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NOBLE GULCH DRAIN INLET FAILS MOBILE HOME PARK SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CAPITOLA VILLAGE FLOODED

CAPITOLA—A underground storm drain that transmits water from Noble Gulch Creek between Bay Avenue and Capitola Avenue failed at approximately 4:30pm flooding the Pacific Cover Mobile Home Park and poartions of Capitola Village. The pipeline failure day lighted approximately 100' of Noble Gulch Creek and caused significant damage to Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park located next door to City Hall and the Capitola Police Department. Several manufactured homes were significantly damaged and park residents have been directed to go to the Jade Street Park Community Center until a full evaluation of utilities, structures, and drainage facilities can be completed. The Red Cross is prepared to assist residents impacted by the flood.

During the peak of the flood, the creek ran under the mobile homes undermining foundations and tearing off porches. Flooding continued through the park and to Capitola Avenue causing flooding of the Police Department and businesses along Capitola Avenue. Flooding also occurred in Capitola Village and the area has been closed until further notice. No estimate of the damage caused by the flood has been completed.

Soquel Creek is running very high with a significant amount of debris and large logs creating the potential for a blockage at Stockton Bridge. The City of Capitola in coordination with regional agencies will continue to monitor the situation and take further action as issues arise.

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