



Catching up with LA County

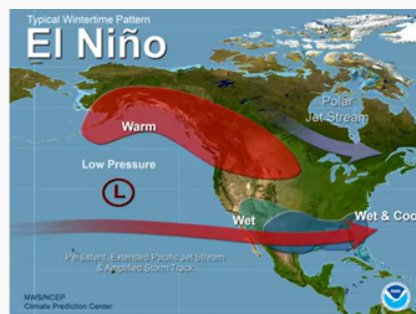
September 3, 2026

WHAT'S NEW?

COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

Summary of Potential Impacts and Planned Strategies to Mitigate El Niño During the 2026-27 Storm Season.

At the September 1st Board of Supervisors meeting, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in coordination with various relevant Departments, presented a summary of potential impacts and planned strategies to mitigate El Niño during the 2026-27 storm season.



According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, there is an 81% chance the 2026-2027 storm season will become a "very strong" El Niño. El Niño is a climate pattern that can last 9-12 months and emerges from warmer tropical Pacific Ocean water migrating to the cooler eastern Pacific, combined with changing atmospheric conditions that interrupt the typical east-to-west trade winds, and increased ocean temperatures and levels.

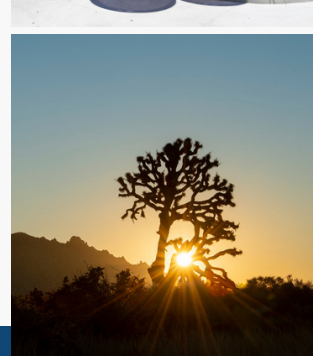
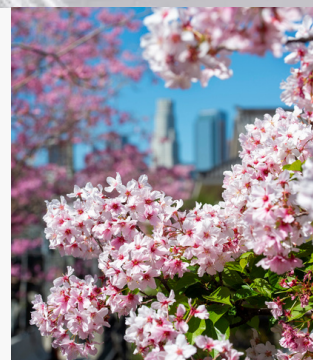
The presentation included reports from OEM, the National Weather Service (LA/Oxnard), Countywide Communications, and the following County Departments: Public Works, Sheriff, Fire, Homeless Services and Housing, Beaches and Harbors, and Public Social Services. The presentation can be [viewed here](#) and the slide deck can be found [here](#).

To sign up to receive LA County's El Niño Preparedness Guide, visit ready.lacounty.gov/rain and subscribe.



***The Board will be dark on
September 8th.***

**Upcoming Board of Supervisors'
meeting agendas can be found [here](#).**



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

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- **CHANGE OF POSTION, FROM SUPPORT TO NEUTRAL, FOR ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 685 (SOLACHE) - SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

AB 685 would have previously appropriated \$26 million in State General Fund to a new Small Business Resiliency and Innovation Fund to expand resources for small business technical assistance. The bill was amended on August 13, 2026, and August 21, 2026, to remove the appropriation, and enact new requirements and oversight measures for grant recipients of the California Small Business Technical Assistance Program. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **CHANGE OF POSITION, FROM OPPOSE AND REQUEST AMENDMENTS TO NEUTRAL, FOR AB 690 (SCHULTZ) - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: INDIGENT DEFENSE COMPENSATION**

AB 690 previously would have made indigent defense contracting standards issued by the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) mandatory, which would have reduced local control over indigent defense contracting carried out through the County's Independent Defense Counsel Office. The bill was amended on August 13, 2026, making these standards something that only must be considered by an agency and clarifies that only contracts with entities or firms need to be submitted to OSPD, not individual agreements with attorneys. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **CHANGE OF POSTION, FROM OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED TO NEUTRAL, FOR AB 1331 (ELHAWARY) - WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE**

AB 1331 previously would have prohibited an employer from using certain workplace surveillance tools, with exceptions, in specified areas and would have provided other guidelines around the use of workplace surveillance tools. This would have created significant cost pressures on local agencies, endanger public employees and those they serve, raise new privacy and cost concerns, and significantly expand government liability. This bill was significantly amended on August 28, 2026, narrowing the scope of the bill to only prohibiting an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool to monitor or surveil employees in a bathroom located in the workplace. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).





Virtual Workshop - Rebuilding Together: Navigating Inspections

Thursday, September 24, 2026 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. [Register HERE.](#)

- Learn more about how inspections work, best practices to keep you on track, and next steps in the rebuilding process.
- Hear directly from LA County representatives about how to request inspections through EPIC-LA, how to avoid common delays, and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A portion of the event.

Past Rebuilding Together Workshops can be accessed [here](#).

Summer Pool Season at Loma Alta Park in Altadena Extended

The summer pool season at Loma Alta Park in Altadena has been extended through September 30, 2026, giving families, older adults, and other residents additional opportunities to stay active and beat the late-summer heat. The extended schedule includes recreational swimming, lap swim, water exercise, swim lessons, and other aquatic programming. [Click here for the Pool Schedule.](#)



VOTER OUTREACH MAILERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION



The LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) recently sent two versions of an [outreach mailer](#) to LA County voters. The mailers provide key election information and give voters a chance to review and update their language preference. They also support voter list maintenance.

Key information for the upcoming election:

- Vote by Mail ballots will begin mailing to all registered voters no later than October 5.
- Official Ballot Drop Boxes will open the same day Vote by Mail ballots begin mailing.
- Vote Centers will open October 24 through Election Day, November 3.
- Voters may return their ballot using an Official Ballot Drop Box, by mail, or vote in person at any Vote Center in Los Angeles County.

Election information, voter registration, and election day resources can be found at: www.lavote.gov.

Notices, Reports, Resources, and More



Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) Expands Legal Defense for Detained Immigrants

The OIA, in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, is launching the Los Angeles County Detained Immigrant Defense Bar Panel in partnership with the USC Gould School of Law Immigration Clinic. The new initiative will help more County residents who are detained by immigration authorities access legal representation. It is a part of RepresentLA, a program funded by the County and City of Los Angeles to provide immigration legal services to eligible residents. The USC Gould School of Law Immigration Clinic will administer the program on behalf of OIA, including recruiting and supporting participating attorneys and coordinating case placement. For more information, visit oia.lacounty.gov.



Veterans Stand Together (VST): Prepare for Your Success Job & Resource Fair

This event will feature employment opportunities, resources, networking, and free services such as health screenings, resume assistance and haircuts for attendees. The event will take place on Friday, September 25th from 12-4 p.m. at Henry C. Gonzalez Auditorium, 4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate, 90280.



Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA): Public Housing Wait Lists Open

LACDA has opened the waiting lists at 16 affordable public housing sites. To apply or for more information, on eligibility and deadlines visit: www.lacda.org.



Helping You Stay Housed: LA County Resource Portal

Multiple agencies have collaborated to build a streamlined portal designed to prevent people from going without housing. Visit lacounty.gov/prevention to view available resources.



Final 120-Day Report on Potential Economic and Workforce Impacts of Paramount Skydance Acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery

The final report focuses on the merger's production workforce implications and quantifies, in job years, the work capacity at risk if the consolidation occurs as anticipated. Additionally, the report includes the significant economic stakes for the region threatened by the merger.