

# Dear Property Owner:



**Flood Risk Notification Program**  
California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

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STANDARD  
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SACRAMENTO, CA  
PERMIT NO 690

**BE AWARE** of your flood risk  
and **be prepared.**

*Living  
with  
Levees*

KNOW YOUR FLOOD  
**RISK**

Partners with:



**FEMA**



US Army Corps  
of Engineers



*Flood Risk Notice 2012*



# Consider these facts:

- Levees may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding.
- In California, from 1950 through 2007, flooding caused more than \$4.8 billion in property damage (Source: CalEMA).
- Flood damage is not covered by most standard home, renter, and business owners' insurance policies.
- The State recommends that you obtain flood insurance for your property. Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-435-6637, or visit:

[www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk)

**What's your RISK?**



**Find out now!**  
visit  
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13  
The number of people who died in the 1986 Central Valley floods

70+  
Number of times Central Valley State-Federal project levees have breached or overtopped since 1983

2.7  
Billion dollars in damages caused by the 1997 Central Valley floods

1 in 4  
Chance that a major flood could damage your home over the next 30 years

## Remember this simple 3-step plan

### PREPARE

- Prepare** an emergency kit that includes: flashlights, radio, batteries, candles, matches, blankets, water, food, first-aid kit, and a list and supply of all medications, etc.
- Keep** important documents and valuable possessions on an upper level of the structure, or as high as possible.
- Make** a list of items to take with you and have a plan for your pets.
- Know** how to safely shut off your utilities.
- Listen** to authorities for emergency instructions.
- Establish** a family meeting place.



### PREVENT

- Never** fill, excavate, landscape, plant, irrigate, modify, or place an improvement on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.
- Check** with your local agency to see if a permit is required if you plan to build on, fill, alter, or re-grade your property.
- Keep** storm drains, gutters, and ditches clear.



### PROTECT

- Never** try to escape rising floodwater by going into the attic unless you have roof access, or if there are no other safe options.
- Never** drive through flooded streets or roads; more people are trapped and die in their vehicles than anywhere else during floods.
- Consider** buying flood insurance. It is a wise investment for property owners and renters.
- For more** ideas about protecting your property against floods, go to [www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk) and click on "Protect Your Property."



Get a list of your local emergency contacts and more local, state, and federal information at:

[www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk)

[myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov](mailto:myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov) 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Please share this important notice with your tenants. Have it translated if necessary.



**ESTA NOTIFICACIÓN CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE.**  
Por favor compártala con sus inquilinos. Tradúzcala si es necesario.  
Para preguntas llame al: 1.877.769.7475 o visite:  
[www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk](http://www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk)