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## Friday Memo for 1/6/2017

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### The National Weather Service is Forecasting an "Atmospheric River" Event this Weekend



The National Weather Service is forecasting an "Atmospheric River" event over the weekend. An "Atmospheric River" basically means warm sub-tropical moisture from the Pacific Ocean will be targeted to our region. This has the potential to be a significant event. Friday looks to be the best chance to do preparedness efforts for this incoming storm. Rain should be minimal on Friday with increasing chances of precipitation starting Saturday. Heavy precipitation will take place over Sunday and Monday which could cause localized flooding.

One area of concern is that the snow levels will increase dramatically starting Saturday and continue to be high for this storm event. With the snow that is already on the ground this will cause higher runoffs which will impact streams, rivers and drainages. Additionally, there may be impacts to roads due to rockslides, washouts and fast moving water.

The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) would like to remind residents that free sand and sandbags are available at three locations.

- Next to the Nevada County Warehouse on the corner of Highway 49 and East Broad Street in Nevada City
- Penn Valley Fire Protection District located at 10513 Spenceville Road in Penn Valley
- North San Juan Community Hall located at 10057 Reservoir Street in North San Juan

Residents must bring their own shovel to fill the sandbags with sand. We do request that residents only take what they plan to use for protection of their personal property.

If you are operating a vehicle, please review the following tips;

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding
- Do not attempt to drive (or walk) across running water more than a few inches deep
- Avoid driving in water that downed electrical or power lines have fallen in
- Avoid hydroplaning by driving slowly and keeping your tires inflated correctly

Don't forget to accomplish the following;

- Clear rain gutters
- Repair roof leaks
- Cut away tree branches that could fall on your house

For road failures and trees down in the right of way during business hours call (530) 265-1411 and call 911 for any emergencies.

An important reminder for storm preparedness is to monitor a forecasted severe weather event. This can be accomplished by monitoring the local media or visiting the many weather forecast services available via the internet.

Nevada OES will be posting updates on Facebook and [Twitter@NevCoOES](#).

For additional questions or comments, contact the OES at [oes@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:oes@co.nevada.ca.us) or (530) 265-1515

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## Gold Country Stage Free Fare Days on January 12 - 14

County of Nevada Transit Services has received a Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) air quality grant that provides public transit funding assistance for projects that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility. To support this objective Gold Country Stage will provide SYSTEM WIDE FREE FARE DAYS ON ALL ROUTES January 12-14, 2017.

All Routes will be operating their normal schedules, days and times, from 5:50 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Then on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with free fares for all.

Bus schedules are available in the Gold Country Stage Rider's Guide, on the [Gold County website](#) or call the office (530) 477-01013 x 0 for travel planning information.

For folks traveling to the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, use local routes to film festival venues in Nevada City and Grass Valley. Route 1 runs between Nevada City and Grass Valley every hour, plus connections to all other routes!

Gold Country Stage Information: 477-0103 x 0, or the [Gold County website](#).

Funded through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

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## Public Comment Period for the Mental Health Services Act Annual Plan Update



Nevada County Behavioral Health is inviting all stakeholders to review and comment on Nevada County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2016/17 annual update to the three-year plan and annual progress report for Fiscal Year 2014/15. The public comment period is open for 30 days from January 3, 2017 to February 2, 2017. There will be a public hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Behavioral Health Department, 500 Crown Point Circle in Grass Valley. The MHSA Annual Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2016/17 and MHSA Annual Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2014/15 is [available to view here](#).

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The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), also known as Prop 63, was passed by California voters in 2004. MHSA provides funding to expand community mental health services. In Nevada County MHSA funded programs include: Turning Point Providence Center, Victor Community Support Services, Uplift

Family Services, SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center, What's Up? Wellness Checkups, and Welcome Home Vets.

To find out more about the Mental Health Services Act contact Michele Violetta at (530) 265-1790.

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