

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report



**Meeting:** January 26, 2023

**From:** City Manager Department

**Subject:** Update on the 2022–2023 Winter Storm Event

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**Recommended Action:** Receive update regarding the 2022-2023 Winter Storm Event.

**Background:** On January 6, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4301 ratifying the Emergency Services Director’s Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency. During the meeting, Council Member Brooks requested an update on the emergency response at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Discussion:** Staff intends to provide regular updates to the City Council until the emergency is terminated. Staff actions since January 12<sup>th</sup> have included:

### **City Manager:**

- Staff has coordinated approximately 13 social media posts, 2 newsletters, and 3 press releases since the storm began. In addition, staff has coordinated 10 interview opportunities and multiple visits from government officials.
- Staff has created a Recovery Webpage to provide additional resources and updates to residents and businesses affected by the storms.
- Staff has offered a temporary staffing opportunity at City Hall to those whose jobs have been impacted by the storm.

### **Community Development:**

- The Building Official continues to work with businesses and residences, providing day-of gas, water, and sewer inspections. Heavily impacted sites continue to do exploratory demo of structure.
- The Building Official continues to host Zoom meetings with impacted businesses and Venetian owners. PG&E, Santa Cruz County Sanitation, Santa Cruz County Health, and Soquel Creek Water District are also invited to meetings. During the meetings, the Building Official reports out new information and attendees provide updates. The meetings conclude with time for questions and answers.
- 231 Esplanade – Capitola Bar and Grill, Mr. Toots, and the three residential spaces may be reoccupied. Margaritaville has railing, window, and door repairs to make prior to reopening.
- The Community Development Director in coordination with Santa Cruz County, City of Watsonville, CalOES, and FEMA to set up Disaster Relief Center. Capitola Mall was considered but the decision was made to have Disaster Relief Centers in Watsonville and Felton.
- The Community Development Director coordinated efforts with Federal Small Business Association (SBA) to set up Business Recovery Center in Capitola Community Room.
- Coordination with the City Manager Department to establish a Recovery Webpage for the City website.

### **Finance:**

- The Finance Director submitted Initial Damage Estimate (IDE) to Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resiliency (as a part of County-wide submittal to CalOES) Initial damages as estimated by the Public Works Department:
  - *Capitola Wharf* - \$1,000,000

- *Riverview pathway - \$175,000*
- *Jetty - \$100,000*
- *Depot Hill path - \$10,000*
- *Stockton Ave. bridge - \$100,000*
- *Hoopers stairway - \$40,000*
- *Hoopers ramp - \$250,000*
- *Parking pay stations - \$20,000*
- *Cliff Dr. erosion - \$400,000*
- *Debris removal / protective measures - \$450,000*
- *Seawall outfalls - \$80,000*
- *TOTAL EST. = \$2,625,000*

**Police:**

- Police Department staff maintains regular communication with business owners.
- Police Department staff continue to patrol areas affected by storms
- Police Chief participated in the FEMA visit on 1/14.
- Police Department staff are continuing to attend daily operational assessment meetings with the Santa Cruz County EOC.

**Public Works:**

- Public Works staff continues cleanup of waterways, filling potholes, and addressing fallen trees.
- Public Works Director in coordination with CalOES and attended a meeting with CalOES on 1/18.
- Public Works staff placed a fence on Depot Hill and are restricting access to landslide/erosion areas.

**Recreation:**

- Recreation Division Manager coordinated with Save Our Shore to hold a Capitola Beach/Esplanade clean up event on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 to 4 PM. The event had limited attendance to appropriately manage crowd size and interested volunteers were asked to register in advance. City Council and City staff were not required to register.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. All initial damage estimates are included earlier in the report.

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