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Get notifications if disaster strikes: Register for the regional mass notification system and be a part of a regional test on Wednesday, Oct. 26

(Woodland, CA) – As part of Flood Preparedness Week, residents are urged to prepare for a natural or human-caused disaster - events that often occur with little to no warning.

Residents of Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties are urged to register with the mass notification system at any one of the following three websites: <u>Placer-Alert.org</u>, <u>Sacramento-Alert.org</u>, <u>Yolo-Alert.org</u>. Registering will allow public safety officials to text, call cell phones or landline phones, or email in the event of a disaster. (Residents choose the methods they prefer at time of sign-up) Signing up is easy and information is protected. Officials will only notify residents during an emergency or if help is needed to find a missing child or adult.

Wildfires and flooding can occur rapidly, sometimes forcing evacuations, shelter-in-place orders and/or road closures. The mass notification system is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of actions they might need to take for their safety.

The alert system allows residents to register more than one contact method including cell phones, alternate numbers, text, email and landline phones. Residents choose the best notification method for them, or choose them all. Multiple locations such as work, parent or children's school address can also be selected.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, there will be a tri-county test of the emergency notification system as part of Flood Preparedness Week.

Sacramento and Yolo counties are performing countywide notifications, while Placer County is performing a targeted test to a limited number of areas. This is the first regional test of the system and will include the unincorporated County areas, 13 participating cities, and one tribal partner.

Participants in October 26 Test:

- Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties
- Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova City of Sacramento: Message going out to system subscribers in seven neighborhoods including: CD1 Sundance Lake CD2 South Hagginwood
 - CD3 South Natomas
 - CD4/5 South Land Park
 - CD6 Tahoe Park
 - CD7 Greenhaven
 - CD8 Meadowview
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in Yolo County
- Yolo Cities- Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland
- Placer Cities– Roseville and Rocklin

Messages will go out beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon to anyone who has signed up. Messages will ONLY go to people who have registered in the system.

If residents in Sacramento and Yolo counties HAVE registered and do not receive a notification, they are encouraged to call (844) 714-5269 on October 26 before 2 p.m. After 2 p.m., Sacramento and Yolo County residents should contact Info@sacoes.org.

Alert messages for Placer County residents will include a local phone number to call for those who have questions about the test.

If anyone is not sure if they've registered or if they've changed phone numbers, they are encouraged to check their registration information now at <u>Placer-Alert.org</u>, <u>Sacramento-Alert.org</u>, <u>Yolo-Alert.org</u> or <u>and log in or create a profile</u>.

For more information or to register alternate phone numbers or e-mail addresses, visit <u>http://www.sacramentoready.org/Pages/Emergency-Alerts-Notification-System.aspx</u> It's not too late to sign-up and be included in the test.

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