



Pat Carey, Roberto Lopez and Greg Hatfield ready Dream Inn for high tides expected next week. Dan Coyro/Sennel

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## Flooding, mudslide warnings in county

The National Weather Service this morning warned of possible flooding and mudslides in Santa Cruz County from the latest Pacific storm, which was expected to bring heavy rain throughout the day.

The weather service issued an "urban flood warning" from San Francisco Bay south to Big Sur.

Forecasters predicted two to three inches of rain for the lowlands with four to five or more inches in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The rain is expected to taper off tonight with a slow clearing trend to follow.

Rain early this morning was falling at a rate of three-tenths of an inch per hour over the Monterey Bay Area, according to the weather service.

Only minor problems were reported this morning throughout the county, but road and utility crews were making no predictions for the rest of the day.

County road Superintendent Larry Peters said this morning 20 roads were closed at times Tuesday by slides or fallen trees.

At 8:30 this morning, six remained

closed. They included Highway 9 near Glen Arbor and south near Glengary Road, Shulties Road (parallels Highway 17 and Old San Jose Road in Summit area), upper end of Lockhart Gulch Road, Harmony Hill Road off Hubbard Gulch, Clear Creek Road behind Brookdale Lodge and the Lee and Harkins Slough Road intersection.

San Lorenzo Valley Supervisor Joe Cucchiara said Highway 9 was closed south of the blue slide near Glen Arbor road because state highway crews found the roadway to be rippling early Tuesday afternoon and feared it might give way under the weight of traffic.

Through traffic on Highway 9 should use the Glen Arbor loop, said Cucchiara. Local traffic is allowed on the highway, he said, but urged residents to enter from the end closest their homes.

Heavy rainfall was reported throughout the San Lorenzo Valley for the recording period which ended at 8 a.m. Lompico reported 6½ inches, Boulder Creek 4½

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inches and Felton 3 inches.

No rainfall figure was reported for Ben Lomond, but Cucchiara said he was told by the weather service of an unconfirmed report of eight inches.

Some 30 residents in the Hubbard Gulch/Harmony Hill area of Ben Lomond have been without power since Tuesday. John Fisher of PG&E said crews were working on the problem this morning. He said other outages were in the Lockhart Gulch area of Scotts Valley and on Weston Road north of Scotts Valley.

About an inch and a half of rain fell over the central part of the county. The heaviest rain was at about 4:10 p.m. Tuesday. Santa Cruz weatherman Ron McDonald said he recorded .45 of an inch of rain between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

At the Dream Inn this morning, workers filled and stacked sandbags in anticipation of 6-foot-plus tides predicted for next week.

While Tuesday's storm brought heavy rain to Northern California, it brought wind-driven snow to the Sierra Nevada.

The Central Sierra Snow laboratory at Soda Springs, northwest of Lake Tahoe, reported 50 inches of new snow between Monday morning and nightfall Tuesday, bringing the snowpack to more than eight feet, one of the deepest in North America.

Interstate 80, the main freeway across the northern Sierra, was closed all day Tuesday from Truckee to near Auburn.

Rainfall reports for 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today and including the season's totals (since July 1) and those of last year at this time, are as follows:

	24 Hrs.	Season	Last Year
Aptos	1.48	10.96	9.72
Bonny Doon	3.14	26.63	25.09
Boulder Creek	4.50	31.88	27.19
Capitola	1.88	13.15	10.84
Corralitos	1.98	14.87	12.59
Empire Grade	3.71	31.52	30.86
Felton	3.03	24.25	20.73
Freedom	1.57	12.16	10.86
Graham Hill	2.40	18.90	16.00
Lompico	6.50	33.95	25.40
Natural Bridges	1.59	12.13	10.22
Pine Flat	3.91	34.15	32.09
Rio del Mar	1.64	11.52	10.04
Santa Cruz	1.46	12.34	9.96
Scotts Valley	3.20	24.17	19.03
Soquel	1.91	13.77	10.75
Summit	4.0	28.09	22.48
Swanton	1.67	15.90	12.91