

WINTER READINESS WORKSHOP

Prepare early. Travel safely. Stay connected.

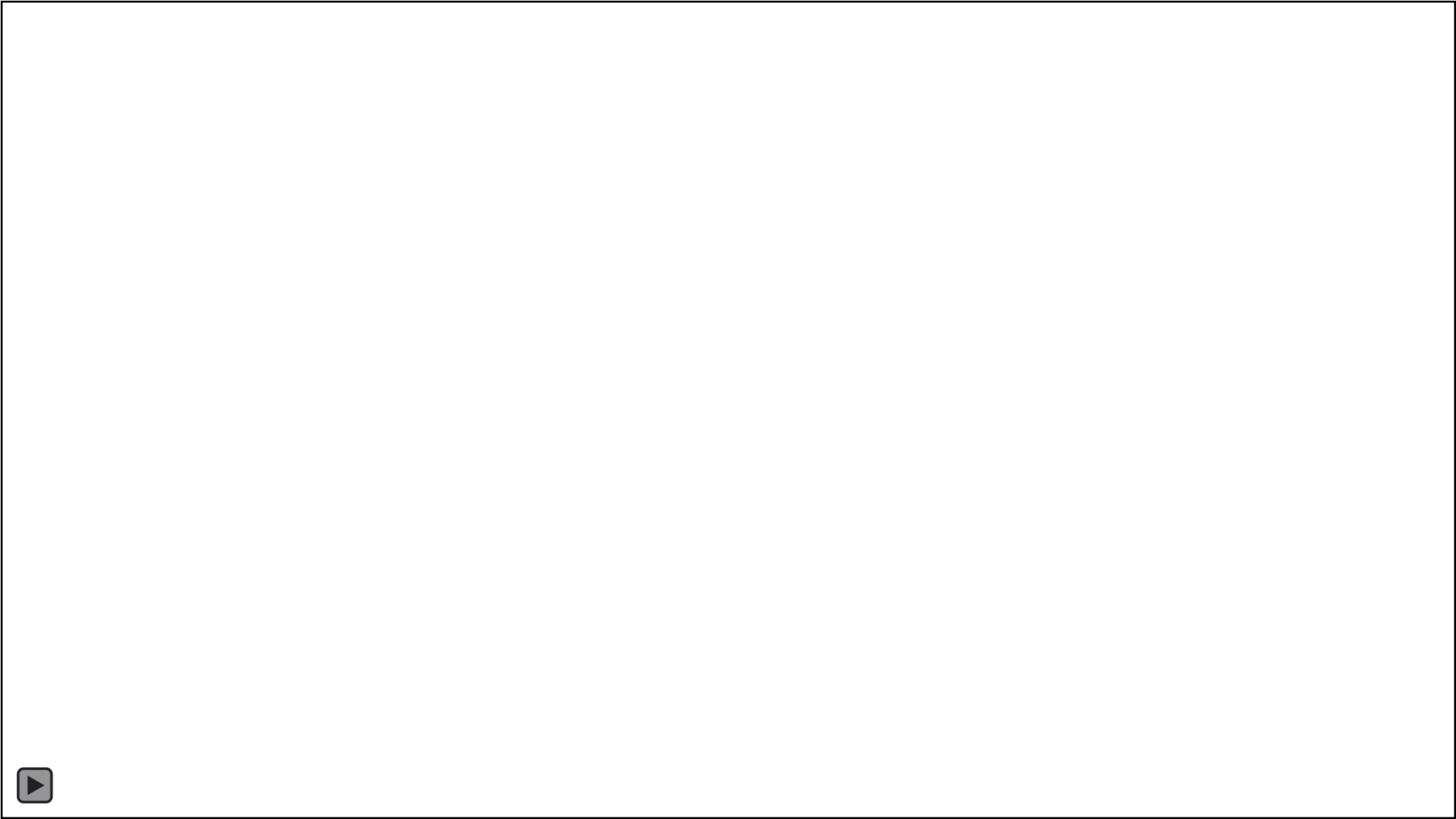
OCTOBER 1, 2026

6:00 p.m. • OTCC



BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY
PARTNERS





Tonight's workshop agenda

6:00 p.m.

Welcome + winter risk picture

6:10 p.m.

Alerts, road conditions + official information

6:25 p.m.

Seven-day home readiness

6:45 p.m.

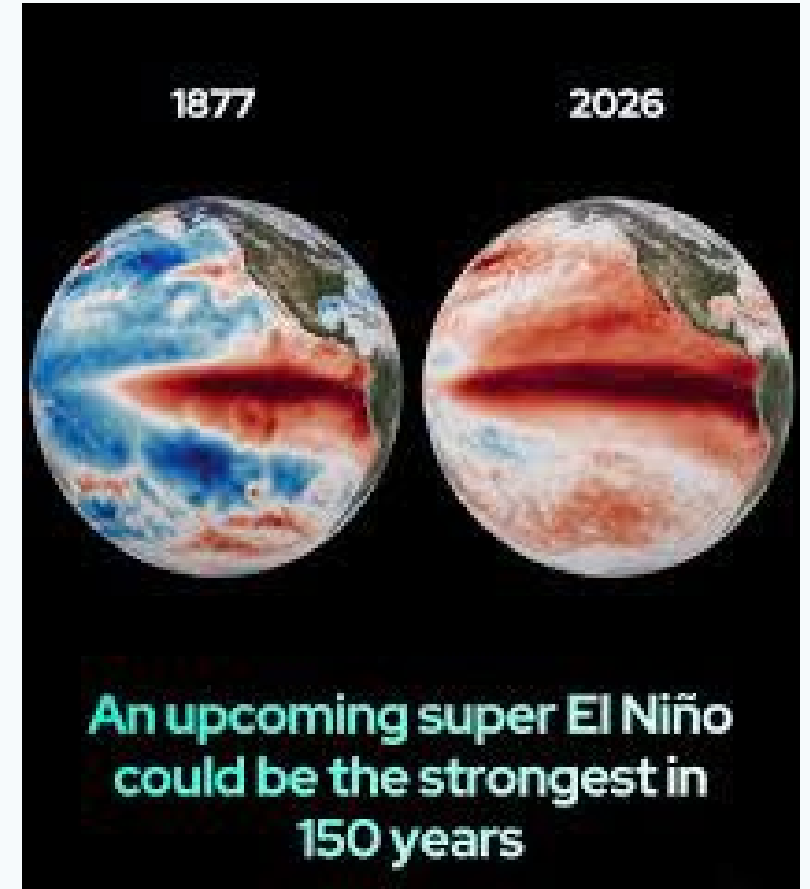
Safe heat, power + carbon monoxide prevention

7:00 p.m.

Vehicle, medical, animal + communications plans

7:25 p.m.

Questions, commitments + resource handoff



Be ready to safely self-sustain

for at least

7 DAYS

HOME

Food, water, warmth and medications

ROAD

Chains, vehicle kit and travel decisions

INFO

Official alerts and backup communications

Why winter is different in Bear Valley

I

ICE

Longer stopping distances and hidden hazards

S

SNOW

Reduced visibility and blocked access

P

POWER

Outages can affect heat, water and communications

T

TREES

Wind and snow load can block roads or damage lines

Start with reliable information

Use official sources before changing plans.

1

BVPD / BVCSD / Nixle

Local safety, roads and service updates

2

Kern County alerts / Ready Kern

Emergency notifications and protective actions

3

National Weather Service Hanford /23ABC Bakersfield / NOAA's Climate Prediction Center

Forecasts, watches and warnings

4

Southern California Edison Outage Map

Outage status and restoration information

Travel only when conditions support it

A safer decision

Can the trip wait?

- Check current road information
- Carry and know how to fit chains
- Leave room for plows and emergency vehicles
- Remember: 4WD does not shorten stopping distance

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Tell someone your route and expected arrival time.

WHILE DRIVING

Slow down, increase following distance and avoid sudden inputs.

IF STRANDED

Stay with the vehicle unless remaining creates immediate danger.

Build a seven-day home supply

WATER

Drinking + sanitation

FOOD

Shelf-stable + manual opener

MEDS

Prescriptions + first aid

LIGHT

Flashlights + batteries

WARMTH

Layers + blankets

POWER

Chargers + battery radio

HYGIENE

Sanitation supplies

RECORDS

Documents + cash

Use backup heat and power safely

Carbon monoxide can kill without warning.

- Run generators outdoors—far from doors, windows and vents
- Use an approved transfer switch; never backfeed a home
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Keep fuel and hot equipment away from combustibles

NEVER

**use a grill, camp stove
or oven to heat an
indoor space**

If an alarm sounds: get outside
and call 911.

Prepare every vehicle

Keep the tank at least half full and check the kit before each storm.

CHAINS

Correct size + gloves

DIG OUT

Shovel + ice scraper

BE SEEN

Flashlight + reflective gear

STAY WARM

Layers + blanket

SUSTAIN

Water + snacks

CONNECT

Phone charger + contacts

Plan now for medical and mobility needs

Do not wait for an outage to discover the plan has a gap.

1

MEDICATION

Refill timing, refrigerated medicines and written list

2

EQUIPMENT

Battery backup for powered medical or mobility devices

3

CARE

Caregiver, transportation and treatment contingencies

4

CONTACTS

Two nearby helpers who know the plan

Pets, horses and livestock need a winter plan

PETS

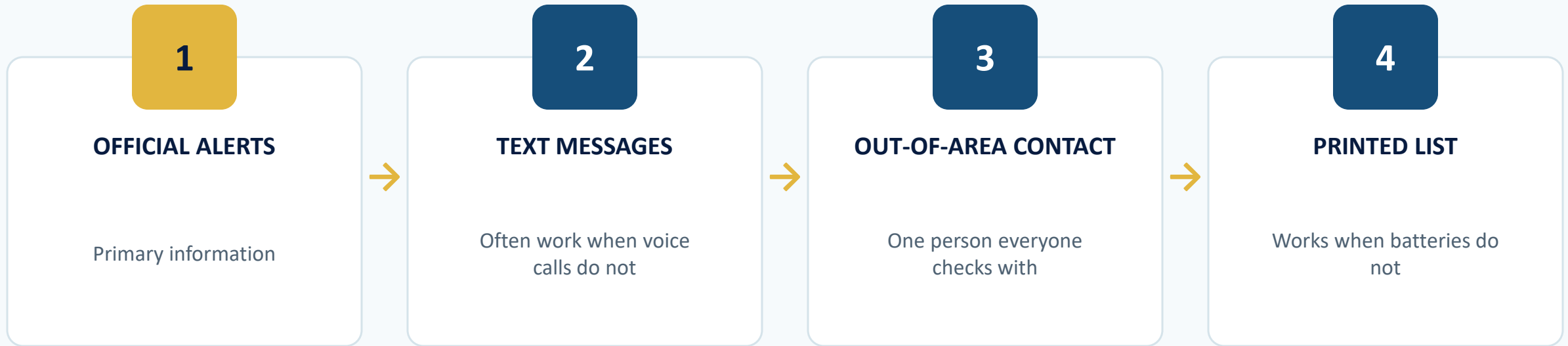
- Seven days of food, water and medication
- Current ID, photos, carrier and leash
- Warm, secure shelter

HORSES + LIVESTOCK

- Backup water and feed
- Halters, identification and trailer readiness
- Move early—before roads become icy

Large-animal evacuation takes time. Make the go/no-go decision early.

Build backup communications



Add a battery radio, power banks and a neighborhood check-in plan.

Match the need to the right contact

EMERGENCY

Threat to life, fire or crime in progress

911

PUBLIC SAFETY

Non-emergency police concern

**Local dispatch / BVPD
KCSO Dispatch 661-861-3110**

ROADS + SERVICES

Road hazard or district service issue

**BVCSD official channels
NIXLE / CSD Web Page**

POWER

Outage or damaged electrical equipment

SCE outage channels

YOUR NEXT 7 DAYS

Choose three actions before the next storm.

- Register for official alerts
- Build or refresh the home kit
- Test smoke + CO alarms
- Practice installing chains
- Confirm medical + animal backups
- Check on a neighbor safely

QUESTIONS?



Prepare early • Limit unnecessary travel • Rely on official information

BEAR VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS HERE

Scan the QR code or email BVPD@bvspd.org to submit a question about public safety or police services.

QUESTIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BEFORE OR DURING THE TOWN HALL.



SCAN TO SUBMIT A QUESTION

BVPD@bvspd.org