November 7, 2008

Dear Water Resource and Emergency Managers:

As representatives of agencies or organizations that deal with emergency preparedness and response, I would like to invite you to attend this year’s northwest California Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting scheduled to take place on December 4, 2008 in Eureka, CA. See the enclosed tentative agenda for time and location of the meeting.

Pre-season flood meetings are conducted annually at various locations throughout California to inform and assist emergency managers and support groups in preparing for the upcoming winter season. Department of Water Resources along with our state, local, and federal partners provide a brief overview of current and forecasted weather and hydrologic conditions, flood operations, emergency coordination, roles and responsibilities of support agencies, and other related topics. Open discussion and questions by participants are encouraged at the end of the briefing.

We look forward to working with you on the flood preparedness and response issues of northwest California.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sherry Constancio of the Eureka Flood Center at sconstan@water.ca.gov or (707) 445-6576 or Wendy Stewart of the Joint State-Federal Flood Operations Center at wstewart@water.ca.gov or (916) 574-2619.

Sincerely,

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Hydrology and Flood Operations Office

Enclosure
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FLOOD MANAGEMENT
FLOOD OPERATIONS BRANCH

2008 North Coast Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2008
Time: 0930 – 1200

EUREKA CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
531 “K” Street, Eureka, CA

Tentative Agenda

1. Introductions/Opening Remarks  ALL
2. 2008-09 Weather Outlook/Update  NWS
3. Flood Operation Branch Update  DWR
4. Eureka Flood Center and Flood Operations Center Updates  DWR – EFC/FOC
5. Flood Preparedness & Flood Fight Training  DWR
6. California Conservation Corps (CCC)  CCC
7. Cal OES  OES
8. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Updates  USACE
9. Updates from other Agencies  ALL
10. Question/Answers  ALL

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