

A photograph of a flooded street in Capitola, California. The foreground shows a sandy beach with scattered driftwood and debris. In the middle ground, a flooded street is visible with a wooden ramp and orange traffic cones. In the background, there are multi-story buildings, including a restaurant named 'LEFT COAST SAUSAGE WORK' and another named 'HOT DOGS'. A street sign for 'San Jose Ave' is visible on the left. The sky is overcast.

December 2023 Winter Storm Event

City Council

January 11, 2023

December 2023 Winter Storm Event Background



December 28, 2023

Impactful high wave event leading to storm surges

Village and low-lying regions along Soquel Creek

Issuance of evacuation warning by the Police Department the night before

December 2023 Winter Storm Event Proactive Measures



Timely Evacuation Warning: Police Department's issuance to residents in low-lying areas

Coordination: Collaborative efforts of Public Works and Police

Pre-event Preparations: Active monitoring and assessments undertaken to mitigate potential damages

Public Awareness: Emphasis on community response and cooperation

December 2023 Winter Storm Event Response



Community Updates

- Regular Public Announcements
- Social Media and Local Media

Police

- Incident Command for Incident
- Attended OR3 Briefings and Weather Updates
- Closed Village to Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic – Maintained Closures for PW
- Issued “Shelter In Place” during the event
- Provided SM Updates, communicated directly with BIA and Venetians HOA

Public Works

- Water Level Management
- Esplanade Cleanup
- Seawall Protection

Building

- Building Inspections
- Damage Assessment
- Yellow and Red Tags

Village Closure and Cleanup

- Closure for Vehicular Traffic approximately 48 hours after the initial event
- Ensuring public safety during cleanup and potential subsequent wave events



December 2023 Winter Storm Event Damages Assessment



Yellow Tags: Minimal Damage (4 Issued)

- Initially 3 commercial and 1 residential units
- Current: 1 commercial (Bay Bar) and 1 residential in Venetian

Red Tags: Substantial Damage (2 Issued at Venetian)

- Current: 2 Residential in Venetian



City Property Damages

- **Wharf Damages**
 - Structural Elements
 - Decking Loss
 - Preliminary Estimate 6-8 weeks
- **Hoopers Stairs**
 - Complete Loss of the lower Hoopers stairs
 - Considering "betterment" project for reconstruction using resilient materials



December 2023 Winter Storm Event Fiscal Impact



County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience

- Damage assessment and reporting
- Seeking State disaster declarations and financial assistance from the State and federal government

Costs

- Preparation and Response
- Wharf repairs
- Hoopers stairs repair and/or betterment project



Future Events

- Mobile Sign Placement
 - Proactively ahead of high surf advisories
 - Esplanade at Stockton Avenue
- Bollard Signage
 - During storm events
 - Detour people from Esplanade at entrances

A photograph of a coastal town at dusk. The sky is a mix of dark blue and purple. The town's lights are on, and their reflection is visible in the water in the foreground. The text "Questions and Discussion" is overlaid in the center.

Questions and Discussion