



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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## **COUNTY PROVIDES FREE SAND BAGS TO RESIDENTS** *Residents Encouraged to Protect Their Property and Surrounding Area*

Weather forecasters now predict a wetter-than-normal winter with the return of El Niño. Stormy weather over the Thanksgiving weekend also served as a reminder to prepare for the fast-approaching winter rainy season.

San Diego County residents are encouraged to stock up on sand bags to help prevent soil erosion on their property. Heavy rains can cause severe erosion, especially where foliage has not fully recovered from previous fires. Storm water runoff and mud can block roadways and clog flood control systems and storm drains, causing further damage.

The Department of Public Works provides sand and bags free of charge in unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Residents just need to bring their own shovel, and they can fill the bags at the following locations throughout the county:

- 28205 North Lake Wohlford Road, Valley Center
- 16971 Highway 76, Valley Center
- 1587 Highway 78, Julian
- 1364 Tavern Road, Alpine
- Cal Fire, Mount Woodson Station, 16310 Highway 67, Ramona
- North County Fire Protection, Station Four, 4375 Pala Mesa Drive, Fallbrook
- Dulzura Fire Station, 17304 Highway 94, Dulzura

For more information about the County Department of Public Works and its services, please visit [www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpw](http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpw).

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