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PUBLIC WORKS ACTS TO PROTECT LEVEE SITES

The Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works has taken steps to protect levees along Salsipuedes Creek and the Pajaro River in advance of scheduled repairs due to storm damage from winter 2017.

The repairs are being funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and are expected to get underway in January, weather permitting. While river levels remain extremely low due to recent dry weather, out of an abundance of caution the County has placed new protective sheeting and sandbags on select repair sites to assure runoff does not cause further damage.

Crews are ready to respond immediately to any weather events that threaten levee integrity or pose a risk to life and property. The County's primary concern remains the safety of the community. Fortunately, intermediate weather forecasts show continued dry weather through December.

The Santa Cruz County Zone 7 Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are also working toward permanent improvements to flood protections along the Pajaro River. For more information, go to:

<http://dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/FloodControlStormwater/FCWCZone7.aspx>