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Press Release

Maxwell Voluntary Evacuation

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On February 18, 2017, at about 2:00 am, the Colusa County Sheriff's Office started receiving calls about rising water levels threatening homes in the town of Maxwell. Due to the overabundance of water over the last 24 hours, the local creeks and canals were inundated and breached their banks. The Sheriff's Office initiated voluntary evacuations for those who felt their safety was at risk.

The Colusa County Sheriff's Office, Colusa Police Department, Williams Police Department, Maxwell Fire Department, Williams Fire Department and the California Highway Patrol all responded to assist with the evacuations. The command post is staged at Maxwell High School and the Red Cross is setting up an evacuation center at the Williams Education Village.

Old Highway 99 is closed from the Glenn County Line to Williams, Maxwell Road is closed just west of the I5 southbound on and off ramps. Many streets in the North West and South East sections of the town of Maxwell are flooded as well.

If residents need any assistance leaving their residences, the Sheriff's Office is available to assist.