

El Niño

Winter Preparedness



Scientists at the National Weather Service approximate a

95%

chance El Niño will continue into winter 2015-2016.

In winter 2009-2010:

8 counties received federal disaster aid for severe weather & flooding impacts to public infrastructure.

826 people living in 4 communities in the Tonto Creek Basin were isolated by floodwaters.

29 homes in Black Canyon City were damaged or destroyed by flooding on the Agua Fria River.

5 ways to prepare

- 1** Sign up to receive emergency notifications.
- 2** Know the difference between a flood *watch* and a flood *warning*, and how to respond to each.
- 3** *Turn Around, Don't Drown.* Never try to cross a flooded roadway. It takes just 6 inches of water to float a vehicle.
- 4** Buy flood insurance. Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood damage.
- 5** Prepare to evacuate. Pack a "go kit" that accounts for the 5 P's of evacuation: People & Pets, Prescriptions, important Papers, Pictures & Personal computer.