

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 Updated Edition

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Maya: Good morning, Marin, and welcome back to your Marin Morning Briefing for Wednesday, September 30th. This is an updated edition. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. We've got a fresh look at the week ahead your weather, your tides, and a developing story: Marin is racing to get ready for El Niño.

Maya: Let's start with the sky, because today is gorgeous. Sunny, a high around eighty-two, an overnight low near fifty, comfortable humidity, and good air quality.

Devon: And the week stays warm and mostly dry. Tomorrow, Thursday, partly cloudy, high near seventy-nine, with a slight chance of rain overnight about twenty percent.

Maya: Friday brings mostly cloudy skies, high near eighty-one, with just a ten percent chance of rain. Saturday is the warmest of the stretch partly cloudy, high near eighty-five. Sunday cools a touch to eighty, then Monday dips to seventy-five before Tuesday bounces back to eighty.

Devon: So sunglasses all week, and maybe keep an umbrella handy Thursday night if you're feeling cautious.

Maya: Now the tides and this is where it gets interesting. On the bay side, today's afternoon high hits about six point three feet, the biggest of the week. After that it eases off each day low sixes tomorrow and Friday, then mid fives through the weekend and into next Wednesday.

Devon: Same story on the ocean side at Point Reyes six point three feet today, sliding down to about five and a half by next week. Nothing above normal in the predictions, so no official alarm bells.

Maya: But and this is the key word the county is treating this season very seriously. Officials are warning that El Niño conditions plus a series of king tides ahead could bring flooding when the storms arrive, especially in low-lying spots like Manzanita, Bel Marin Keys, and Santa Venetia.

Devon: That's right. Marin Public Works is already staging trash pumps basically giant vacuums for floodwater plus sandbags and mudslide supplies. The county now has about seventy-three thousand sandbags on hand, compared to the five thousand or so it uses in a typical winter.

Maya: And it goes all the way to Sacramento. Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency this week ahead of what experts say could be a historic El Niño, directing state agencies to get flood-fighting resources in place now.

Devon: Marin's Michael Frost put it well: don't let the calmness of the weather fool you. So enjoy the sunshine but if you're in a flood-prone neighborhood, now is the time to talk to your neighbors and get prepared.

Maya: One fun note on the tides: the early part of this week brings deep evening minus lows, so tidepoolers tonight and tomorrow night are your window.

Devon: All right. local news. Corte Madera is making headlines the town council voted

from Redwood High School students urging the council to protect families from tobacco-related illness.

Maya: But local business owners are pushing back hard. The manager of Colonial Liquors says tobacco is about forty percent of his store's sales, and warns the shop might not survive. His argument: customers will just drive two blocks into the next town to buy.

Devon: The ordinance still needs final approval, so this one isn't settled yet. We'll keep watching it.

Maya: And one quick heads-up for today: prescribed burns are happening near Mount Tamalpais about one hundred twenty-three acres around the Bon Tempe area. Expect smoke and some trail closures, and officials ask that you not call nine one one about the smoke.

Devon: That's your updated briefing for Wednesday, September 30th. Warm, dry, and calm for now but keep an eye on the horizon.

Maya: We'll be back tomorrow morning at seven. Have a great day, Marin.