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Officials Continue Monitoring Storm System Approaching Santa Barbara County *No Evacuations Anticipated at This Time*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The County, emergency agencies and the National Weather Service continue to monitor a storm system heading toward Santa Barbara County. Showers are expected in the region beginning late afternoon Saturday, March 10 and continuing into Sunday. **No evacuations are anticipated at this time.**

At present, the National Weather Service is reporting an expected maximum rainfall of approximately 0.8 to 1.6 inches total in foothills and mountains with intensity levels expected to be 0.2 to 0.4 inches per hour. There is a 20 percent chance that the intensity level will exceed the threshold of a half-inch of rain per hour that triggers debris flows. No thunderstorms are expected during the storm.

Emergency officials are actively monitoring the storm and will take the steps necessary to inform the public if the storm increases in intensity. Residents and businesses are asked to monitor weather reports and emergency announcements. For weather updates, visit www.weather.gov and enter a city or zip code for local forecasts.

Persons living in or near burn areas are encouraged to have emergency kits and evacuation plans ready in advance. For storm readiness tips, visit www.ReadySBC.org.

Storm readiness information is also available in Spanish at www.ReadySBC.org/es.