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EVACUATION ORDER

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Heavy rains and runoff have prompted an evacuation order for parts of Santa Cruz County. The level of the San Lorenzo River is rising rapidly due to intense rainfall. An evacuation order means you should leave immediately. Please evacuate the listed areas immediately and move to higher ground. Remaining in evacuated areas could cause a risk to personal safety and limit the ability for medical or rescue personnel to help you. The Sheriff's Office has issued an evacuation order for the following areas:

San Lorenzo (Mill St) BEN-E005A

Information regarding evacuation zones may be found at community.zonehaven.com

The County Emergency Operations Center has been activated to monitor further impacts from the storm, including localized flooding and road impacts. Road closures can be monitored at: <https://sccroadclosure.org/>

Call Center General questions may be directed to 831-454-2285, in the case of an emergency, please call **911**

Flood Tips

- In a flood, move to higher ground. Be aware of drainage channels and other areas known to flood suddenly.
- After a flood, stay away from downed power lines and designated disaster areas.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- If you encounter a flooded roadway, turn around and take another route. Roads underneath may be damaged and impassable. Don't drive through floodwaters or around barricades. Only a few inches of water can sweep a vehicle off the road.
- Stay out of standing floodwater. The dirty water can disguise hazards below the surface, such as deep holes and dangerous debris.

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