



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **COMMUNITY INVITED TO WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS AND DEBRIS FLOW RISK MAP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** –The Montecito Fire Department, in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Carpinteria Summerland Fire Protection District, and 1st District Supervisor Das Williams is inviting the public to attend a community informational meeting in advance of the winter storm season. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 5 at Montecito Union School, 385 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara. The meeting will be streamed live on the County’s CSBTv cable channel 20 and YouTube at [www.YouTube.com/user/CSBTv20](http://www.YouTube.com/user/CSBTv20).

The purpose of this community meeting is to publicly release the Interactive Debris Flow Risk Map that identifies properties in our communities that may be at risk from debris flow or flooding this storm season. This map will be utilized by local emergency managers to determine what portions of the community will be evacuated if necessary this winter. The risk map is in the process of being updated to include the most up-to-date scientific research and data gathered following the Thomas Fire and the 1/9 Debris Flow.

If a storm is forecasted that may cause a debris flow, the risk area will be evacuated. In the event of a rapidly developing storm with little to no warning, residents living in the risk areas should have a plan to protect themselves and their family if it is not safe to evacuate.

The new interactive map will be located online at [www.ReadySBC.org](http://www.ReadySBC.org) beginning December 5, 2019. For more information on the updated risk map, please contact the Montecito Fire Department at (805) 969-7762. Also on ReadySBC.org, residents and visitors should register for emergency alerts and download Storm Ready-Set-Go preparedness tips. For assistance developing a family safety plan, contact a local fire department or go to <https://www.ready.gov/>.