

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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Press Release Storm Update #3

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The National Weather Service forecast for tonight is for showers and possibly a thunderstorm, with the potential for periods of heavy rain; new rainfall amounts are anticipated to be between three quarters and one inch. By morning the rain is expected to diminish to showers. The County's Emergency Operations Center is anticipated to close tonight after the most severe weather has passed.

River levels are well below flood warning levels and dropping.

Current road closures in the unincorporated area of the County include:

- Beach Road at Shell (flooding)
- Empire Grade near 7960 (tree on wires)
- Ice Cream Grade South of Martin Road (tree on wires)
- Nina Drive at 980 (tree on wires)
- Pine Flat Road PM 1.10 (trees down with wires)
- Redwood Lodge Road at 16217 (tree on phone wires)
- Smith Grade at Warren (tree on phone wires and small slide)
- Soquel San Jose road PM 8.44 Near Address 25529 (tree down across wires)

The public is encouraged to continue to avoid any unnecessary driving during the storm. If driving cannot be avoided, use extra caution, allow extra time, and watch for debris, downed trees, or downed power lines that may be obstructing the roadway, as well as standing water or flooding of roadways. If water covers the roadway do not cross it. Flood waters are usually deeper than they appear and the water may be too deep to allow your vehicle to cross safely.

<u>Important Links/Numbers:</u>

Santa Cruz Co. Office of Emergency Services: http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/oes/oesmain2.htm

Current Santa Cruz County Road Closures: http://www.sccroadclosure.org

PG&E 24-Hour information on electrical outages: 800-743-5002 or: https://m.pge.com/#map

CalTrans Road Information (Highways 1, 9, 17): http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road information.htm

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