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PUBLIC ART DAMAGE AT SEACLIFF VILLAGE

The County of Santa Cruz is urging residents to help protect Seacliff Village Park after moderate damage was found to several pieces of public art throughout the park.

Dedicated in December, the 1.25-acre park is completing its second month as a gathering spot for families and children to play, picnic and rest. It was the culmination of years of coordination and planning between the County and the community, and as Seacliff's first park is often teeming with visitors.

"We worked together for many years to create this park, even when no one thought it could be done. Now that it's finally here, let's respect the space and the art by maintaining Seacliff Village Park as it was originally intended – as a place of beauty, joy, and a justifiable source of community pride," Supervisor Zach Friend said.

Several public art mosaics were found damaged in recent days, including glass tiles cracked in place to more serious harm. The cause of the damage is unknown, but is suspected to be from river rocks used to help keep drainage clear of debris. Whether the damage was accidental or deliberate, the County is asking the public to refrain from throwing rocks, and for parents and children to keep an eye out and report anything they might see.

Designed by artist Kathleen Crocetti, the Seacliff Village public art installation is an integral part of the park and reflects the diversity of Santa Cruz County's flora and fauna. The work itself was created with the generous help of volunteer community members.