

**ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA**  
**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**FLASH FLOOD WARNING IN EFFECT AND MANDATORY EVACUATION  
ORDER FOR MODJESKA, WILLIAMS, AND LIVE OAK CANYONS.**

The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Warning for Orange County indicating that flash flooding or debris flows are imminent or occurring. Mud flows have been reported in Modjeska, Williams, and Live Oak Canyons. Water is reported to be rising in canyon creek beds.

The County Executive Officer and Orange County Sheriff's Department have issued an immediate **mandatory** evacuation order for residents of **Modjeska, Williams, and Live Oak Canyons**. If you live on or near recently burned slopes or your property has been identified as being at moderate to high risk to life in the state BAER report, evacuate immediately.

Be aware that Sheriff's deputies will NOT be making door-to-door notifications during a flash flood warning. They will utilize a PA or siren notification as they evacuate themselves from the canyons.

The US Geological Survey has advised that flash flood level rain is capable of producing catastrophic debris flows that can completely destroy homes and roads. Debris flows can occur without any notice. Do not delay evacuating until the rain becomes severe. Evacuation routes can quickly become impassable due to mud and debris or flooding.

The Orange County Fairgrounds (88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa) can accept large animals from residents. Residents must call ahead to (714) 708-1588 to inform OC Fairgrounds that they are coming and to receive directions about which gate to enter. Residents are expected to bring any necessary supplies for their large animals.

If residents have any questions, they can call the Orange County Emergency Operations Center hotline at (714) 628-7085.

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