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December 18th 2015:FEMA and NOAA Talk About Getting Your Home and Business Ready for El Nino

El Niño produces extreme consequences for weather around the globe. The National Weather Service (NWS) has forecast a strong El Niño for the winter of 2015-16. As a result, the NOAA Winter Outlook shows probabilities for above normal precipitation over much of CA, AZ, and southern NV, bringing substantial risk for levee failures, landslides, and flooding. The FEMA Region 9 office, in Oakland, CA has established an El Niño task force, consisting of subject matter experts from federal, state, local, tribal and community partners, who recently participated in a Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) exercise

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John Hamill

While still in college, Hamill began a career in journalism writing for the Village Voice. Later, as staff reporter for the NY Daily News, he covered state and city politics, police headquarters and served on an award winning investigative team. Hamill's work has also been featured in Rolling Stone magazine, New York Magazine, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Travel Holiday Magazine and the Boston Herald Examiner. After enjoying success as a screenwriter, Hamill has worked in increasingly responsible public affairs positions including as Communications Director for the City University of New York, Brooklyn College, the College Board; the New York City Housing Authority and the largest priv

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Edith Lohmann

Eddie is the FEMA Region IX National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Insurance Specialist. She has enjoyed working for the NFIP for 23 years in various capacities. She specializes in flood insurance outreach, education, and training, and provides technical assistance to NFIP stakeholders on flood insurance. Edie is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), and holds an Associate in National Flood Insurance (ANFI) from the Institutes. She received her MBA in International Marketing from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA and earned her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

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Bern Ruiz

Bern recently served as the FCO in Washington State for the 2015 Wildfires. Most recently, he served as FCO in the Georgia Severe Winter Storms. In 2014, he served as FCO in the Montana severe storms and floods; Deputy FCO in the Pacific for hurricanes and tropical storms in American Samoa, Guam, and Hawaii; and for the tornadoes in Arkansas. Bern served as DepFCO in the Colorado Floods of 2013 shortly after joining FEMA. Prior to FEMA, Bern served as a Program Manager for Training Simulations in the private sector where he developed exercises for managing crisis action and global supply chain operations. During his 30-year career in the US Army, Bern led complex organizations from peacetime

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Robert McCord

Robert McCord is the Hazard Mitigation Branch Chief for the Mitigation Division in FEMA Region IX. The Hazard Mitigation Branch is responsible for the three Mitigation grant program; the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre Disaster Mitigation (PDM), and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs. These programs provide State, Territories, Tribal and local governments grant funds to reduce the impacts from future natural hazard events. Prior to serving in this position Mr. McCord was the Senior Mitigation Specialist in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch. He began his FEMA career prior to the start of the PDM program in 2001 and has been with the Mitigation Division

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