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WEATHER EVENT ADVISORY: UPDATE

The Ridgecrest Police Department and City of Ridgecrest are preparing for what appears to be a major weather event that is expected to enter our area Saturday night and last into Tuesday.

Current forecast for Hurricane Hilary by the National Weather Service (NWS) is the same as reported yesterday. Although still forecast to weaken to Tropical Storm or Tropical Depression strength by the time it reaches our area, it will still pack plenty of wind and rain to disrupt our community. 3"-5" inches of rain is very likely in a short amount of time.

The City of Ridgecrest and the Ridgecrest Police Department are taking this storm seriously. The weather pattern and storm track is one that has not been seen in our area for many years. This is not your typical Ridgecrest storm that we normally experience. The potential for damage and other safety concerns are extremely high. Hopefully, we and the National Weather Service are wrong and it will only be a minor inconvenience, but if not, we want you to be as prepared as we are planning and preparing to be.

Once the rain starts, please cancel any unnecessary travel around town. Vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic will become extremely dangerous as the rain progresses. Flash floods, swift water, and impassable roads may appear instantaneously. A submarined car is expensive to fix and ties up emergency services in a time when services are needed by others. Let's play this one safe. Stay indoors and off the roads.

Instructions for obtaining sandbags will be released shortly.

Kern County Projected Precipitation										Weather Forecast Office Hanford, CA Friday, August 18
	8/19 Sat		8/20 Sun				8/21 Mon		Total	
	5pm	11pm	5am	11am	5pm	11pm	5am	11am		
Arvin	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.26	0.73	0.99	0.36	0.16	0.07	2.65
Bakersfield	0	0.01	0.03	0.15	0.55	0.81	0.31	0.15	0.07	2.08
Bear Valley Springs	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.53	1.11	1.35	0.48	0.23	0.09	3.94
Breckenridge Mountain	0.03	0.06	0.12	0.64	1.00	1.47	0.51	0.35	0.16	4.34
Kernville	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.86	0.81	1.07	0.38	0.28	0.10	3.76
Lake Isabella	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.68	0.75	1.04	0.38	0.29	0.10	3.46
Pine Mountain Club	0	0.02	0.11	0.40	1.07	1.27	0.70	0.37	0.15	4.09
Ridgecrest	0.15	0.19	0.34	1.07	1.14	1.02	0.39	0.19	0.06	4.55
Tehachapi	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.84	1.24	1.24	0.43	0.20	0.07	4.27
Wofford Heights	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.77	0.78	1.04	0.37	0.28	0.11	3.61

*Table values in inches
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***Values are accumulations over the period beginning at the time shown.

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