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### APTOS BRANCH LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce that construction of the new Aptos Branch Library is underway.

The demolition work, which is the first step in the construction process, marks the beginning of the project's construction phase. The new Aptos Branch Library is a \$14 million project funded by voter-approved Measure S and generous donations from the community. The new 12,400-square-foot space will include greatly expanded and improved amenities, providing a "net zero" structure to the community that produces as much energy as it uses over the course of a year.

The library is being built by Santa Cruz-based Bogard Construction, which has strong local ties and a breadth of experience building publicly funded projects. Anderson Brulé Architects has provided the project's design services.

The new building and site include an outdoor reading room, garden, patio, ride-share/bike parking, group study rooms, a gallery, community room and terrace, public art and historic features in partnership with the Aptos History Museum.

In addition to completed projects in neighboring jurisdictions, the County has also completed a new Felton Branch Library and significant renovations of the Boulder Creek and La Selva Beach Branch Libraries. Renovations at the Live Oak Branch Library and construction of the Live Oak Library Annex are underway.

The new Aptos Public Library is expected to be completed by Summer 2023.