



# County of San Luis Obispo

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **COASTAL AREAS URGED TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE FLOODING**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, October 26, 2015**– The San Luis Obispo County Office of Emergency Services is asking residents and businesses in low lying coastal areas to prepare for the possibility of flooding over the next several days. This potential for coastal flooding is a result of unusually high tides coupled with a strong northern Pacific storm that will likely bring high surf to the Central Coast.

According to the National Weather Service, the astronomical high tides are expected across the central coast beginning on Tuesday, October 27 and continuing through Thursday, October 29. The 6.5 foot tides will peak each morning between 0900-1100hrs. In addition to high tides, beginning on Wednesday, the Central Coast is expected to receive high surf which will continue through Friday. Forecasts are indicating high surf of 10-12 feet with the possibility of 15 foot sets. The combination of high surf and unusually high tides may result in coastal flooding in low lying areas. Other potential impacts include minor damage to coastal structures and dangerous surf and rip current risk.

In San Luis Obispo County, the areas most likely to be affected by coastal flooding over the next several days include Pismo and Oceano beaches. Residents and businesses along the entire coastline are encouraged to be prepared for the high surf and potential flooding and to remain vigilant when in or near the ocean.

For more information and to read the full Coastal Flood Statement released by the National Weather Service, please visit [www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox).

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