

PRESS RELEASE

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EVACUATION WARNINGS LIFTED

The Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience (OR3) has announced that evacuation warnings for the following zones have been lifted:

CTL-E048 (Coastal Rio Del Mar)

CRZ-E070 (Pajaro Dunes)

CTL-E027A and CTL-E027B (Capitola Village)

Know your zone. Look up your evacuation zone at <https://community.zonehaven.com>.

Cleanup activities are ongoing following today's coastal wave event, and the public is advised to use caution when reentering impacted neighborhoods. The County is investigating the extent of any coastal damage and residents may find coastal access points such as beach stairways inaccessible until a full assessment can be done. We thank the public for their patience and cooperation.

OR3 also advises that several inches of rain are expected Friday followed by another significant coastal wave event during predawn hours on Saturday, Dec. 30. Evacuation zones subject to warnings during today's events are likely to be placed into evacuation warnings on Friday evening. Please prepare now.

The following resources are available to residents:

Sand and sandbag locations: <https://bit.ly/41GDHUI>.

Sign up for local emergency alerts: CruzAware.org.

Look up closures for County-maintained roads: sccroadclosure.org. Look up impacts to state-maintained roads at cruz511.org.

A temporary evacuation point at New Brighton Middle School has been demobilized.