



## Contra Costa County

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### **NEWS RELEASE: Contra Costa County Preparing for Next Storm Surge *Marsh Creek Road Open; Only Alhambra Valley Remains Closed***

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Contra Costa County Public Works crews have been working steadily during the break in the rain to clear out mud-covered roads and make repairs where flood and storm damage caused problems. On Thursday, January 26, the Board of Supervisors ratified a proclamation of local emergency stemming from storm damage that took place during the first two weeks of January. High winds coupled with continued rains over a short timeframe led to an estimated \$18 million in damage in a number of unincorporated areas of the County, within our cities, and at water, park and sanitation district facilities. The proclamation, along with the State's declaration of a State of Emergency, will put the County and local jurisdictions in line for potential recovery funding.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA,) and the State Office of Emergency Services have made site visits throughout the County. It will take several months for the County, working with State and Federal authorities, to get a more firm total on the damages and what costs can be covered.

Only one major road closures is still in effect in Contra Costa County:

- Alhambra Valley Road between Bear Creek and Castro Ranch Roads

Marsh Creek Road is fully open now. Caltrans and County officials are working jointly developing a plan to fix the sinkhole on Alhambra Valley Road, but the extensive damage will take months to repair.



### ***Alternate routes for closure of Alhambra Valley Road***

With more rain expected late this week, this is a good time to prepare for the next wave, checking rain gutters and storm drains for blockage. If you're concerned about potential flooding at your home or business, it's not too late to visit one of the sandbag stations located throughout the county. Please note that you'll need to bring a shovel, but bags and sand are available for free. Find out details regarding County sandbag sites at [www.cccounty.us/sandbags](http://www.cccounty.us/sandbags).

County Public Works Maintenance road crews maintain the storm drain inlets through a program of annual inspection and cleaning. To report a clogged catch basin or drainage inlet please call the Public Works Maintenance Division at 925-313-7000 during work hours and after hours call Sheriff's Dispatch at 925-646-2441.

#### **Important phone numbers and webpages:**

(925) 313-7000 Public Works Maintenance Division- For emergencies during normal business hours

(707) 551-4100 California Highway Patrol- For emergencies after hours

(925) 646-2441 Contra Costa County Sheriffs Dispatch- For emergencies after hours

<http://www.cccounty.us/sandbags> - Contra Costa County Sandbag Locations

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