

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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FLOOD ADVISORY ISSUED NEAR SALSIPUEDES, CORRALITOS CREEKS

Due to rising water levels along Salsipuedes and Corralitos creeks, a flood advisory has been issued for the following evacuation zones near the city of Watsonville:

PAJ-E026 PAJ-E027 PAJ-E028

The Pajaro River is not at risk of flooding at this time.

The flood advisory is being issued in advance of possible evacuations. Residents should prepare to leave should an evacuation alert be issued. Residents may look up their evacuation zones at <u>https://community.zonehaven.com</u>.

The County Emergency Operations Center has been activated to monitor further impacts from the storm, including localized flooding and road impacts.

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 your vehicle off the road.

• Stay out of standing floodwater. Dirty water can disguise hazards below the surface, such as deep holes and dangerous debris.