

2026 El Niño Resiliency Winter Storm Preparations

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Proactive Winter Preparation and Emergency Response Activities





- Perform review of culvert inventory as part of the Culvert Inspection Program; identify known trouble locations
- Proactively clean ditch lines and clear culverts
- Collaborate with partner agencies if adjacent assets or waterways need attention
- Servicing, readying, and prepositioning equipment (plow trucks, loaders, etc.) in known trouble spots
- Ensuring proper rental equipment is supplied to yards in advance, specifically large ag irrigation pumps to address flooding
- Hold Winter readiness meetings with partner agencies
  - Specific breakout discussions for known problem areas, e.g., post-fire debris flow
- Reach out to general and specialty contractors and services ahead of storms













Thank You



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