

# CITY OF CARPINTERIA



## STORM RELATED UPDATE (1/12/18)

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, [see the attached Incident Update](#). [Information on the Storm can also be accessed by calling the Information Line Toll Free at: \(833\) 688-5551, Texting \(805\) 699-0165 or going to \[www.countyofsb.org\]\(http://www.countyofsb.org\)](#) . A daily 4 p.m. televised press briefing can be viewed on television and live stream sites.

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. [Priority work includes reestablishing utilities and roads, clearing debris basins and storm channels in preparation for future storms, and providing information about the incident and response to the public.](#)

[Public information kiosks have been established at Casitas Plaza, Seal Fountain 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 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 [removing debris from flood control facilities](#). Preparation and Planning is also underway for the next storm. 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 is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 16.](#)

- [TRANSPORTATION. US 101 IS CLOSED FROM THE JUNCTION OF SR 150 TO MILPAS ST IN SANTA BARBARA DUE TO MUDSLIDES. ALL THROUGH TRAFFIC IS ADVISED TO USE SR 126 TO I-5 AS AN ALTERNATE ROUTE. LOCAL TRAFFIC CAN GET INTO CARPINTERIA FROM THE SOUTH BY EXITING AT STATE ROUTE 150, BUT CANNOT GET INTO SANTA BARBARA.](#) 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.

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 regular 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. **The City requests that drivers avoid this area.** 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 the Army Corps of Engineers has begun work to clean out Santa Monica and other basins in anticipation of the next winter storms.

- **WATER.** The South Coast Conduit assessment concluded the pipeline, which is a part of the regional water system, has not been damaged. The line remains shut off north of Ortega Reservoir while work is occurring in the Montecito area.

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. Cox is working to establish a temporary line that could serve portions of Carpinteria. Access to the site needed to conduct the work remains intermittent due to ongoing search and rescue operations. Cox estimates it needs a total of 12-14 work hours of access to complete the temporary line installation. There is currently no estimate on when the work will be completed and cable service restored.
  - **CELL PHONE SERVICE.** Mobile companies have boosted cell service signal in our area, including establishing a mobile cellular trailer to enhance signal service.
  - **GAS / ELECTRIC.** So Cal Gas and Edison have established a lay down yard off of Dump Rd. in Carpinteria to support repair work in Montecito and other areas damaged by the storm.
  - **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 BEACHES AND PARKS.** The County Public Health Department has issued an ocean water CLOSURE due to high bacterial levels. Water sampling will be done today to determine whether or not the closure will be extended.

A significant amount of debris has accumulated on public beaches. The debris may contain sharp objects and hazardous materials and the City advises the public to avoid areas where this material has accumulated. Concerns about potentially hazardous material should be reported to the Hazardous Materials Hotline at 805/681-5538.

Heavy equipment is operating on the beach in the vicinity of Ash Avenue. The City advises people to stay off of the beach at this time. The Carpinteria Creek Park is damaged and closed until further notice.

- 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. [805-364-1822](tel:805-364-1822)

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.ci.carpinteria.ca.us](http://www.ci.carpinteria.ca.us).



# 2018 XSB JANUARY STORM



## Incident Update

**Date:** 01/12/2018 **Time:** 7:00 AM  
**Information Line:** (805) 696-1188  
**Media Line:** (805) 996-0579

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STATUS				
<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 01/09/2018		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 02:00 AM		
<b>Incident Type:</b> Winter Storm		<b>Cause:</b> Heavy Winter Rain		
<b>Acreage:</b> 30 Square Miles		<b>Containment:</b> See "Current Situation"		
<b>Incident Location:</b> Areas North of and adjacent to Hwy 101 in Montecito				
<b>Single Family Residences Destroyed:</b> 65	<b>Single Family Residences Damaged:</b> 462	<b>Single Family Residences Threatened:</b> 1,500		
<b>Commercial Property Destroyed:</b> 8	<b>Commercial Property Damaged:</b> 20	<b>Commercial Property Threatened:</b> 200		
<b>Fatalities:</b> 17	<b>Injuries:</b> 28	<b>Missing:</b> 5		
RESOURCES				
<b>Engines:</b> 114	<b>Water Rescue Teams:</b> 4	<b>Helicopters:</b> 3	<b>Air Tankers:</b> 0	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 11
<b>Dozers:</b> 5	<b>USAR:</b> 1	<b>K9 USAR:</b> 29	<b>Technical Rescue:</b> 11	<b>Total Personnel:</b> 1250
<b>Cooperating Agencies:</b> CAL FIRE, CalTrans, US Coast Guard, US Navy, So Cal Gas, So Cal Edison, SB SAR, American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Public Works, California Conservation Corps.				
SITUATION				
<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p>Crews continue to search buildings and debris flows for trapped victims. The unstable environment remains a critical threat to civilians and responders. The large amounts of mud and debris are making access and progress challenging. Search and rescue remains the highest priority.</p> <p>Anticipate the numbers of missing persons to fluctuate significantly. The Sheriff's Department is continually receiving reports of missing persons and is actively investigating each report. Many reports reach a rapid and successful conclusion, other require additional investigation.</p>			
<b>Mandatory Evacuations:</b>	<p>The unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County, Montecito, Summerland, and Carpenteria, NORTH of Hwy 192, EAST of Cold Springs Road, and WEST of Hwy 150/the County line. Also included in this Order are the areas along Tecolote Canyon, Eagle Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon, Gato Canyon, and the Whittier burn areas near Goleta.</p> <p>West of Sheffield Drive/East Valley Road/Ladera Lane, east of Olive Mill/Hot Spring Road, north of the ocean, and south of the U.S. Forest Service boundary.</p> <p>The previous Public Safety Exclusion Zone is now part of the Mandatory Evacuation Order area.</p>			
<b>Evacuation Warning:</b>	All areas SOUTH of Hwy 192 to the ocean and EAST of Hot Springs Road/Olive Mill Road to Hwy 150/the County line. People in these areas should stay alert to changing conditions and be prepared to leave immediately if the situation worsens.			
<b>Evacuation Shelters:</b>	Santa Barbara City College Campus Gymnasium 721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, Ca			



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<b>Services:</b>	Natural gas has been shut off to most parts of Montecito. It is expected to be several days before restoration. For additional gas outage information, go to <a href="http://socalgas.com/Montecito">socalgas.com/Montecito</a> or dial 1-800-427-2200 Power outages are affecting over 6,000 homes and businesses, primarily in the Montecito area. Many areas of Montecito are without potable water and sanitary services. <b>Water outage is anticipated throughout the Montecito Water District (excluding Summerland).</b>
<b>Boil Water Notice:</b>	ALL customers of the Montecito Water District (including Summerland) should boil or disinfect with bleach any tap water before drinking or cooking. Directions on how to boil or disinfect water: <a href="http://www.montecitowater.com">www.montecitowater.com</a>
<b>Bottled Water Distribution:</b>	Bottled water will be distributed at two locations from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. This water is only for Montecito District customers in need of water: -Montecito Fire Station #2 at 2300 Sycamore Canyon Rd and Cold Spring Rd. -Summerland Post Office at 2245 Lillie Ave
<b>Animal Shelters:</b>	Large Animals: Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara Small Animal Shelter: Santa Barbara Humane Society For assistance with large and small animals, call (805) 681-4332
<b>Beach Closures and Ocean Water Quality:</b>	In order to protect public health, the following beaches are closed until further notice: Gaviota Beach down the coast to the County line at Rincon Point. People should not enter the water as levels of bacteria highly exceed standard levels.
<b>School Closures:</b>	For the most up-to-date information on school closures, contact your local school district or call 211.
<b>Road Closures:</b>	Highway 101 SB @ Milpas Street Highway 101 NB @ HWY 150 HWY 192 in multiple locations
<b>Donations and Volunteering:</b>	For donations and volunteer opportunities, please contact the local Red Cross. <a href="http://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>
<b>Additional Information:</b>	<a href="http://www.countyofsb.org">www.countyofsb.org</a> Call 211 (local) or (800) 400-1572 (toll-free) Call Information Line at (833) 688-5551 or text (805) 699-0165