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City of Biggs Message concerning conditions on the Cherokee Canal

The City of Biggs in cooperation with the Gridley-Biggs Police Department, the Butte County Sheriff's Office, CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department are monitoring the water levels in the Cherokee Canal. The recent storms have caused some minor sloughing of the levee (Near Hwy 162). This is being monitored closely by the Department of Water Resources through regular levee patrols.

We are closely monitoring the storm system with updates from the National Weather Service. The current storm is expected to continue to produce moderate to at times heavy rain in the valley and surrounding foothills. Water levels in Cherokee Canal are expected to continue to rise but projected to remain below flood stage.

There are no current threats to the community of Biggs, however, now is a good time to have a plan in place in the unlikely event that an Evacuation Warning or Evacuation Order is issued due to flooding from the Cherokee Canal.

Take time to locate important documents, medications that you need and a plan for your pets. Make sure that your vehicle has at least a half tank of fuel and check with neighbors who may need assistance if an evacuation order were to come. If you have special needs please consider signing up with the SNAP program, so emergency officials can get the appropriate help to you.

While we do not anticipate serious flood issues, we do want the community to be prepared and aware should conditions begin to rapidly change.

Sand and Sand Bags are available at the Public Works yard at 10th & G Streets in Biggs.

Evacuation Maps from the Butte County Sheriff's office are available at the following link, please review the maps and determine which zone you live in. Sign up for Code Red Alerts from the emergency officials.

www.buttecounty.net/oem/Disaster-Preparedness/Flood-Evacuation-Zones

Evacuation Information

www.buttecounty.net/oem

www.buttecounty.net/dess/services (SNAP Program information)

Real Time Information Regarding Cherokee Canal water level

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/QueryF?s=CHC>

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