



City of Capitola

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CLEAN UP CONTINUES IN CAPITOLA PIPE REPAIRS UNDERWAY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ADVISED TO USE CAUTION IN CAPITOLA VILLAGE

CAPITOLA— Repairs continue to the damaged storm water pipe that failed in Noble Gulch Creek and contributed to the Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park/Capitola Village flood. The cause of both the flooding and the pipe failure is still in the preliminary stages of investigation and, accordingly, the cause of the pipe failure has not yet been determined. An inspection of the entire pipe through Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park will occur as the necessary repairs are undertaken. The pipe had been in place for many years and had always functioned properly during prior major storm events.

The delivery of replacement pipe is expected this afternoon with repair of the storm pipe completed by later this week. The County of Santa Cruz diverted wastewater flows around Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park this morning to begin the necessary repairs to the storm drain pipe.

The Capitola Police Department has relocated to modular buildings in the Pacific Cove Parking Lot. The Capitola Police force is mobilized and ready to continue police services levels. No interruption of police services has occurred during flood events. Mutual assistance from County Law Enforcement agencies and police volunteers augmented staffing levels to grapple with the challenging service demands during the flood.

This morning, crews arrived from the California Conservation Corp to remove mud and debris around coaches in Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park. Mud and debris removal in Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park is expected to be completed tomorrow. California Conservation Corp work will then shift to mud and debris removal in Capitola Village. These efforts are expected to be completed by the end of this week. The National Weather Service has forecast dry weather for the next five days. However, there is a slight chance of rain across mainly the North Bay. Any precipitation on saturated soils could quickly return creeks to flood stage. Residents and visitors are advised to monitor weather conditions when coming to the Capitola Village as repair and clean up activity will be occurring over the next few days. Should repairs to the damaged Noble Gulch Creek Culvert not be completed prior to any precipitation, it could result in additional flooding to the Capitola Village and Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park.

The City has received an outpouring of volunteers willing to assist those impacted by the disaster. Please contact Michele Deiter at 475-7300 to put your name on a volunteer list or to request volunteer assistance.

Sand bags and sand has been positioned behind City Hall in Pacific Cove Parking Lot and are available for public use. Capitola residents can reach the Red Cross at 831-427-8115 should shelter or other immediate needs be required. For immediate emergencies, call 911. For more information contact Derek Johnson at (831) 475-7300.

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