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TO: All Commanding Officers

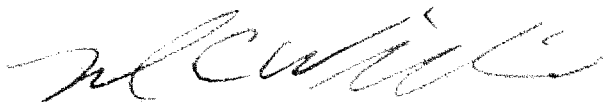
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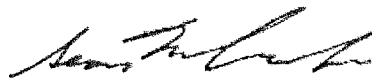
The Emergency Preparedness Bulletin, Volume 10, No. 10, entitled 2015 – “*Godzilla El Niño*” is now available on the Department’s Local Area Network under the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator link. In anticipation of the El Niño weather system expected in the upcoming months, Area/Divisions should review and update as necessary their flood inundation plans found within their respective Standing Plans.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Sergeant I Michael Hammett, Officer in Charge, Emergency Preparedness Unit, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-5730.

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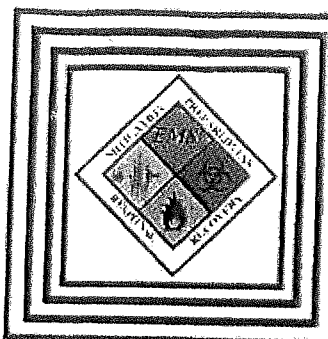
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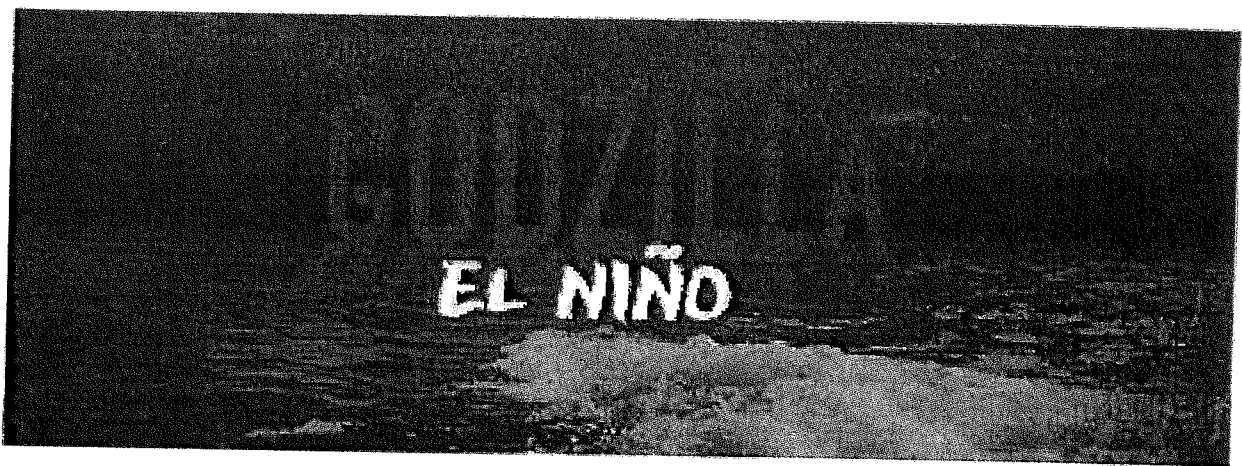
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The 2015 - El Niño is forecasted to possibly be the strongest on record. Based on the current build-up of contributing factors, researchers are referring to this particular coming El Niño as the "Godzilla El Niño." According to Angela Fritz, Atmospheric Scientist and Deputy Weather Editor for the Washington Post, "This year's El Niño exploded across the equatorial Pacific Ocean in March and April, while the 1997 version was still getting its legs." Bill Patzert, climatologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory stated in a Los Angeles Times article, "In February of 1998 alone, we had four big storms and two small storms, and we got almost a year of rain in one month." Patzert continued by stating, "February looked like something that should have been spread over the entire winter." Using the past El Niño experience as an indicator for future weather behavior, what this may mean to those of us in Southern California is, in the coming winter months, we will likely get a large amount of rain in a very short period of time.

