

County of Santa Cruz



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PERIOD COMMENCING 8/8/2024
AND ENDING 9/13/2024

To: Clerk of the Board
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Name: 2024 Storm Damage Repair Local State of Emergency
Project Location: County-wide
Assessor Parcel No.: Public ROW and various construction easements where necessary.
Project Applicant: Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development & Infrastructure
Public Works

Project Description: The proposed project involves repair of Santa Cruz County roadways and their associated drainage systems that were damaged during the severe winter storms that occurred during the months of January, February, and March of 2024. During these storm events, heavy rainfall created large amounts of runoff that resulted in flooding, mudslides, erosion, and extensive damage to roadways and associated drainage systems throughout Santa Cruz County. In response to these storm events, Governor Gavin Newsom declared three state-wide emergency proclamations inclusive of Santa Cruz County; dated January 23, 2024, February 4, 2024, and May 3, 2024. On February 15, 2024, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions proclaiming local emergencies for the January 31, 2024 and February 3 and 4 Atmospheric Rivers Winter Storm events. Additionally, on April 13, 2024 President Joseph R. Biden approved a Disaster Declaration which included Santa Cruz County, and ordered Federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts. Each storm damage location requires specific repair activities for the type and extent of damage sustained. Site-specific conditions such as topography, geotechnical constraints, hydrologic conditions, biological concerns, public safety, and proximity to aquatic features are taken into consideration during site specific design and construction. Additional information about the locations and descriptions of each storm damage site is included in Attachment A.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz
County Contact: Timothy Bailey Telephone No. 831-454-2160
Date Completed: 8/6/2024

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (check one)

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- Categorical Exemption
- Statutory Exemption other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
Specify type: 15269 (a)(b)(c)

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves multiple repairs to restore or replace existing public roadways and associated infrastructure necessary to maintain services essential to the public health, safety and welfare, and specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate additional emergencies. In January, February and May 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom declared emergency proclamations for Santa Cruz County. This project will repair various failures that occurred during, and as a result of, that emergency.

Signature: _____ Date: 8/6/2024 Title: Resource Planner IV

Attachment A

2024 Storm Damage Repair Local State of Emergency Project List

Project Number	Road	PM Location	Description of Damage and Scope of Work
P24103	Little Basin Rd	0.83	Large cracks continue. Opened 15'L x 15"W
P40833	Main St	at 2592	Failed 15" CMP culvert, large void. Exposed water and gas line.
P24104	East Cliff Dr	at Schwan Lagoon	Erosion at northside shoulder of road. 32' of berm erosion.
P24105	Pajaro Levee	497+44	Sinkhole developing on levee road. 2.5' x 8' deep
P24106	Trout Gulch Rd	1.31	Slope erosion from falling tree
P24107	Day Valley Rd	at Cox	Wash out 25' x 10'.
P24108	Summit Rd	2.12	Road edge failing at culvert inlet
P24109	E Zayante	1.01	Slipout 20' x 40'
P24110	Morrell rd	0.85	Slipout at creek affecting the road. Road cracking
P24111	Lodge Rd	0.57 50 yards west of 423	Slip out
P24112	Lodge Rd	0.55 50 yards east of 423	Slip out
P24113	Granite Creek	0.16	Shoulder damage 130'
P24114	El Rancho	1.64	Large void near culvert, temporary repair made
P24115	Spanish Ranch	0.63	Road edge erosion, still need to investigate
P24116	North Rodeo Gulch	1.88	Tree fall damaged 1/4 of the road edge
P24117	Bear Creek Rd	2.18	Sink hole 10' deep by 6' wide
P24118	Vienna Dr	0.49 (3425)	Slipout at walkway edge 35' x 20'
P24119	Porter Gulch Rd	0.51	Road undermining at creek. 70-90' long
P24120	Riva Ridge Rd	at Mt Charlie	Sinkhole on road edge 2'x6' deep
P24121	Rider Rd	0.77	Road edge damage near ditch line
P24122	Branciforte	1.64	Sinkhole near culvert. 2x2x2
P24123	Skyview Ter	1.4	Sinkhole near 15" culvert. Sinkhole 11' under the road
P24124	Smith Grade	0.52	Road/gutter is separating from install done by contractor.30' long by 3' wide
P24125	Kings Creek Rd	3.26	Road edge damage from tree uproot
P24126	Mountain Charlie	1.63	Road cracking and shifting near previous damage site
P24127	Granite Creek	at 1409	Tree fell away from the road and uprooted a section of road
P24128	Bear Creek Rd	6.73	Road edge slipout 30' x 60'
P24129	Happy Valley Rd	0.04	Sink hole in the road. 6'x2'x5"
P24130	Mountain View	0.25	Shoulder of the road is cracking, slipping away.
P24131	Paulsen Rd	0.93	Road edge damage. 60-100 ft
P24132	North Rodeo Gulch	2.58	Tree fell away from road and caused damage from uprooting

P24133	Granite Creek	0.82	Road edge damage 4'x11'
P24134	Mt Bache	0.11	Road sinking for approx 40-50'. Separated culvert from movement
P24135	Mountain Charlie	4.99	Small washout, 5'x5'x5'
	North Rodeo Gulch	2.7	3 sections of road edge damage. 15x4, 33x4, 2x2
	Schulties Rd	0.23	Deformation of the road, cracking and road edge damage
	Hazel Dell	3.34	Road damage 6'x6x
	Lompico Rd	0.9	Road edge damage. 20' x 4'