

# Santa Cruz Gardens Town Hall

September 8th, 2022



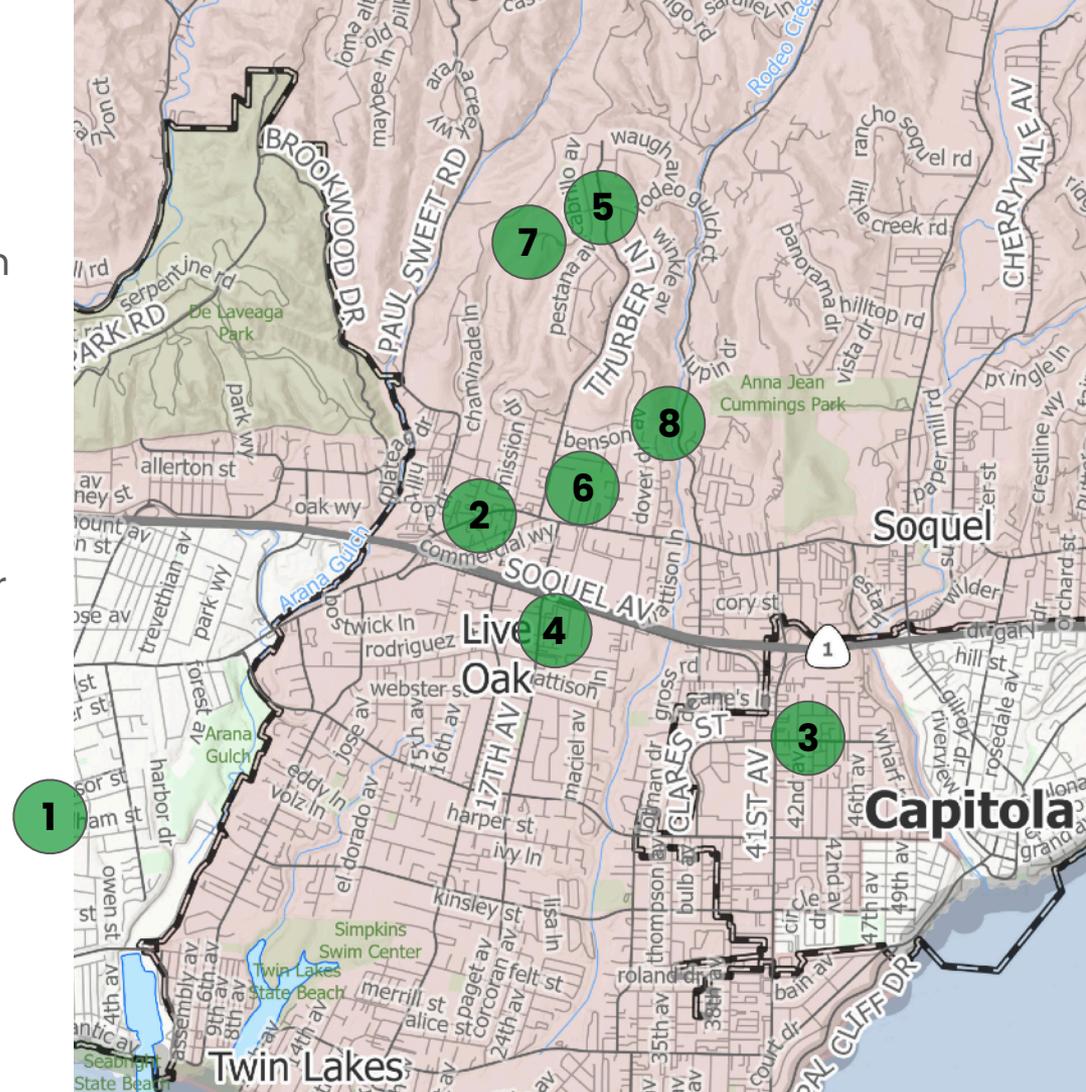
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# Agenda

1. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
2. Soquel Dr Multimodal Project
3. Capitola Bike/Ped Improvements
4. HWY 1 Multimodal Project
5. Thurber Dr Resurfacing & Traffic Safety Next Steps
6. Sustainability Update - Rezoning for Thurber & Soquel Dr
7. Broadband Coverage
8. Fire Safety
9. Q&A



# Context

## Brutal heat wave shatters all-time records, threatens power outages across California. And a hurricane could prolong it

By Nouran Salahieh, [Rachel Ramirez](#) and [Dakin Andone](#), CNN

🕒 Updated 3:20 PM ET, Wed September 7, 2022

*Tuesday Highs*

**Soquel 88**

**Corralitos 95**

**San Jose 107**

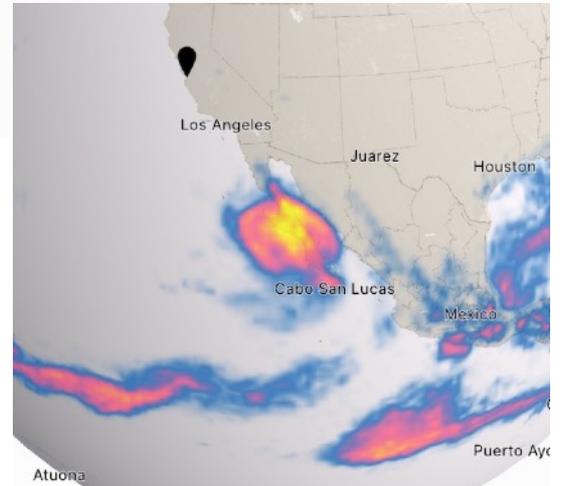
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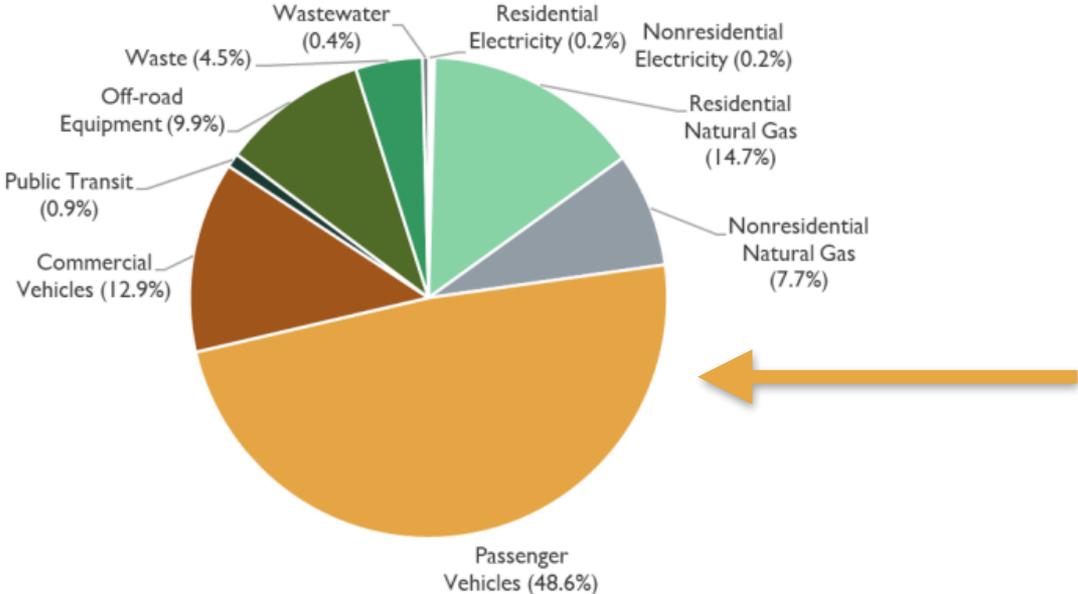
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# Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

- County updating plan from 2013 with new focus on adaptation.
- New emissions inventory available. Passenger vehicles account for roughly 50%.
- Gas burning cars are making it hotter.



# What Can You Do? Pick One...

Today



Gas burning car



Tomorrow



Electric car



Walk



Electric bike



Remote work



Transit



Move closer to work

# Soquel Dr Buffered Bike Lane & Congestion Mitigation Project

5.6 miles from Harbor High to Aptos. Estimated construction start: Dec. 2022 – Mar. 2023

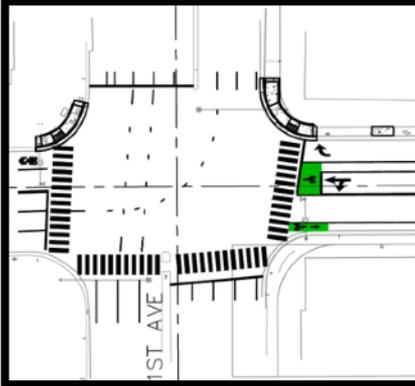
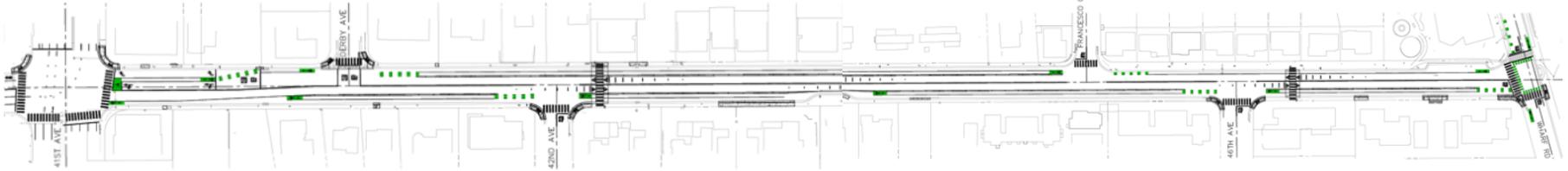
1. **Bikes:** 10+ miles of continuous protected or buffered bike lanes
2. **Pedestrians:** 0.6 miles of sidewalk gap closures, 11 enhanced pedestrian crossings with Rapid Flashing Beacons, 94 ADA ramp upgrades
3. **Adaptive Traffic Signals:** Upgrades to **22 intersections** with (ATS) and Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) for **METRO**



# 41st Ave Adaptive System



# Clares Street Traffic Calming



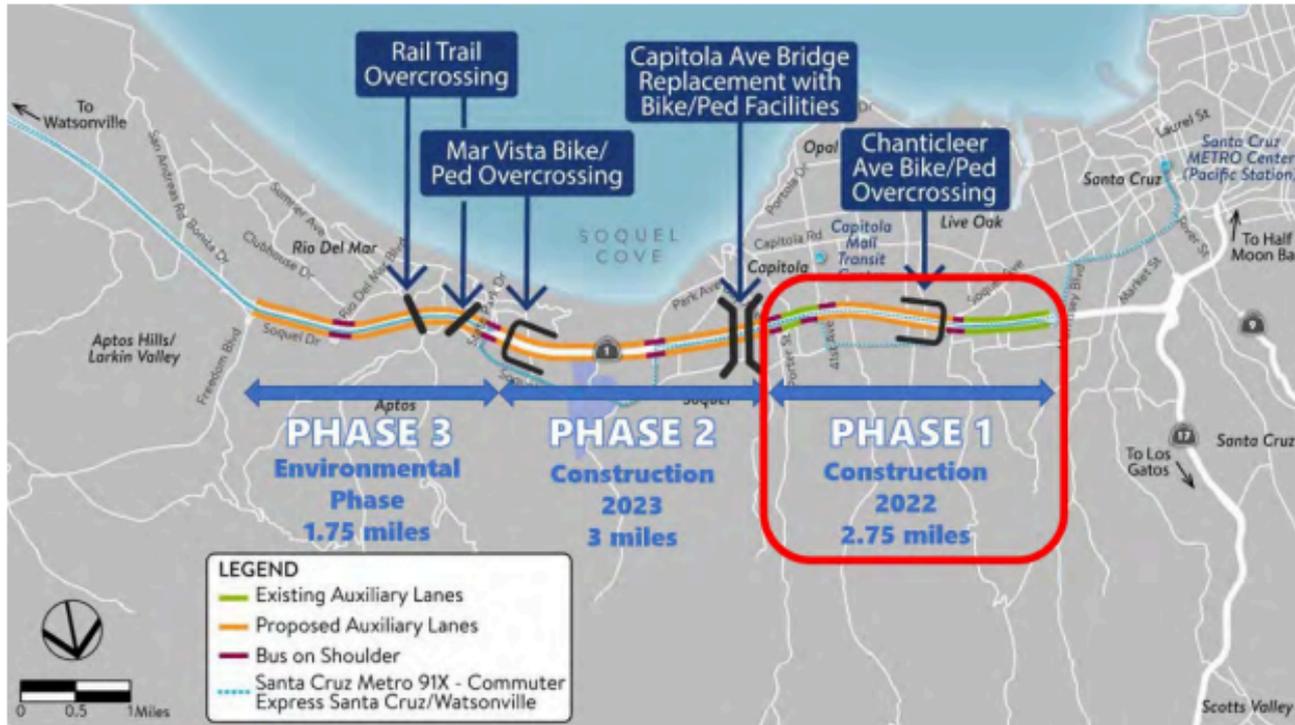
## Scope

Pavement rehabilitation, new pedestrian crossings, buffered bike lanes.

## Schedule

Construction starting this fall and completed this year.

# Highway 1 - Aux Lanes & Bus on Shoulder Project



## Schedule

Construction starting this December, will continue into 2024.

**Figure 1 - Phase 1 Project includes auxiliary lanes and a bus on shoulder facility in both directions of Highway 1 (41<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Soquel Drive), retaining walls, soundwalls, and a new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue**

# Santa Cruz METRO



- Splash Pass - App based ticketing available now in app stores.
- First electric buses now in service. 100% zero emissions buses required by 2040
- More electric buses and express service being analyzed for HWY 1 project
- **Ride Free September 15th - 29th**
- Lift Line and Paracruz available for seniors and people with disabilities for medical transportation and meals on wheels

Buy your ticket anywhere, anytime.

Download the new METRO Splash Pass app now

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**ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM!**

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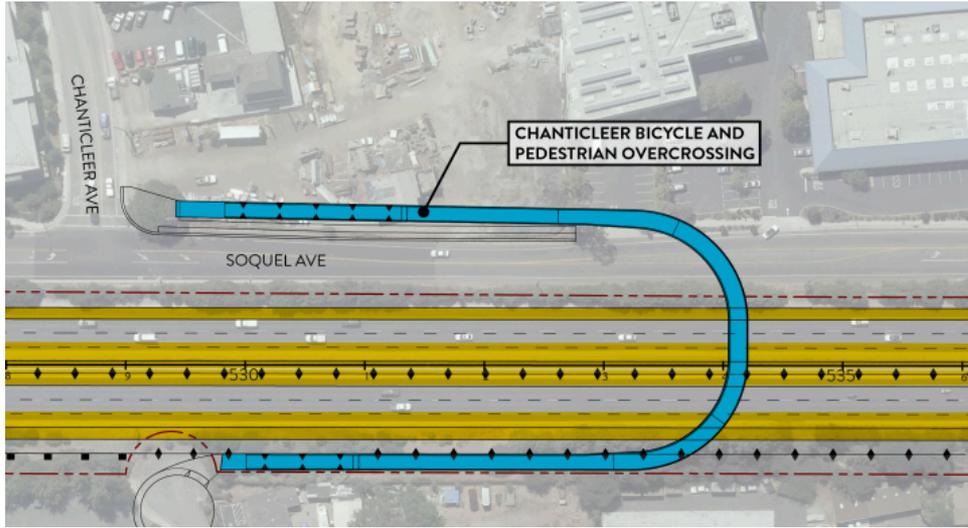


**September 15-29th**

The first two weeks of the now Fall schedule.

[scmtd.com](http://scmtd.com)

# Chanticleer Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing



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# Thurber Striping Updates



Question 1 has 147 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Do you support adding bike lanes to Thurber Ln between Helen Ave and Kenny Ave? This would require removing parking on the west side of Thurber. Parking would remain on the east side. ”

Yes, add bike lanes



No, keep parking



# More Traffic Safety Options in SC Gardens

## Suggestions:

- Reduce speed limit from to 30 mph to 25 mph  
-> *now possible thanks to AB 43*
- Speed bumps -> *defined process including signatures and cost sharing*
- Stop sign at Helen and Thurber -> *not advisable*
- Buses to Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary -> *no funding*

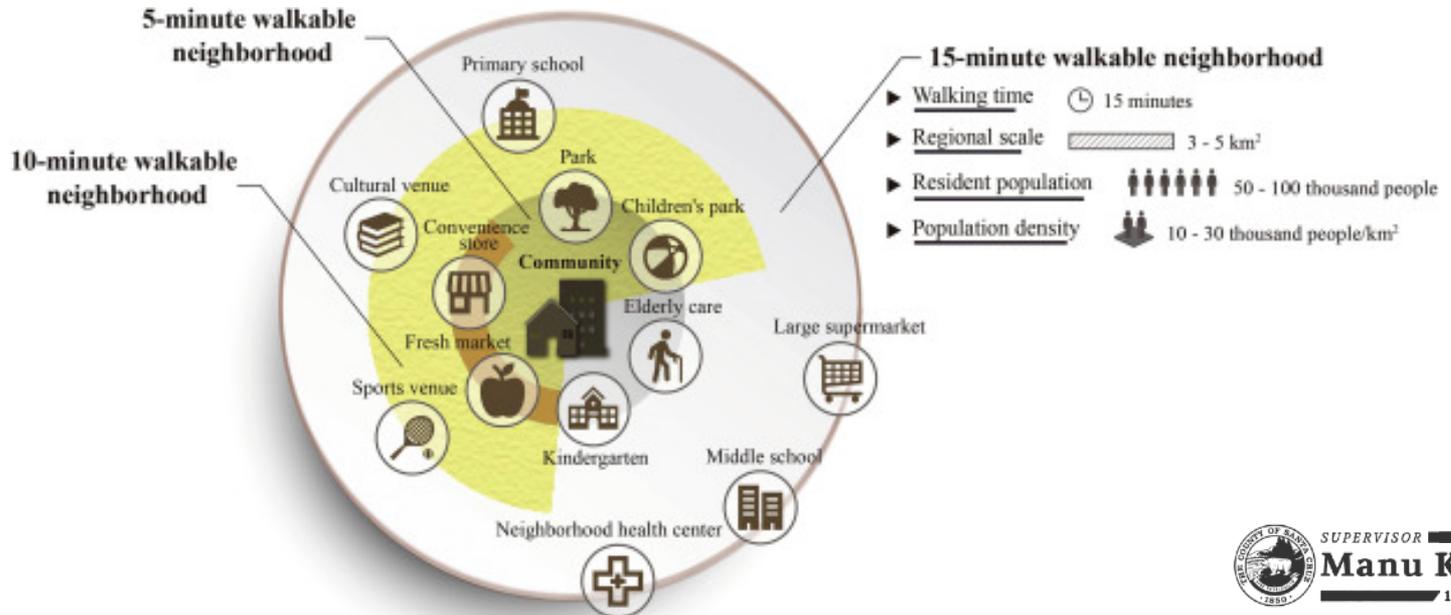
**Next Steps:** neighborhood survey on speed bumps and speed limit.



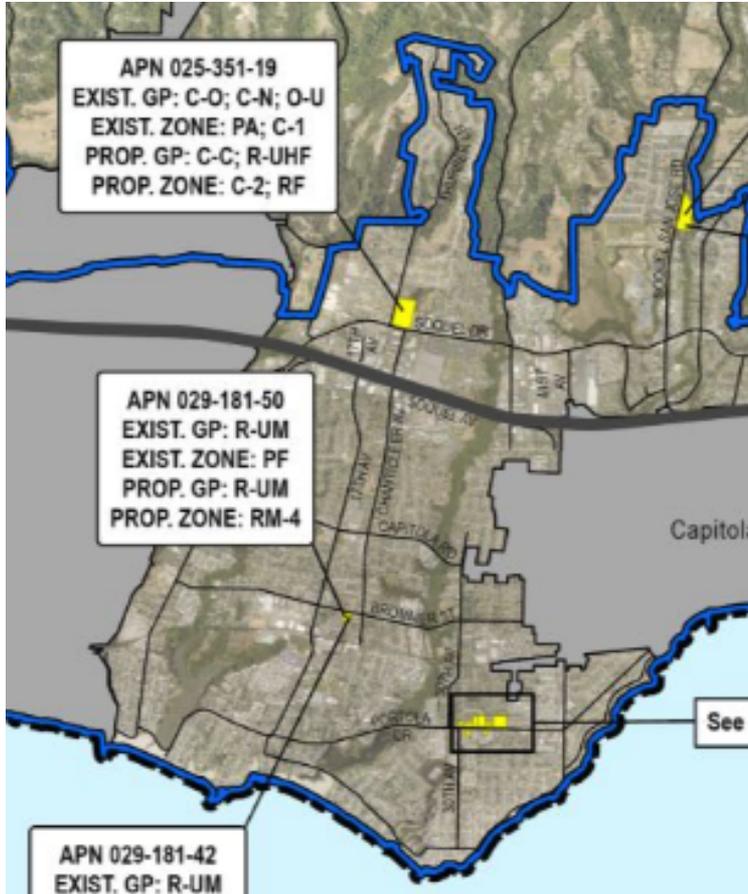
# Sustainability Update to the County General Plan

Goal: create 15 minute neighborhoods.

A 15-minute neighborhood is a neighborhood in which you can access all of your most basic, day-to-day needs within a 15-minute walk of your home. It is also sometimes called a [complete neighborhood](#).



# Thurber and Soquel Dr, Proposed Rezoning



**Site specific goals:** create a community gathering space, new connections to Winkle Park, additional services like a market and coffee shop, and add housing for local workforce.

# Sustainability Update Next Steps

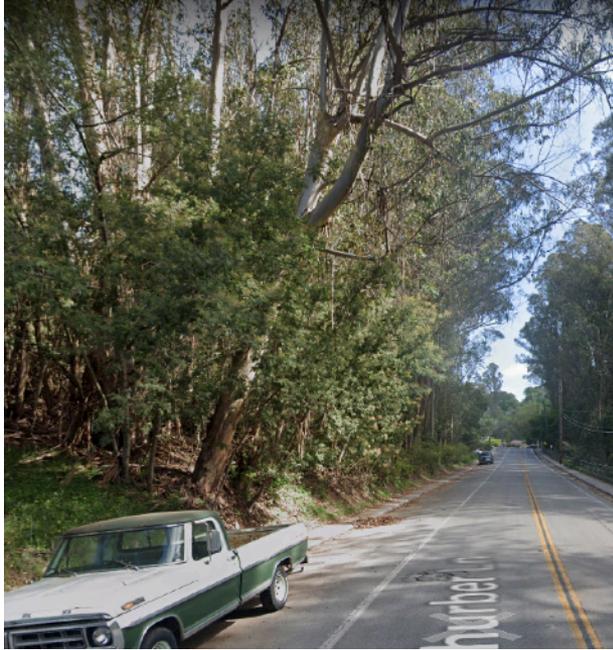
Public Hearing	Meeting Information	Date and Time
<b>Planning Commission Public Hearing #1</b>	Meeting format: Virtual <a href="#">View Agenda</a> Join on your computer via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029</a> Join by phone: (669) 900 6833, Conference ID: 814 8152 8029 #	Wednesday August 24 9:30 am
<b>Planning Commission Public Hearing #2</b>	Meeting format: Virtual <a href="#">View Agenda</a> Join on your computer via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029</a> Join by phone: (669) 900 6833, Conference ID: 814 8152 8029 #	Wednesday September 14 9:30 am
<b>Board of Supervisors Public Hearings</b>	Meeting format: Hybrid Virtual and in-Person	October - December 2022

# Broadband – Work from Home

- Board allocated \$500K grant awarded to Cruzio to install 20 wireless broadband access points.
  - 100 mbp/s speeds
  - \$74.95/mo Business and Residential
  - \$14.95/mo for low income residents
- First four installed with the Live Oak School District.
- Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary is a possibility for future projects.
- 2 prospective sites on Soquel Dr: Aldo's Building and Emerald Bay Apartments.
- County Broadband master plan underway to deploy State and Federal money as it becomes available



# Fire Safety



(Above) Private property – County has sent multiple letters out of encroachment and is pursuing further action through code enforcement.



Steps to become Firewise:

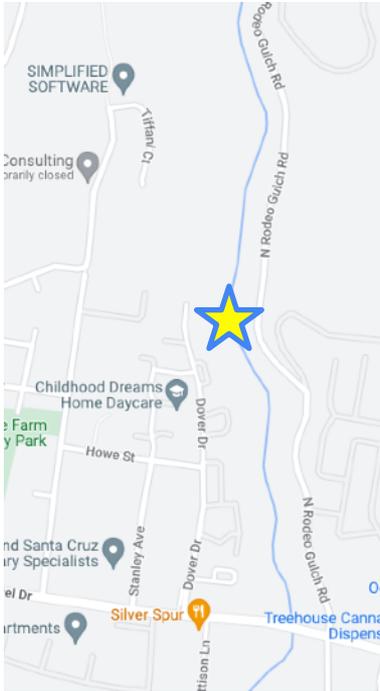
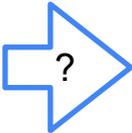
- Community Risk Assessment
- Prepare Multi-Year Plan
- Complete community education event
- Invest 1 hour or \$25 per household in risk reduction

There are now 36 Firewise communities county wide.

Your SC Gardens Firewise Committee:

1. Geoffrey Ellis: [gneacc@aol.com](mailto:gneacc@aol.com)
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3. Erin Busch: [erin.s.busch@gmail.com](mailto:erin.s.busch@gmail.com)

# Fire Safety – Reducing Ignition Sources



Would you support public access in North Rodeo Gulch?

# Questions?



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***Thank You!***