



**NEWS RELEASE:
Recent Rains Remind Us of Need for Flood Protection**

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It may seem unusual to talk about flood protection during the midst of an extreme drought, but the recent storms serve as a reminder that flooding can occur even during the driest of years. Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District leaders want residents to know that the District continues to take steps to prepare for winter rains.

\$25 billion worth of property and buildings have been protected over the years by \$1 billion in regional flood protection infrastructure installed over the past 65 years. Since its inception, the District has worked with the community to locate and resolve flooding problems. Longtime residents remember the floods that regularly ravaged communities in the 1950's; those types of disasters remain a thing of the past due to the efforts of the District and its partners. However, those efforts should not be overlooked even during the current drought.

Preparations for this winter season have so far included inspecting and cleaning our 79 miles of flood control channels, 24 detention basins, and 5 dams. We have crews already scheduled to provide comprehensive inspections and response during and after storms, as well as 24-hour emergency response when necessary. Residents can call us at (925) 313-7000 to report any concerns.

The District is also looking ahead by assessing current conditions and future needs for our facilities. This will provide real world measurements to benchmark our facilities against industry standards. We will then move forward to extend sustainable flood protection for our communities long into the future.

To find out more about the Flood Control District, visit the [Flood Control District website](http://www.cccounty.us/442/Flood-Control). (<http://www.cccounty.us/442/Flood-Control>)

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