th Community Workshop: Get Prepared for El Niño

The City Manager's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Office of Energy & Sustainable Development, and Department of Public Works are collaborating with the Berkeley Unified School District to host a public workshop to help community members prepare their home and family for the potential high winds, rain and flooding from El Niño storms.

Here are the meeting details:

Community Workshop: Get Prepared for El Niño

Thursday, December 10, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Berkeley Unified School District Boardroom

1231 Addison St. in Berkeley

Wheelchair accessible.

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

This winter, El Niño is expected to bring heavy storms to our region that will likely cause flooding, downed trees and branches, and damaged power lines. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the steps that the City is taking to prepare for winter storms as well as actions community members can take before potential heavy storms arrive.

The workshop and the work the City and its partners are doing to prepare for El Niño is part of a broader, integrated effort to advance Berkeley's resilience in the face of climate change and other physical, social and economic challenges.

Attached is a flyer for the December 10, 2015 event. Please circulate the flyer to your constituents and encourage them to attend. Staff is distributing the flyer widely and is hopeful for a large and diverse turnout.

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Council Members should be aware that attendance by a quorum of the Council (5 or more Council Members) could result in an illegal meeting under the Brown Act. We encourage you to contact Timothy Burroughs (phone: 981-7437) in the City Manager's Office if you plan to attend in order to avoid any conflicts with the Brown Act.

Attachments:

1. Dec. 10 Workshop Flyer

cc: Gil Dong, Interim Deputy City Manager
Scott Ferris, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Phil Harrington, Acting Director, Department of Public Works
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor
Michael Meehan, Police Chief
Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Kelly Wallace, Director, Department of Health, Housing & Community Services
Avery Webb, Interim Fire Chief
Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager, Office of the City Manager
Timothy Burroughs, Chief Resilience Officer, Office of the City Manager
Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager, Office of the City Manager

WORKSHOP: Get Prepared for El Niño



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December 10, 2015**

6:30- 8:30 PM

**Berkeley Unified School District
Boardroom**

1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA

**Easy and free parking at Browning
and Addison St.**

**Learn how to prepare for El Niño
storms: High winds, rain, and flooding**

Light refreshments provided.
Wheelchair accessible.

**Free entry into raffle-
win an emergency kit!**

Find out about:

- **How to prepare your home**
- **How to keep your family safe: Tips for parents**
- **FREE resources** and information channels
- **Where to get FREE sandbags**, how to adopt a storm drain, and connect with your neighbors
- The **expected impact in Berkeley** from El Niño



Questions?

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