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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO CLOSE

Disaster Recovery Centers staffed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Small Business Administration are closing on Thursday, March 30th. The County encourages those who wish to speak with in-person representatives regarding ongoing appeals or who have received letters from requesting additional information to visit prior to that date.

After March 30th, support is available via telephone or online. Contact <https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>, call 800-621-FEMA (3362), or use the FEMA app for assistance.

On Jan. 14, 2023, President Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration for winter storms that devastated Santa Cruz County between Dec. 27th, 2022, and Jan. 31st, 2023. The deadline to apply for individual or other assistance for those storms was March 16.

DRCs are located in Santa Cruz at the County Governmental Building, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, and in Watsonville at the City Government Center, 250 Main St., Watsonville. The Santa Cruz DRC is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Watsonville DRC is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

FEMA assistance is not yet available for those impacted by storms and flooding occurring after January 31st. For local assistance related to recent storms, visit <https://www.cfsc.org/blog/storm-response>.

Additional resources are available at the Virtual Recovery Center at <https://santacruzcounty.us/OR3/Emergency.aspx>.