

News Release

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Nisqually River Flow Notification

Tacoma Power Releasing 1200 cfs from LaGrande Dam

OLYMPIA – Thurston County Emergency Management urging residents to prepare for flooding.

Residents who live in low-lying areas of the Nisqually River to be prepared for possible flooding. Evacuation is not anticipated at this time; however, residents should be prepared to evacuate on short notice if Tacoma Power continues to increase flow from the LaGrande Dam. To keep updated on flooding information and river alerts, please monitor social media and sign up for TCALERT.

The following alert was issued by Thurston County Emergency Management today at 12:12 pm:

“Currently Tacoma Power advises they are releasing 12,000 cubic ft. per second by 2:00 p.m. today to manage water levels due to significant water flow. They will be maintaining through Friday with the possibility to increase again if needed. Farm and pastureland may experience erosion.

Residents living on or near Hayko Lane, 6th Avenue near the public fishing area, low lying areas of Riverbend Campground, or Riverside Manor Apartments are urged to keep a watchful eye on the river and be prepared to evacuate on short notice.

Monitor river levels at www.thurstoncountywa.gov/em/pages/rivers-graphs.aspx”

If you are not receiving critical countywide TCALERT messages, please sign-up at <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/em/Pages/ei-alert.aspx>

For more information on preparedness and having a grab and go kit go to <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/em/Pages/prep-personal.aspx> and do not forget to prepare to take your household pets with you.