

# CITY OF CARPINTERIA



## STORM RELATED UPDATE (1/11/18)

This is a daily update on storm recovery and preparation work in the City of Carpinteria. For information about the broader storm incident, including information about search and rescue efforts in Montecito, please contact the Public Assistance center at 833-688-5551 or go to [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org).

Damage assessment and cleanup as a part of recovery efforts continues today. The City of Carpinteria has a liaison at the County Emergency Operations Center in order to coordinate recovery efforts and communication, including in particular work related to reestablishing roads and utilities.

Public information kiosks will be established today at Casitas Plaza and City Hall with critical information. Also, because cable television / computer service is out, we've made a computer available in the lobby of City Hall with online news station tuned in for the public.

The Santa Barbara Operational Area response is now running three parallel efforts: Search and Rescue continues in Montecito. Recovery has begun through efforts to reestablish critical infrastructure such as roads and utilities, and clean and repair flood control improvements. Preparation and Planning is also underway for the next storm (forecast for the end of next week). The storm preparation work includes identifying debris basins that need clearing. These basins, in particular Santa Monica debris basin, worked as designed during the storm, filling with debris and undoubtedly saving lives downstream. It will be very important to reestablish their functionality ASAP.

U.S. Forrest Service and CalFire have initiated post-storm assessments of soil and runoff conditions in order to evaluate potential debris flow/flash flood vulnerability going forward.

The weather forecast is for no rain until next Friday, January 19. This provides a good window for recovery work to be done in order to try and reestablish capacity at debris basins, creeks and channels.

Carpinteria Unified School District has announced school closure through January 16.

### TRANSPORTATION:

Highway 101 is open in both directions between Ventura and Carpinteria with northbound closure at 150. Caltrans is working to reestablish freeway access between Carpinteria and Summerland. Southbound 101 between Summerland and Carpinteria is open from Padaro Lane to Carpinteria Avenue exit with northbound open for Summerland residents only on an intermittent basis.

Significant mud and debris remains on sections of the freeway west of Summerland and there is no estimate on when freeway access through to Santa Barbara will be reestablished. Alternate routes, e.g., Jameson/Coast Village Rd and East Valley Road, are also not accessible with no estimate for reopening at this time.

Message boards are in place on the freeway and at 150 to advise drivers that there is no through access to Santa Barbara. We've requested that Caltrans and CHP update their websites and issue press releases to make this clear as City streets continue to be congested from drivers ignoring the signs and trying to make their way through to Santa Barbara. An alternate route to Santa Barbara is via I-5, which takes about 4.5 hours.

Here's the current County road closure list:

US 101 NB at Hwy 150

US 101 SB at Milpas

Highway 192 from Hwy 144 to Hwy 150

Many roads in Montecito and Carpinteria (too numerous to list)

SR 33 from Fairview to Lockwood Road (Ventura County)

Stagecoach Road from Hwy 154 to Paradise Rd.

Hwy 150 from Hwy 192 to Santa Ana Rd.

Boat shuttle service has been made available by Island Packers Cruises 805-642-1393, [info@islandpackers.com](mailto:info@islandpackers.com), and Condor Express, 805-963-3564, [condorexpress.com](http://condorexpress.com)

Amtrak and Union Pacific Railroad have reestablished service with a modified schedule between Oxnard and Santa Barbara, including stops in Carpinteria. The schedule is available on the Amtrak website and hard copies at City Hall and information kiosks.

The east end of Carpinteria Avenue is being used for debris storage from US 101 and Carpinteria Creek. City is assisting County and Caltrans with road closure barricade placement and maintenance at on/off ramps and on Via Real, Foothill and Padaro Lane. City is working on clearing local streets of mud and debris, in particular, at Carpinteria Creek, and Sixth Street (east of Palm). We continue to assess damage to bridges over flood channels to ensure safety. Debris clearing at the Carpinteria Avenue bridge over Carpinteria Creek is underway in order to facilitate inspection and reestablish floodway capacity.

- Flood Control Facilities: The Salt Marsh basins for Franklin and Santa Monica Creeks are full of sediment and are being excavated to reestablish necessary capacity for future storms. Sediment is being dumped in the surf zone at Ash Avenue. The truck route involves Carpinteria Avenue, Linden, and Sandyland. Upstream debris basins are also at or near capacity and plans are being made to remove debris to reestablish needed capacity. In particular, work is being planned for the critical Santa Monica debris basin.
- Water: Damage assessment on the South Coast Conduit continues. It is shut off north of Ortega Reservoir while that work is occurring. Carpinteria Valley Water District, which services the City of Carpinteria and outlying areas, reports the following:

1. Our water system & supply has not been affected by the storm
  2. The water being supplied to the City of Carpinteria including Gobernador Canyon and Shepard Mesa is SAFE to use for drinking, cooking bathing and laundry
  3. The Carpinteria Valley Water District is NOT under a boil order.
- Cox Cable: The Cox cable trunk line has been compromised and there is no Cox cable services (TV, phone and computer) from Montecito to Carpinteria. Because search and rescue operations are ongoing in the area of the damage and it is not safe to access, there is currently not a schedule for when repair and service restoration may occur.
  - Cellular: Mobile companies have boosted cell service signal in our area, including establishing a mobile cellular trailer to enhance signal service.
  - Gas and Electric: So Cal Gas and Edison are working to establish a lay down yard in Carpinteria to support repair work in the region, in particular, Montecito area.
  - Bus Service: MTD service from Carpinteria (Lines 20 and 21x) will not be available as long as the freeway and local roads are blocked and closed. The MTD Seaside Shuttle is operating normal hours and route.
  - Public Parks and Beaches: The Carpinteria Creek Park is damaged and closed until further notice. A significant amount of debris has accumulated on public beaches. The debris may contain sharp objects and hazardous materials. Also heavy equipment is operating on the beach in the vicinity of Ash. The City advises people should stay off of the beach at this time.
  - Public Assistance: Public information is available at the call center, 833-688-5551, via 211 service, or text to 805-699-0165.
  - Reconnecting with loved ones: Concerned friends and family members can search the list of those who have registered themselves as “safe and well” during this disaster by visiting [www.redcross.org/safeandwell](http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell).
  - A Family Assistance Center has been established for those who have lost family members. The public should call the Public Information telephone number (833-688-5551) for information about the Family Assistance Center.

Recovery and Restoration efforts are dynamic and subject to change. The information included in this bulletin is, to the best of our knowledge, accurate at the time of publishing. The City's website also has links to storm related information at [www.carpinteria.ca.us](http://www.carpinteria.ca.us).