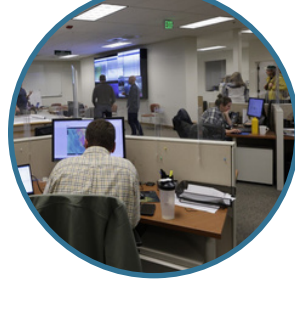




City Manager's Weekly Update

City of Santa Cruz
January 23, 2023



SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Businesses and Residents Affected by Storms

Economic Development

Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Santa Cruz County businesses and residents as a result of President Biden's major disaster declaration. The declaration covers Merced, Sacramento and Santa Cruz counties due to the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that began Dec. 27, 2022.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace

damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans

to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available to businesses regardless of any property damage.

Download the U.S. SBA Disaster Loan Fact Sheet in [Spanish](#) and [English](#).

Application deadlines:

- Physical Damage — March 15, 2023
- Economic Injury — October 16, 2023

[Learn more](#) and [apply online](#).

Bikeshare to Launch in Santa Cruz in June

Public Works



The Transportation team recently executed a bike share contract with BCycle in partnership with UC Santa Cruz, the County of Santa Cruz, the City of Capitola, Cabrillo College and the City of Watsonville. The bike share system is expected to launch throughout the City of Santa Cruz and UCSC campus in June. The regional system is scheduled to expand to Capitola, Watsonville, Cabrillo College, and the unincorporated County in early 2024. We are excited to bring this multi-modal option back to Santa Cruz with expanded service area! Learn [more](#).



Public Works' Homelessness Response Team Clears 24.5 tons of Trash in One Month

The Homelessness Response Field team in Public Works was officially established in December, 2022 and works in collaboration with various City departments. Over the past week, the team has removed 4.63 tons of trash from the watershed and streets despite ongoing storms. Their work greatly reduced the amount of trash that flowed from the San Lorenzo River and various creeks to the marine sanctuary. In just their first month, the team collected and safely disposed of approximately 24.5 tons of abandoned trash citywide.



Street Maintenance Works Hard to Prep for Storms and Respond to Damage

The Street Maintenance division has been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the storms, reacting to storm-related requests and damages, as well as prioritizing work during the clear weather days. Since late December, staff have been routinely refilling sand stations at Harvey West Park and Fire Station #2 with a total of 239 tons available for our community. They have also assisted in distributing 4,800 sandbags since the end of December. Staff has also been supporting the Traffic Engineering division in procuring and delivering materials, installing new signage, and placing water-wall barriers and k-rail around erosion areas along West Cliff Drive.



San Lorenzo River at Flood Stage Through Recent Storms

Operations staff have been closely monitoring San Lorenzo River levels throughout the winter storms. The January 9 storm brought so much water that the river peaked at 23.94 feet. Major flood stage is 25 feet registered at the gauge closest to Highway 1. Each year, Operations conducts a vegetation management and channel ripping project, which helps promote water and debris movement during major flooding, as seen this year.



Mid-Storm Work Protects Levee and Pump Station

Levee damage was apparent near the Trestle Bridge after the second large storm brought huge swells to our coastline. Our Operations and Engineering staff collaborated on rock delivery in between storms and oversaw placement of 4-ton boulders along the levee areas where rip-rap had been largely displaced. This work will help keep the levee stable and pump station 1A protected from the elements during future storms.



Trees and Other Storm Debris Cleared from Area Bridges

The Operations division hired contractors to remove debris along San Lorenzo River in between storms. Debris has since been cleared from log jams under the Water Street Bridge and the Felker Street pedestrian bridge.

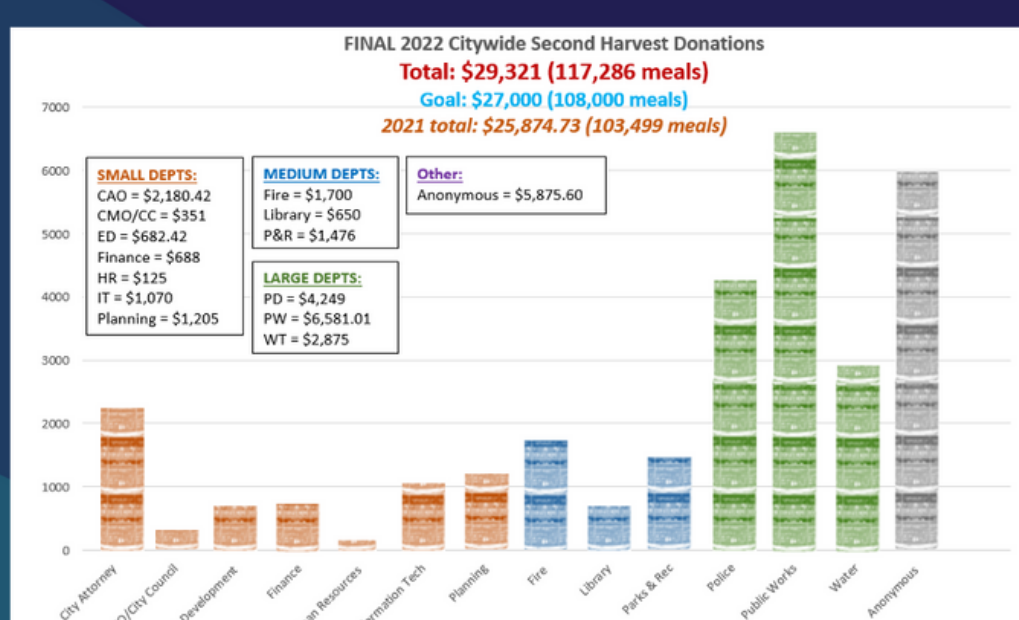


Join Driftwood Removal & Beach Clean-Up Efforts

The Wharf Crew continues to make daily efforts in removing the driftwood from Cowell and Main Beach. This includes raking, chainsawing, and operating equipment that includes the kubato, backhoe, and loader. The team is filling multiple 20 yard dumpsters every day. Other efforts organized by City Serve include beach clean-ups to remove trash and debris in the driftwood. The daily efforts will continue until the beach is cleared of debris. A huge thank you to Santa Cruz County Association of Realtors for the massive turnout for their clean-up, and to all the volunteers who are coming out to help us get the beaches clean and ready for summer! To get in on the action, contact City Serve at 831-457-9834 and sign-up for a clean-up or request to organize one.

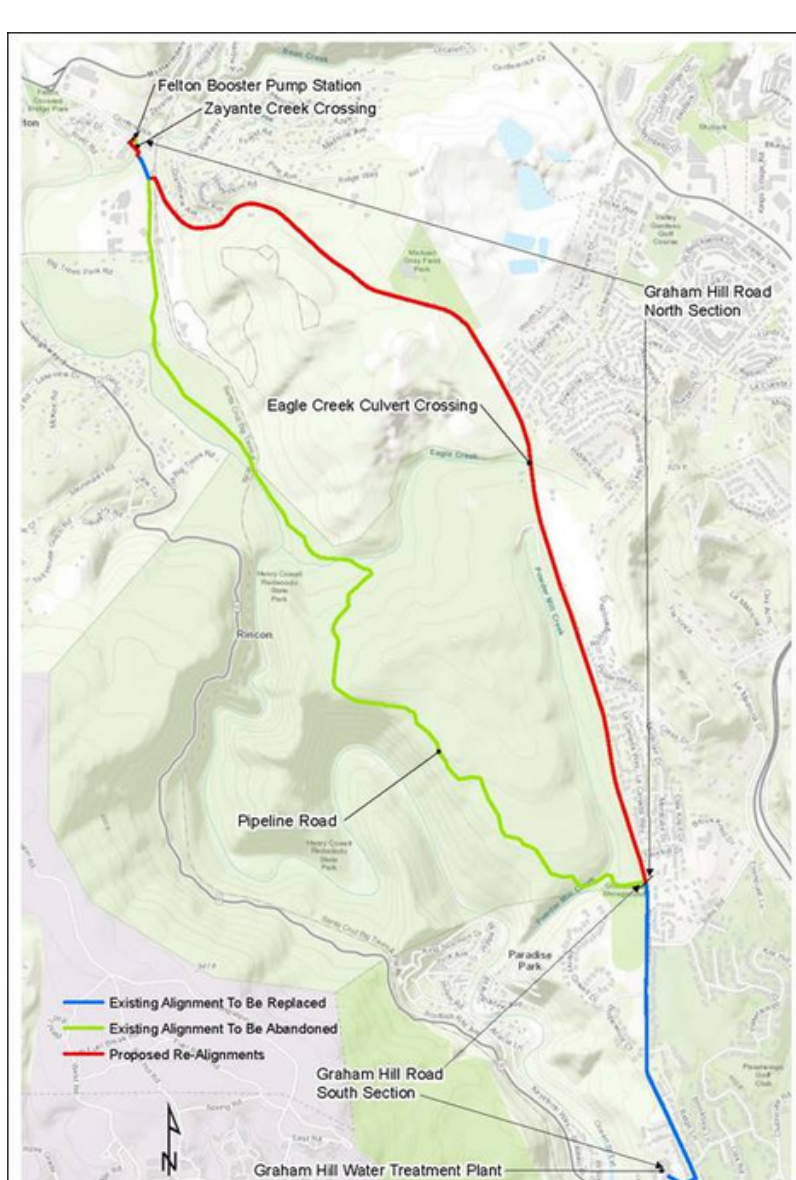
Citywide Teams Give \$29,321 to Second Harvest Fundraiser

All City departments joined fundraising forces for the annual Second Harvest fundraiser in 2022. The campaign just closed with the City of Santa Cruz raising an outstanding \$29,321 (117,286 meals)! This is a major accomplishment for the City as each year departments have contributed to raising more funds than the goal and this is the second year in a row where the City raised more than 100,000 meals for our community.



Santa Cruz Symphony Kicks Off January 28 – 29, 2023

Kicking off the New Year at the Civic, the Santa Cruz Symphony's next concert features a world premiere commission by Turkish composer and pianist Hakan Ali Tokar. A sonic translation of our California coastal wildlife by local Gabriella Smith will also be featured, along with Ravel's homage to the Parisian Baroque a la Francois Couperin. Experience the magic of your symphony in person! Tickets available.



Pipeline Repair Maintains Access to City's Backup Water Supply

Water crews repaired the Newell Creek Pipeline between the Felton Booster Station and the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant. The pipeline is shown in the map as the green line running on Pipeline Road through Henry Cowell State Park. A number of breaks on this pipeline during previous years' wet seasons, plus more that occurred this year, required emergency repair. The pipeline is the City's only connection to backup stored water, used during winter storm events, when the river is too turbid to treat. Saturated soils along the pipeline right of way resulted in land movement that caused a breach at a joint in the pipe and resulted in a leak that further exacerbated the soil saturation, causing the leak to get larger over time. As of Tuesday, the leak was flowing at about 200 gallons per minute, a level that necessitated shutting down the pipeline for emergency repairs. Repairs are underway and crews expected to have the pipe back in service by the end of last week. Crews will be onsite through sunset, resuming in the early mornings, until the repairs are complete.