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REFERENCE: Flood Status Update

Yerington, NV – The National Weather Service in Reno has issued a flood warning south Lyon County along the Walker River. The National Weather Service explains there may be record breaking flooding and that residents may see the Walker River rise to above 12 feet by Wednesday (5/24/2017) morning.

Lyon County officials are urging residents to have a plan for sheltering in place or evacuating. Response agencies are preparing for evacuation and rescue operations. Public Works crews are mobilizing sandbagging operations and continue to work on clearing channels and building up levies along the Walker River.

Lyon County strongly urges residents that have a family member that is home bound or confined to bed to make arrangements to have the family member moved out of harm's way if they live near the river, in the flood plain or were flooded in 1997.

The City of Yerington is conducting a community sandbag fill and deliver operation starting Saturday morning (May 20, 2017) at 8:00 AM. If you can help please volunteer to fill and deliver sandbags to residents that are elderly or disabled.

Residents that are elderly or disabled can request to have sandbags delivered by going to www.coypw/sandbag/ and filling out the requested information.

Lyon County and City of Yerington crews will be working throughout the weekend on projects to help reduce the impact of any flooding. The Lyon County Emergency Coordination Center will be fully operational Tuesday (May 30, 2017) at 7:00 AM