



# County of Santa Cruz

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### STORM WARNING

The Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is cautioning residents to be on guard for localized impacts from rainfall expected to begin Thursday night.

The National Weather Service has issued high surf, coastal flooding and wind advisories for North Monterey Bay as well as other areas. Soils already wet from prior rains may contribute to flooding, and debris flow and landslides on steep, unstable hillsides in the Santa Cruz Mountains are a possibility.

In addition, an unusually large tide, or “king tide,” is expected Friday morning at 9:46 a.m., with another very high tide expected Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Communities around Pajaro Dunes and Rio Del Mar are susceptible to impacts from tides, high surf and waves.

A moderate to large surf is expected on area beaches through Friday. Avoid coastal jetties and rocks, and never turn your back on the waves.

Winds are expected from the south and southwest from 15 to 25 miles per hour, with gusts up to 35 miles per hour. They will increase Friday, with gusts up to 50 miles per hour on the highest mountain peaks.

Slick roadways are also likely to contribute to longer commute times. Please use caution while driving.

The County OES encourages residents to register their cell phones for emergency notifications by going to the Regional 911 website at <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/218A80E36F49>.



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They are also encouraged to sign up for Nixle at <https://local.nixle.com/register>.

OES also recommends the following resources for residents:

Sandbag pickup locations

<http://santacruzcounty.us/Portals/0/County/elNino/pdfs/Sand%20and%20Bags%20Locations.pdf>

Winter preparedness checklist

<http://santacruzcounty.us/Portals/0/County/CAO/elNino/El%20Ni%C3%B1o%20Preparedness%20Checklist.pdf>

Current stream and river levels

[https://santacruz.onerain.com/level.php?&show\\_not\\_set=1](https://santacruz.onerain.com/level.php?&show_not_set=1)

Current rainfall totals

<https://santacruz.onerain.com/rain.php>

Current road closures

<http://www.sccroadclosure.org/>

PG&E outage map (or 24-hour information line: 1 (800) 743-5002)

<http://www.pge.com/myhome/outages>

Current weather forecast

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=37.0666&lon=-122.0511#.VqAojSorKUK>



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