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CTEPO Updates!

The end of September marked the wrap of the year. As we head into October, we begin a new year that we are very excited for here at CTEPO!

In the month of September, CTEPO prepared to close out a grant, attended Tribal meetings at the US EPA San Francisco headquarters, participated in the Gathering, and cleaned up two illegal dumpsites.

The end of September also marked the beginning of Fall. This year the beginning of Fall is particularly important as we are expecting a much stormier Fall and Winter due to El Niño. CTEPO is working closely with EOC, Fire and Public Works to ensure we best prepare the Reservation for potential impacts of more intense weather. You can read more about El Niño below.

Overall, CTEPO is looking for greater efficiency and reach within our programs in the new year. We have some awesome projects up ahead and we look forward to seeing you all soon at Trunk or Treat!

Fall Calendar

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Indigenous People's Day						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Trunk or Treat						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Halloween						

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Veterans Day						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Thanksgiving Holiday						
29	30					

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
				4	5	6
				7	8	9
				10	11	12
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Fun Fall Facts

The Draconid meteor shower will take place on October 8th and 9th.

The Orionid meteor shower will be visible on October 21st and 22nd.

The cosmos, calendula and marigold are all flowers used to represent the month of October.

Unfortunately for vampires, October and the rest of fall is the best time to plant garlic!

IF IT'S OCTOBER

WHY IS IT STILL HOT

My plans for October:



Unbeleafably Funny

Why don't skeletons fight each other?

They don't have the guts!

Why don't ghosts like rain?

Because it dampens their spirits!

Why do witches wear name tags?

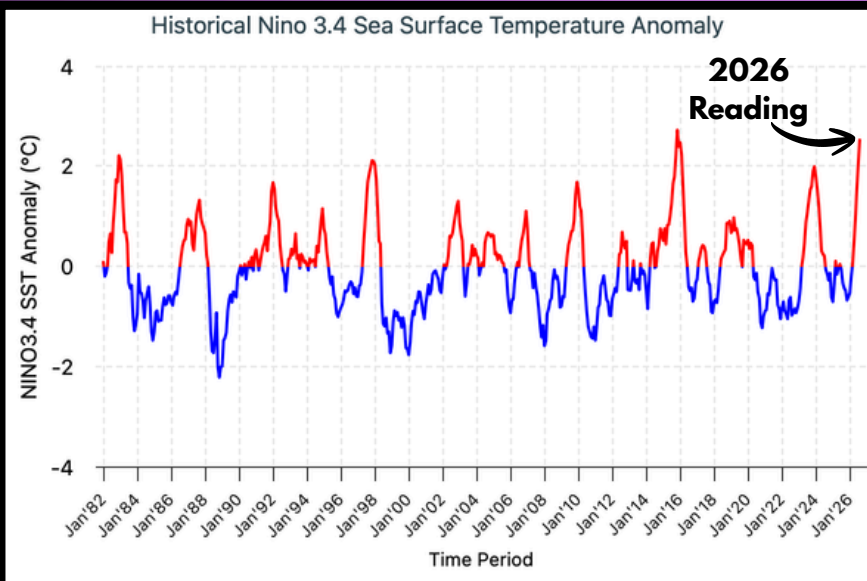
So, they can remember which witch is which.

THE LOOMING EL NIÑO

What is El Niño?

El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is a natural climate pattern which is associated with ocean surface water temperatures and significant changes to storm patterns. They typically occur every two to seven years and last anywhere from nine months to two years.

For the region of Southern California, El Niño typically presents as a warmer and active wet season. This year's "very strong" El Niño is expected to have significant impacts to Southern and Central California's weather this fall and winter.



Monstrous Weather

Right now, El Niño is tracking at a 98% chance of a "very strong" El Niño with the potential to be one of the strongest Super El Niño's on record. The Governor of California has already issued a state of emergency in preparation for the impacts to the state.

El Niño can bring more extreme weather and risk of hazards such as heavy rainfall, snow, increased erosion, mudslides, and flooding. A super El Niño increases the likelihood of these potential impacts so it is very important to prepare for the possibility of intense storms.

Preparing for a Storm

- Place sandbags in areas of risk for flooding and try to create barriers around vulnerable areas such as your home, well and septic.
- Make a plan for your household in the event of an evacuation order with specialized plans for children, elders, and animals.
- Prepare enough food and water to maintain the household for potential shelter in place orders or utility outages.
- Cover and secure any potential hazards or contaminant sources to avoid introduction to the water system during storms.
- Store important items in higher regions in the case of flooding in low-lying areas.
- Keep records and pictures of important items prior to potential damages.
- Avoid travelling during heavy rainfall or snowfall.
- Avoid areas with increased risk of flash flooding.
- If flooding is expected, prepare your septic system by sealing manhole/inspection ports and turning off any circuit boxes.

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California
Draconid
Elevation
El Nino
Emergency
Erosion
Fall
Flash Flood
Monster
Mudslides
Orionid
Preparations
Rainfall
Snow
Storm
Super
Weather
Winter

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