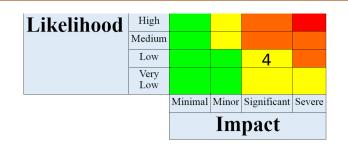Cape Town Weather Office
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Likelihood				
High				
Medium				
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Very Low				
	Minimal	Minor	Significant	Severe
		Impact		

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IMPACT BASED WARNING issue :11:44 on Fri 29 Dec 2023

LEVEL 4 for Disruptive Rain

WARNING valid Sat 30 Dec 13:00 Until Sun 31 Dec 00:00

Affected DM / LM / Metro area

Bitou, Cape Agulhas, George, Hessequa, Kannaland, Knysna, Langeberg, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, Overstrand, Swellendam, Theewaterskloof

Short Message

leading to flooding/flash flooding and disruptions to municipal essential services is expected over the Langeberg municipality, Overberg and Garden Route districts on Saturday and Sunday (30-31/12/2023).

Discussion

A cut-off low-pressure system is expected to bring significant rainfall over the weekend, especially on Saturday and Sunday. The Langeberg municipality, Overberg, and the Garden Route districts can expect rainfall accumulation ranging from 35-60 mm but in areas may reach up to 80 mm. This system will affect these areas from Saturday afternoon to Sunday.

Impacts

Flooding of roads and settlements (formal and informal) is possible which could result in damage to property and infrastructure. Disruption of traffic flow is likely, along with increased motor vehicle accidents. Essential services such as water and electricity may also be affected. Mudslides and rock falls may also occur in susceptible areas. Some communities could be temporarily inaccessible. Danger to life due to fast flowing streams.

Instruction

Be cautious on roads, avoid crossing rivers and swollen streams where water is above your ankles. If trapped in a vehicle during a flood, abandon it and climb to higher ground. In buildings, move valuables to a safe place above the expected flood level. Switch off electricity at the supply point to the building. Be especially cautious at night when it's harder to recognize flood dangers. Listen to the radio or TV for warnings and obey the instructions from disaster management