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County of Kaua'i officials urging residents to be vigilant as potential for high winds, unprecedented coastal flooding may occur this weekend

LĪHU'E – County of Kaua'i officials this afternoon are urging residents to be vigilant due to the potential for strong winds and unprecedented coastal flooding over the weekend.

"We urge the public to secure any loose materials or objects around your home," said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. "Those in areas prone to coastal flooding along the north- and west-facing shores should closely monitor conditions and be prepared to evacuate if needed."

As a safety precaution, the County of Kaua'i will be closing all north- and west-facing beach parks from Kekaha to Anahola, effective 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9., until further notice. As a reminder, Nāpali Coast State Wilderness Park, Hā'ena State Park, and state and county parks in the Hā'ena and Wainiha areas remain closed.

The National Weather Service issued a Special Weather Statement stating that an unusually strong storm system will move toward the islands from the north, and the combination of strong onshore winds and high surf may lead to property and road damages, as well as beach erosion.

A High Wind Advisory is in effect until 6 p.m. Saturday, and a High Wind Watch will take effect from Saturday evening through Sunday evening, according to the National Weather Service. A High Wind Watch means there is the potential for a hazardous high wind event. Sustained winds of at least 40 mph or gusts of 58 mph or stronger may occur. A Wind Advisory means that sustained winds of at least 30 mph, or gusts of at least 50 mph, are expected.



A High Surf Warning for north- and west-facing shores of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau remains in effect through Monday morning. Entering the water in these areas during the High Surf Warning is very hazardous and could cause serious injury or death.

County, state, and federal officials are monitoring the situation and are actively coordinating in preparation.

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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