

ARROYO GRANDE

CREEK CHANNEL

FLOODING & EVACUATION *Important Safety Information*

*Importante Información De Seguridad
Sobre Inundaciones Y Evacuación Del
Canal De Arroyo Grande*



South Levee Breach March 2001



Why do I need to be prepared for catastrophic flooding from Arroyo Grande Creek?

- o Arroyo Grande Creek through the community of Oceano was channelized within levees constructed in 1961. Levees may reduce, but do not eliminate flooding.
- o The levee is considered to be safe during smaller rainfall events. However, due to excessive buildup of sediment and vegetation over the years, it is possible that the levee could fail during a large storm event and cause flooding of areas within one quarter mile of the creek as indicated by the map on the reverse side of this brochure.
- o When levees break or overtop, the flooding can be catastrophic. In 2001, the south levee breached and flooded hundreds of acres of crop-land and several residences.

You and your family need to be prepared to evacuate immediately if you are in the flood zone. The map on the reverse side of this brochure indicates the approximate flood zone for a 100 year storm event.

What is the Plan?

1. The County of San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District maintains an automated flood warning system. This system provides real-time notification of developing flood, rainfall, and weather events throughout the county.
2. In the event of a potential levee failure and/or flooding, an emergency warning or order will be issued. Emergency officials may use route alerting, Reverse 911, or Early Warning System sirens to alert the affected areas. Residents and visitors may go to the Oceano Community Building at 1425 19th Street. This is a designated safe point where evacuees can wait until a shelter can be opened or the threat has diminished.

If you observe drainage or flooding issues that may need attention, please contact San Luis Obispo County Public Works at (805) 781-5252



Don't Be Scared! Be Prepared! Plan Ahead, Protect Your Life and Property

Use this map to identify if you live or work in the evacuation area. Pick a safe place on high ground where you and your family can meet and identify the route to there. Establish an out-of-area "family contact" in case you are separated.

If you have special needs or do not have transportation, make evacuation plans with neighbors now.

If you don't have a landline, sign up your cell phone for Reverse 911 through the Sheriff's website at www.slosheriff.org/Reverse911.aspx Use the Self Registration Portal to add phones to your actual address.

Keep important documents and priceless possessions on an upper level, or as high as possible.

Make a plan to evacuate your pets.

Prepare an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, candles, matches, first-aid kit, medication, blankets, water and food.

Know how to shut off your gas at the meter and electricity at the fuse panel.

Keep sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber and other emergency building materials handy for waterproofing.



**SAFE POINT ASSEMBLY AREA
 PUNTO SEGURO Y AREA DE REUNION**

Oceano Community Center
 1425 19th Street
 Oceano, California

**IF AN EVACUATION WARNING OR
 ORDER IS ISSUED, REMEMBER
 THESE TIPS:**

- Tune your radio/TV to any local station, such as 920 AM, 1400 AM, or 98.1 FM, or KSBY.
- Always listen to authorities for emergency instructions.
- If the instructions are to evacuate, move to higher ground immediately.
- If there is time, take your prepared emergency kit and copies of your important documents with you. When in doubt, leave all possessions behind, because your life is more important.
- Do not go into an attic to avoid the flood; you could get trapped.
- Never walk or drive through flooded areas; just 6 inches of water can make you fall, and can cause a car to stall.
- Stay away from power and electrical lines; electrocution is a frequent cause of death during flooding.
- Use common sense and try to stay calm.

Stay safe and you can help others!

**SI UNA ORDEN O ADVERTENCIA DE
 EVACUACION ES DADA, RECUERDE
 LOS SIGUIENTES CONSEJOS:**

- Prenda su radio o televisor en cualquier estación local, como 920 del AM, 1400 del AM o 98.1 del FM o KSBY.
- Siempre escuche a las autoridades para recibir instrucciones de emergencia.
- Si la instrucción es el evacuar, váyase a una zona más alta inmediatamente.
- Si hay tiempo, llévese consigo su estuche de emergencia preparado y copias de sus documentos importantes. Cuando en duda, deje todassus posesiones, porque su vida es más importante.
- No se meta a un ático para escapar la inundación pues puede que quede atrapado.
- Nunca camine o maneje a través de áreas inundadas; simplemente 6 pulgadas de profundidad en una inundación pueden hacerle caer o hacer que su carro se averie.
- Manténgase alejado de los cables de electricidad o de corriente eléctrica; electrocución es una causa de muerte frecuente en casos de inundación.
- Use su sentido común y mantenga la calma.

¡Manténgase seguro y podrá ayudar a otros!



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 FLOOD EVACUATION AREA
 OCEANO, CA**