


1. **WHAT IS El NIÑO?** El Niño is a naturally occurring climate pattern that causes unusually warm surface waters to form in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

2. **HOW DOES EL NIÑO AFFECT CALIFORNIA WEATHER?** El Niño impacts California by shifting the Pacific jet stream southward, which typically steers a pipeline of frequent, moisture-heavy tropical storms directly into the state during the winter months.

3. **HOW LIKELY IS EL NIÑO TO CAUSE MAJOR IMPACTS THIS WINTER?** An El Niño event has a greater than 90% chance of becoming a very strong or "Super El Niño" this winter, making major global and U.S. weather impacts highly likely.

4. **WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PREPARE FOR El NIÑO?**
   A. Walk around your home, apartment, or business, and remove loose debris.
   B. Address areas where you have standing water or where water puddles.
   C. Secure patio furniture, grills, and other objects that may become airborne in high-wind conditions.
   D. Clear rain gutters of debris and leaves so that water can flow freely.
   E. Trim trees to remove dead or low-hanging branches.
   F. Plan ahead when rain is forecasted – visit the grocery store, fuel up, & avoid unnecessary driving.
   G. Have a plan for power outages – visit SoCal Edison for tips: SCE - PREPARING FOR POWER OUTAGES.
   H. Stay Informed - sign up for emergency alerts: MOVAL.ORG/ALERT
   I. Forecasts change, but your awareness shouldn't.

5. **BE PREPARED. BE INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.**
   Follow trusted sources for weather and emergency information:
   - National Weather Service
   - Moval.org/alert
   - SCE Outage Information
   - Riverside County Fire Incidents Page
   - RivCo Ready
   - CAL TRANS ROAD INFORMATION