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Press Release Storm Update #1

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The powerful storm anticipated for today has moved in and impacted local roads, cut off power to numerous residents, and caused localized flooding. The High Wind Warning was cancelled by the national Weather Service as of 12:12 PM today. A Flood Advisory is in effect until 3:00 PM Thursday. A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect through 4:00 AM on Friday. Moderate to heavy rain is expected to continue until approximately midnight tonight.

Current road closures include:

- Empire Grade near 7960 (tree on wires)
- Ice Cream Grade South of Martin Road (tree on wires)
- Pine Flat Road (Trees down with wires)
- Redwood Lodge Road at 16217 (tree on phone wires)
- Smith Grade at Warren (tree on phone wires and small slide)
- Swanton Road approximately 1 mile from the North loop (tree blocking both lanes)
- Old San Jose Road (one lane closed between mile marker 6.0 and 6.5 due to a mud slide)
- Valley Drive at Plateau Drive (flooding)

As of noon today, PG&E reported 71 power outages in Santa Cruz County, with 4,844 households affected.

The public is encouraged to avoid any unnecessary driving during the storm. If driving cannot be avoided, use extra caution, allow extra time, and watch for debris, downed trees, or downed power lines that may be obstructing the roadway, as well as standing water or flooding of roadways. If water covers the roadway do not cross it. Flood waters are usually deeper than they appear and the water may be too deep to allow your vehicle to cross safely.

Important Links/Numbers:

Santa Cruz Co. Office of Emergency Services: <http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/oes/oesmain2.htm>

Current Santa Cruz County Road Closures: <http://www.sccroadclosure.org>

PG&E 24-Hour information on electrical outages: 800-743-5002 or : <https://m.pge.com/#map>