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## NEWS ADVISORY

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### LBAW JOINS KING COUNTY IN WARNING LBAW MEMBERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREEN VALLEY REGION TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE FALL OR WINTER FLOODING

SEATTLE, WA. On September 10, 2009, King County Executive Kurt Triplet signed a proclamation of emergency in order to speed up preparation for an increase risk of flooding in the Green Valley region, South King County. The Latina/o Bar Association of Washington strongly encourages all LBAW members living and working in this region to heed flood warnings, preparation suggestions and attend any of the upcoming public meetings in your community – as listed below.

In addition, LBAW members living or working in the Green Valley region are encouraged to obtain flood insurance and draft a business plan of action. Remember, it can take up to 30 days for flood insurance to take effect. According to the Ezine magazine article entitled “Preparing Home and Business for the 2009 Flood Season,” by Flora Richards-Gustafson, the plan should include: Important phone numbers, such as your insurance agents’ offices, the insurance claim contact line, important business contact numbers, the contact information of family members, and the phone number of a flood restoration specialist.

A flood restoration specialist is a person who works in paper document restoration. They can help dry documents and restore flood-damaged documents, books, and property. Business owners are encouraged to have critical information backed up either via server or virtual server (in a non-flood area) to access working documents. Alternatively, store documents in waterproof containers or dry locations.

Finally, LBAW members are welcome to use the LBAW listserv as a community forum for trading flood preparation ideas. For more information (in multiple languages, including Spanish), please see the following websites:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/FloodPlan.aspx>

[http://www.auburnwa.gov/Emergency/disaster/Green River and Howard Hanson Dam Information .asp](http://www.auburnwa.gov/Emergency/disaster/Green_River_and_Howard_Hanson_Dam_Information.asp)

**Upcoming public meetings include:**

Tuesday, Sept. 22

1 – 3 p.m.

Emerald Downs, Turf Club – 5th floor

Preparedness for the agriculture community

Wednesday, Sept. 23

5 – 7 p.m.

ShoWare Center in Kent

Emergency Preparedness Symposium for businesses

Saturday, Oct. 03

9 – 11 a.m.

ShoWare Center in Kent

Public meeting on flood safety and efforts underway to protect people, businesses and property

Thursday, Oct. 08

6 – 8 p.m.

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