

County Is In State Of Emergency

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Last year's drought brought Santa Cruz County into a "state of emergency" because of damage to agriculture, and this season's rains have returned the county to that unenviable state due to an estimated \$2 million in storm damage to homes and highways.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency for Santa Cruz County Friday in response to a county supervisors' petition approved last Tuesday.

The governor's proclamation

has gone to the state Office of Emergency Services which will petition the federal government when full damage reports are in.

The emergency office estimates that \$1.4 million in road damage was sustained and that \$450,000 in damages was sustained by at least five homes in the county during the storms and heavy seas of Jan. 8-9 and rain storms beginning Jan. 14, the Associated Press reported.

Local, state and federal officials from this area praised Brown's decision, with U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Mon-

tere, commenting:

"I'm very pleased the governor has taken this necessary action (and) I'm hopeful that all state and federal assistance will be forthcoming to the county and those residents who have sustained damage."

State Assemblyman Henry Mello, D-Watsonville, urged homeowners whose houses have been damaged to report damage assessments to his office or the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors at 701 Ocean Street.

Most officials believed that low interest loans will be avail-

able to homeowners with damaged property, but it is uncertain whether the state and federal coffers will be opened for public road damage.

Of the estimated \$1.4 million in road damage, county public works estimates that from \$900,000 to \$1 million in damage was sustained by county roads.

Major damage was incurred by a washout of Redwood Lodge Road, between Laurel and Soquel-San Jose roads.

Also damaged by the rains were Rockview Drive, 26th Avenue, 33rd Avenue, Glenwood Drive, Bean Creek Road, Moun-

tain Charlie Road, Lompico Road, Lockhart Gulch Road, Irwin Way, Lodge Road and Upper Zayante Road.

Assistant Public Works Director Gene Delucchi said that the \$1 million figure "includes slides and cleanups," pointing out that the costs of overtime work last week were about \$45,000 with some crews working a 90-hour week.

Supervisor Chairman Ed Borovatz said, "It is very important that people notify us of the damage to their homes and property so that we can get low interest money if the federal government acts."

Mello affirmed, "I am concerned for those property owners who have suffered tremendous damage to their homes, water systems and roads (and) I am pleased that Gov. Brown has declared a state of emergency."

"It is my hope the president will realize the urgency of the situation and act quickly to release funds."

County Administrator Bob Nyman Friday afternoon said, "I just got word."

"It means that we are one step further along the road and now will have to wait to hear from the state Office of Emergency Services to see what it means to us."

He added, "Probably by Monday we can get some idea of what it will mean to us."

Nyman said that Santa Cruz County's petition for aid would be helped if other counties petition for state-federal aid because of storm damage.

He commended the regional arm of the state office of emergency located in Concord for its cooperation and aid in the process of having this county declared a state of emergency.

During the early summer of 1977, the county was declared an emergency area because of the loss of cattle due to drought-stricken grazing areas.

State-federal offices announced at that time that loans were available for cattlemen to move their stock to better grazing area and to purchase feed.

Last weekend's rains storms — dropping as much as seven

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Sadat Claims Israeli Leaders Are Sabotaging Peace Efforts

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Anwar Sadat accused Israeli leaders Saturday of sabotaging peace negotiations and declared, "They are in the defendants' box before the court of world history."

In a speech clearly aimed at arousing Israeli and U.S. public opinion against the administration of Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Sadat told the Egyptian parliament there is "hopelessness

He also revealed he has asked President Carter for equality in military assistance.

"I'm telling the U.S. people here is the result of the limitless arsenal that you gave, which makes a person like Begin say he does not need the recognition of Egypt," Sadat declared.

Begin was studying Sadat's speech late Saturday in Jerusalem and did not comment other than to say: "There

Begin also received a report on Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance's talks in Egypt Friday. He said he learned "important things" in his briefing by Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton, but he declined to assess the chances for reviving the Egyptian-Israeli political talks in Jerusalem.

Begin said the Israeli cabinet would decide today on its next move and would vote on whether to rejoin separate military talks in Cairo.

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inches over a 33-hour period in Ben Lomond — swelled Lompico-Zayante creeks and San Lorenzo River to overflowing and at their confluence flooded the small neighborhood of Felton Grove.

The weekend before, stormy waves carried on a high tide undercut the foundations of homes in the Seacliff Beach area, causing serious damage to a number of homes.