

## **RED FLAG WARNINGS**

### **What are they all about?**

The National Weather Service issues Red Flag Warnings when local high temperatures, low humidity and strong winds combine to make it easier for fires to start and spread.

### **How will I know about them?**

You will hear about them through radio and television and reported in your newspapers. In addition both AlertMarin and Nixle will send you texts and emails to your cell.

### **How can they impact me?**

They can impact you in two ways:

- They alert you to a heightened fire danger and you should prepare accordingly.
- Pacific Gas & Electric may issue a power outage in your neighborhood based on the Red Flag Warning. You should prepare accordingly.

### **How should I prepare?**

There are many things you can do. Here are just a few:

#### Heightened Fire Danger

Do NOT park your car on dry grass or weeds.

Have a plan in place for gathering family members if there is an evacuation.

Take this opportunity to check your roof gutters for leaves.

Update your Go Bag.

Attend one of the classes available to help you prepare yourself.

#### Potential Power Outage

Fill up your empty containers with water. Freeze some of them & use the ice to help keep your refrigerator cool.

Have canned and dried food enough for several days.

Keep your car gas tank at least half full and keep some cash around.

Have a solar-powered or hand-cranked radio in the house.

Attend one of the classes available to help you prepare yourself.

Learn more by attending a San Rafael sponsored "1 Hour 2 Get Ready" disaster preparedness class either on 7/24 (618 B Street) or on 8/8 (670 Del Ganado). Both classes are from 6:30 to 8:00.