

City of St Helena Weather Alert

NOAA is now predicting that the Napa River will exceed flood stage at the Pope Street bridge on Thursday afternoon. They are predicting that the Napa River will crest on Thursday evening at about 2.5' above flood stage. This is within the design parameters of the levee and flood wall. There is the potential for localized flooding along smaller creeks such as Sulphur Creek, water ponding on roadways, downed trees, and downed powerlines.

Public Works crews will be on standby tonight and Thursday night in order to respond to situations as they arise.

Sand and bags are available at the following locations:

- 800 Block of Adams St. (the eastern end of Adams)
- Crane Park Little League parking lot (near the Primary School).

A City shovel has been provided at each location, however residents are advised to bring their own shovel.

The National Weather Service has updated their alerts for our area:

“...Flash Flood Watch remains in effect from 9 PM PST this evening through late Thursday night...

The Flash Flood Watch continues for all locations in the San Francisco and Monterey Bay region.

- From 9 PM PST this evening through late Thursday night
- rainfall amounts are expected to range from 5 to 7 inches for North Bay valleys with isolated amounts up to 10 inches in the higher elevations...2 to 4 inches for most urban areas across the San Francisco peninsula and Monterey Bay region...and 4 to 6 inches across the Santa Lucia and Santa Cruz Mountains.
- A Flash Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding. Flash flooding is a very dangerous situation.
- Excessive runoff from heavy rainfall will cause elevated levels on small creeks and streams and possibly flooding...and ponding of water in urban areas...highways...streets and underpasses as well as other poor drainage areas and low lying spots. Additionally...country roads and farmlands along the banks of creeks...streams and other low lying areas are subject to flooding.
- You should monitor later forecasts and be prepared to take action should flash flood warnings be issued. Driving conditions may be very poor at times during this event.

...High Wind Warning remains in effect from 10 PM this evening to 10 PM PST Thursday...

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- Timing: winds have begun to increase in the North Bay area and are expected to further increase overnight. These strengthening winds will spread south with the heaviest winds expected to begin early Thursday morning in the Bay area lasting into the early afternoon hours.
- Winds: winds of 25 to 35 mph with local gusts over 50 mph for urban locations. Winds of 30 to 50 mph with local gusts greater than 80 mph for higher elevation locations.

- Impacts: widespread downed trees...falling power lines creating the potential for power outages...potential property damage... and difficult driving conditions.
- For a detailed view of the hazard area...please visit <http://www.Weather.Gov/Monterey/hazards>
- A High Wind Warning means a hazardous high wind event is expected or occurring. Sustained wind speeds of at least 40 mph or gusts of 58 mph or more can lead to property damage.

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