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Austin Osborne, PIO and Administrative Officer for Storey County, has released the following information on behalf of the county:

Storey County is engaged in the following activities in relation to potential flooding across the county including, but not limited to, Lockwood, Mark Twain, Virginia City/Gold Hill, McCarran, Highlands, and Painted Rock.

1. Storey County implemented a contingent Emergency Coordinating Center with Emergency Manager Joe Curtis serving as the Emergency Coordinating Center Manager. The contingent center team will meet periodically over the weekend to assess weather, pre-flooding and flooding conditions, and determine appropriate action. The team is communicating with state and regional partners for coordination and possible mutual-aid.
2. The Public Information Officer (PIO) will periodically update the community through Storey County Facebook and other social media. Also, don't forget 847.INFO (4636), Storey County Facebook, and www.storeycounty.org.
3. Public Works is patrolling and assessing suspect flooding areas and clearing debris from culverts and drainages. Equipment is staged and staff is on standby to respond over the weekend.
4. The county team is coordinating with regional partners and volunteer groups for labor, equipment, and other assistance if flooding occurs.
5. Storey County Fire District and Sheriff's Office are preparing for emergency response.
6. Preparation is underway for a possible Emergency Declaration by the County Commissioners to gain access to federal, state, and inter-local funding and aid.
7. Sandbag locations have been established. Stockpiles of sand and sandbags are available for self-filling and loading to Storey County residents and businesses at Lockwood Fire Station 74, Mark Twain Community Center, Highlands Fire Station 72, McCarran Fire Station 75, and at the Ice House property immediately east of the Public Works Department at 110 Toll Road in Virginia City. Bags and instructions are available at each site. Arrivals must bring their own shovels. Each bag should be filled with three to four shovels of sand. The bag may be tied closed or the remaining open flap may be folded and tucked beneath the filled bag.
8. Possible evacuation shelters are being designated in case of need. Possible shelters are the Lockwood Senior Center, Virginia City Senior Center, Virginia City Middle School gym, and for Mark Twain residents Dayton High School. Exact locations and information will be posted if shelters are needed.

Please be advised to be prepared in case of flooding (even if your residence or business is not known to be in a flooding area), as well as power outages, road and highway closures, and flooded or impassable bridges and roads over the next few weeks. Call 9-1-1 if you have a true EMERGENCY, but only for emergencies in order to keep lines available.

Austin Osborne, Public Information Officer