



## Press Release

Feb. 25, 2018

### OFFICIALS ISSUE PRE-EVACUATION ADVISORY FOR PARTS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY *Unstable Storm Expected in the Area Monday Night Through Tuesday Morning*

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – A Pre-Evacuation Advisory has been issued for the Sherpa, Whittier, Thomas and Alamo Fire burn areas due to an approaching winter storm.

The National Weather Service forecast indicates that a storm will be arriving Monday, February 26 late in the afternoon and will continue into Tuesday, February 27. Generally, rainfall amounts will be less than 0.33 inches. However, because of the instability associated with this storm the predications currently show a possibility of isolated rain totals in some areas of between 0.50 and 1 inch where thunderstorms develop. These amounts are capable of producing minor debris flows and flooding below the Sherpa, Whittier, Thomas and Alamo Fire burn areas.

The County, emergency officials and the National Weather Service are closely monitoring the situation and will alert the public with more information as the storm approaches. Impact areas need to prepare for the possibility of an evacuation for Monday evening.

If at any time during this storm, or any storm, anyone feels threatened, action should be taken to leave for high ground or a safe area. Do not wait for a notification. If an individual or family has access or functional needs, or has large animals to move, consider leaving well in advance. For more information on the risk please go to [ReadySBC.org](http://ReadySBC.org). To go directly to the Interactive Debris Flow Risk Areas map, visit [ReadySBC.org/StormReadyMap](http://ReadySBC.org/StormReadyMap). Please also standby for future updates.

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#### **In English:**

##### **Emergency Alert System:**

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org). If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

##### **Stay Connected:**

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#### **En español:**

##### **Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:**

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org), si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

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