

Meeting Date
December 1, 2015



AGENDA	
Section	Presentations
Item No.	I.D.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Presentation by National Weather Service – Melbourne regarding the upcoming El Niño winter severe storm season
DEPT/OFFICE:	Emergency Management

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners accept the presentation by the National Weather Service, regarding El Niño and its effects on the winter storm season and potential for strong tornado threats, and encourage the public to obtain NOAA weather radios and/or smartphone apps with tone alerts for severe weather.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Scott Spratt, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service’s Melbourne weather forecast office, will present a PowerPoint presentation to make the Board of County Commissioners and the public aware of the potential for a strong tornado threat this winter due to El Niño.

The meteorologists at the NWS-Melbourne office have done extensive research on El Niño and its effects on winter weather throughout recorded Florida history. This research demonstrates that winters in which there is a strong El Niño are much more likely to have more and stronger tornadoes.

It is strongly recommended that employees and residents acquire NOAA weather radios and/or smartphone apps with tone alerts for severe weather, to ensure that they would be awakened in time to take cover if a tornado approaches.

Fiscal impact: None

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No PR

County Manager

Assistant County Manager

Department Director / Extension

Kimberly Prosser, Director 637-6670

Stockton Whitten

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 Frank Abbate

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December 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kimberly Prosser, Emergency Management Director

RE: Item I.D., National Weather Service – Melbourne Presentation Regarding El Nino Winter Severe Storm Season

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 1, 2015, acknowledged presentation by the National Weather Service – Melbourne, regarding the upcoming El Nino winter severe storm season.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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