

# Summit Town Hall

Constituent Meeting



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# Agenda

- Updates
  - FAA Flight Path Issue
  - Cell Tower Status and Technology Updates
  - Fire Updates and Resources
  - Homeless Camp Update
  - Road and Transportation Updates
- Q&A

# FAA Flight Path Issue

## What's the status on Jet Noise?

- Met with Congressman Jimmy Panetta on April 29<sup>th</sup> about the FAA flight path issue.
- Reassured that the Select Committee's recommendation to move the flight path is still the guiding directive.
- Congressman Panetta and Congresswoman Eshoo reinforced that with the FAA Director when they met a few weeks ago.
- Lack of progress attributed to turnover in FAA leadership, communication issues within the FAA and the general challenges of working with the previous administration.



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# Cell Tower Status

## 7th Day Adventist Site

- This cell tower site is in litigation.
- Hearing was scheduled for April 26th at 8:30 am. but was postponed by the courts.
- New hearing date scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Case is against the County.
- Until this site is resolved, and the process becomes more streamlined to add towers, no towers are being planned for the Summit area.



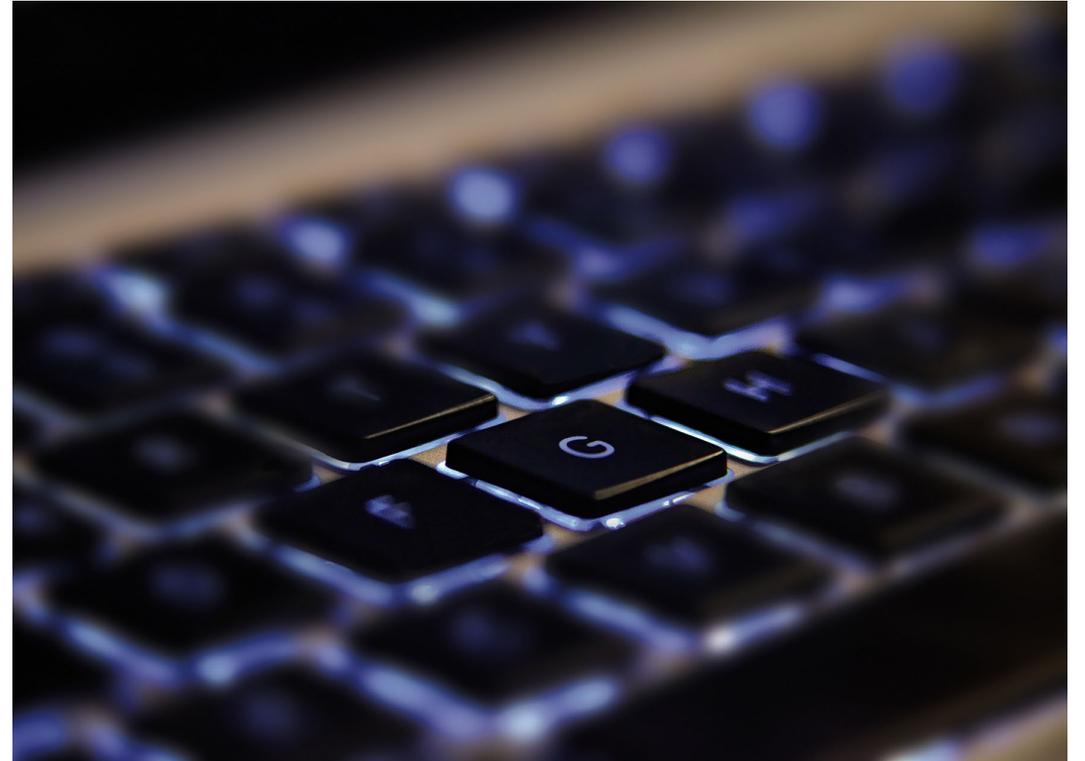
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# Emergency Broadband Benefit

## FCC Announces Emergency Broadband Benefit

<https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

- The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible families and households who are struggling to stay connected during the COVID19 pandemic.
- Eligible households can also receive a discount of up to \$100 for the purchase of a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.



# Efforts to Expand Broadband

## Planning for the Future

- Board of Supervisors just approved \$500,000 to be used for expanding broadband access from funds received through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).
- County staff will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to deploy, operate and maintain an affordable broadband network for underserved rural areas.
- The County will offer up to \$500,000 to one or more applicants that commit to meeting the goals of the RFP.



# Fire Updates

## County of Santa Cruz, County Fire

- Fire season is starting on May 17<sup>th</sup> which activates Level 3 staffing of 2 engines per fire station.
- Fuel moisture is checked twice a month. Current moisture is approximately 1.5 months ahead of normal levels seen at this time of year.
- There are currently no planned burns due to the moisture levels and fire conditions.
- They will present an updated state of the County to the Board of Supervisors in June.
- Requested new woodchipper in upcoming budget to help more residents reduce fuels

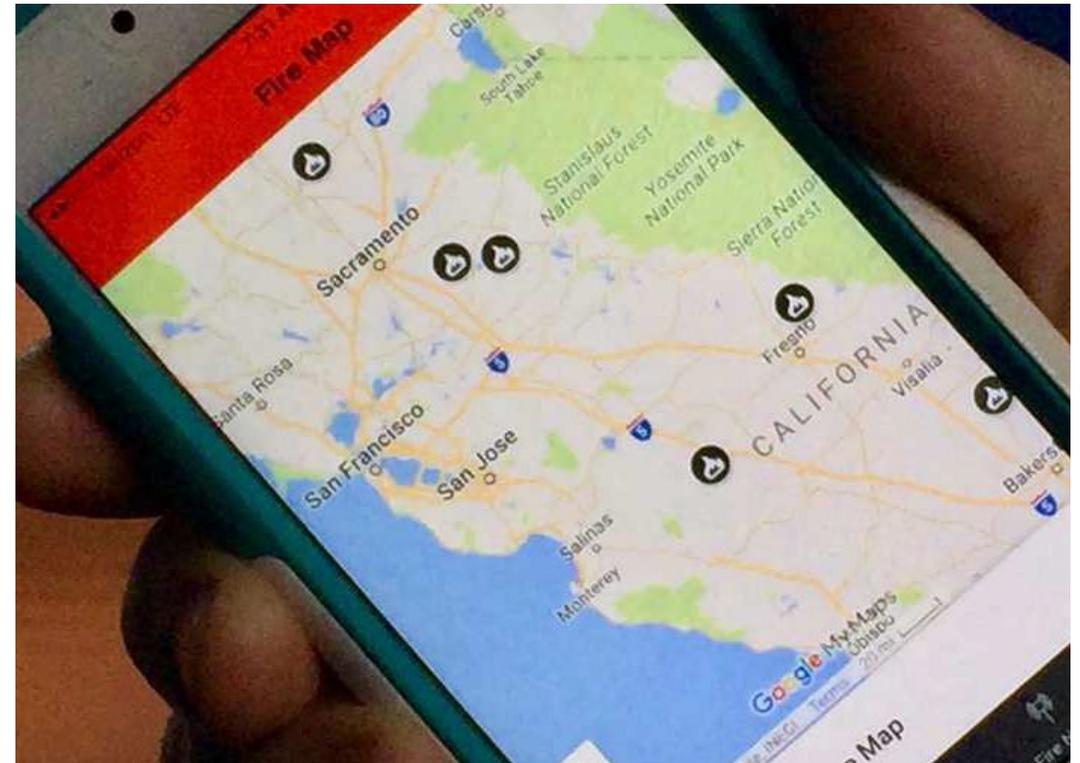


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# Fire Awareness

## County of Santa Cruz, County Fire

- Stay informed about wildfires by subscribing to news releases from CalFire.
  - <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents>
  - [www.twitter.com/CalFireCZU](http://www.twitter.com/CalFireCZU)
  - Download app “Ready For Wildfire”
- Sign up for evacuation alerts.
  - Santa Cruz County CodeRED  
<https://www.scr911.org>
  - San Mateo County SMC Alert  
<https://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert>
- Home hardening and Defensible Space webinar on May 24th from 6:00 to 7:30.



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# Wildfire ALERT Cameras Update

## County of Santa Cruz, County Fire

- Four camera locations were submitted to PG&E for prioritization and funding:
  - 701 Ocean Street County Building
  - Chanticleer Sheriff Center
  - Chalk Mountain (North Coast)
  - City of Watsonville Fire Station 2
- CalFire hopes to get cameras installed this year.

<http://www.alertwildfire.org/>



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# Firewise USA

## Residents Working Together to Reduce Wildfire Risks

- Becoming a Firewise Recognized Neighborhood is an important part of Wildfire Preparation in your neighborhood.
  - A neighborhood Firewise Committee applies for Firewise Recognition
  - Firewise USA will review your Wildfire Risk Assessment and your 3-year plan to Reduce Wildfire Risks
- Neighborhoods with a wildfire risk plan will be a priority for grants.
- 12 Firewise recognized communities: Las Cumbres, Riva Ridge, Marty Road, Terrace Grove, Sunset Ridge Road, Ellen Roads, Bird Streets, Tanglewood, Prospect Heights, Western Drive, Highlands and Paradise Park.



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# Fire Funding for Mitigation Efforts

## State and County

- The new County division Office of Response, Recovery and Resiliency (OR3) is researching how they can obtain a portion of the \$536 Million allocated by Governor Newsom.
- OR3 is exploring as many different funding sources as possible for fire mitigation projects around the County.

<https://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/OR3.aspx>



# Public Works Plan Public Hearing

## Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC)

- RCD has issued a notice of Draft Public Works Plan for review and Public Hearing to occur on June 9th.
- View the draft plan at <http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/pwp>
- Goal of the plan is to meet the need programmatic permitting for high-priority forest health and fuels management projects over the next ten years.
- Document is result of coordinated planning process of RCDSCC and San Mateo RCD, in collaboration with State Parks, Cal FIRE, CA Coastal Commission, and County from Santa Cruz and San Mateo Planning Departments.



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# Minimum Fire Safe Regulations - “Substandard” Roads

## Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

- The 45-day comment period for the State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, 2021 officially began on April 23, 2021, and ends at the close of the public hearing on June 22, 2021. Email comments, or comments as attachments to emails, are preferred. They can be sent to [PublicComments@bof.ca.gov](mailto:PublicComments@bof.ca.gov).
- You can view the 45-day Notice, Initial Statement of Reasons, and Rule Plead at the Board’s Proposed Rule Packages webpage at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed-rule-packages/>



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# Homelessness and Homeless Camps

## North Rodeo Gulch

- Camps located on County property were removed
- Camps located on private property are being addressed. There is a trespass letter on file with one parcel through the Sheriff and a citation has been issued. Owners of the two other private parcels have been located and notified.
- Car parked near homeless camp is not considered abandoned because there is a male living in the vehicle, and it has current registration.
- If residents see homeless camp re-establishing or drug activity, report it to the Sheriff at their Dispatch 471-1121.



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# Road and Transportation Updates

## Storm Repair Sites

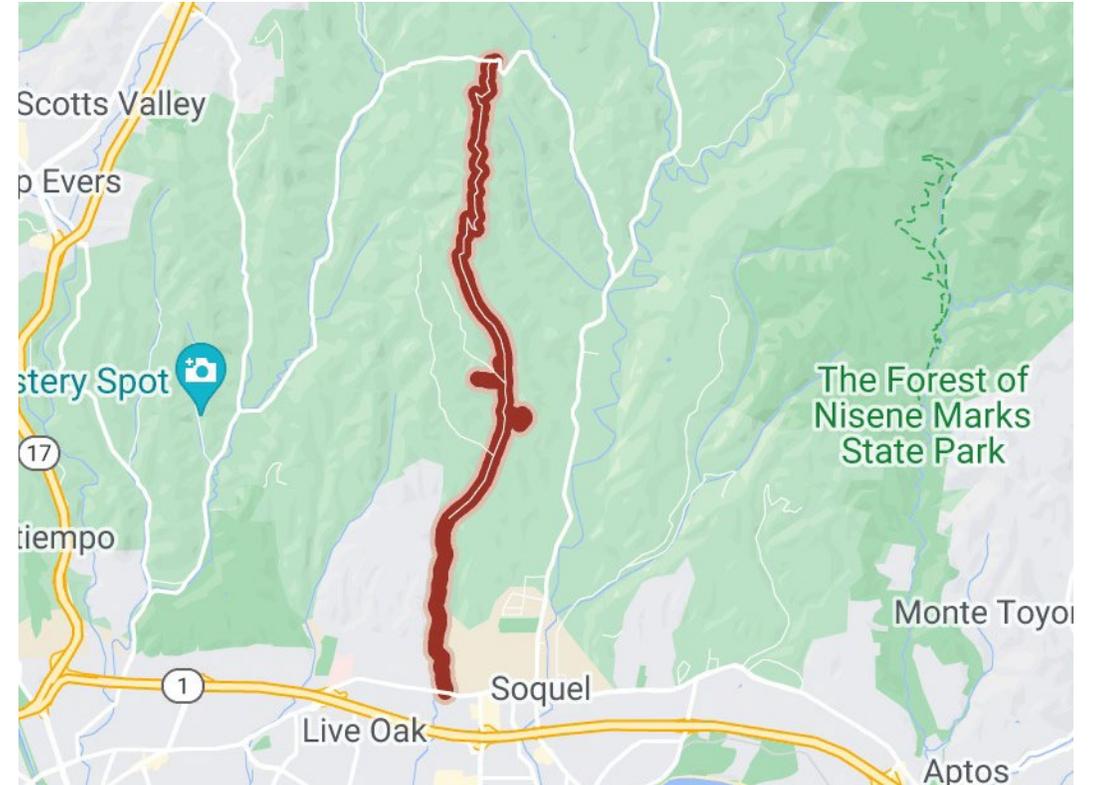
- Mount Bache Road
  - FEMA has now approved, and project is out to bid for construction.
  - Construction is anticipated to be completed by end of October.
- North Rodeo Gulch Rd 3.82, 4.31 and 4.94
  - Engineering is mostly complete, minor revisions may be needed depending on permitting.
  - Working on obtaining permits, once approved then will need right of way acquisition and authorization from Caltrans.



# Road and Transportation Updates

## North Rodeo Gulch

- Public Works states that they work to keep a vertical clearance of at least 14 feet through these areas.
- Responsible for mowing vegetation between 4 to 8 feet from the sidelines/shoulders of the road. If vegetation is beyond those limits it is outside of regular maintenance performed by Road Operations.
- All North Rodeo Gulch was ditched in the Summer of 2019 and high ditch maintenance areas were also done in 2020.



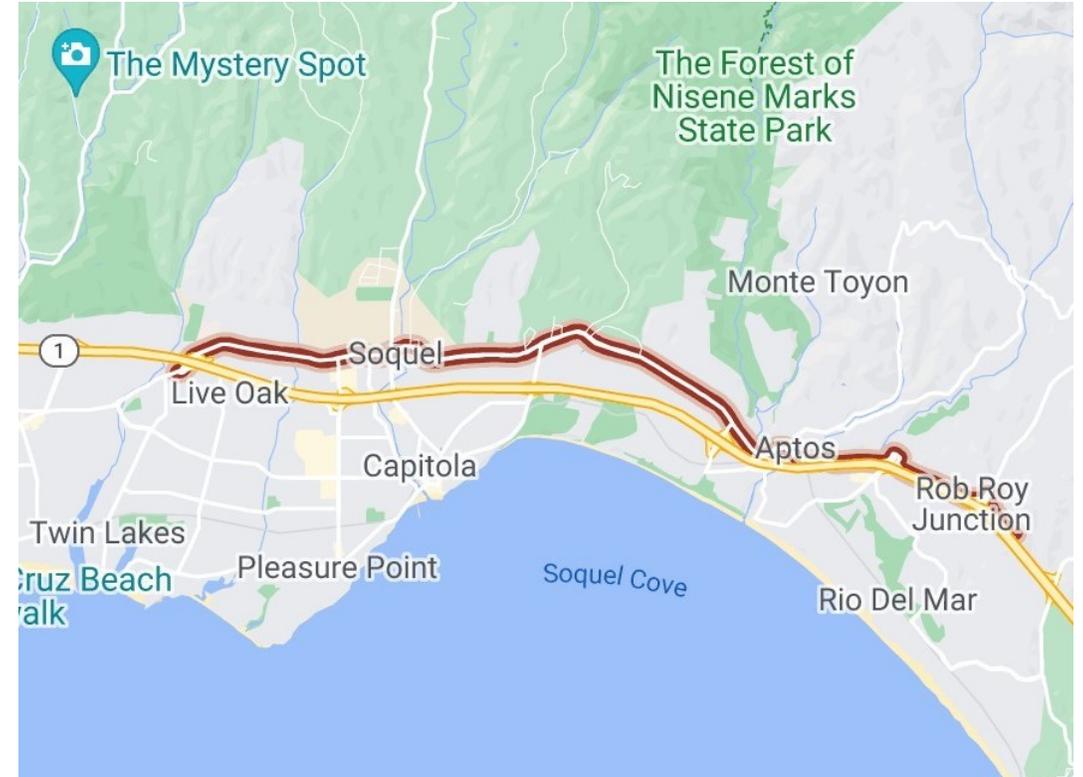
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## Soquel Drive

- Most of Soquel Drive has improved with curb and gutter. These drainage gutters generally don't require ditching.
- Road Operations run sweepers through these areas throughout the year to keep the gutters and bike lanes clean.
- If there is an area of concern, please report the location to Road Operation at (831) 477-3999 or through the My Santa Cruz County App at <https://cconnect.santacruzcounty.us/>

*You can also download the app for iPhone IOS or Android*



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# Road and Transportation Updates

## Road Operations 2021 Paving Schedule

- Roads that are listed as SP are skin patch projects where the old surface is not removed but is paved over.
- All other roads will have a grinder go over the road surface grinding off 2.5” of surface material and then pavement will be done.
- For roads not on this list, report potholes through the My Santa Cruz County App at <https://cconnect.santacruzcounty.us/>

Mid County	Limits
Soquel Dr	Soq Av - Capitola Av
7th Ave	Capitola Rd - Eaton
E Cliff	13th - 17th Ave
Glen Haven	Prescott - ECM
Prescott	All SP
Cherryvale	All
Fairway Dr	Entrance - Maretta Dr
North Rodeo Gulch	Soq- HiddenValley
Soquel San Jose	Porter - 7th Day Adventist
Mesa Dr	Ledyard - Vienna
Laurel Rd	All SP
Schulties	All SP



**Questions?**

**Ask Me Anything...**



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***Thank You!***



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