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## \$1 million for roads in county's hands

A \$1 million check will be picked up by Santa Cruz County Supervisors this morning in San Francisco.

The check will be presented to Supervisors Chairman Robley Levy by Samuel R. Pierce Jr., secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in ceremonies at the Fairmont Hotel.

Supervisors Dan Forbus, Gary Patton, Joe Cucchiara and E. Wayne Moore Jr. will also attend.

The federal funds are a community development block grant and the county may be able to use them as local matching funds in obtaining federal and state disas-

ter-relief money to repair the county roads damaged in the January storms.

The money will be used specifically to repair Eureka Canyon Road above Corralitos, and Lompico, Felton-Empire, Jarvis and East Zayante Roads in the San Lorenzo Valley area.

HUD officials approved the grant, county officials said, because they pose an imminent threat to public safety and their repair will benefit low and moderate income families.

The sudden infusion of the federal money will allow the county to extend its road repair efforts this year to roads not now earmarked for

repair.

The grant, according to County Public Works Director Don Porath will have a ripple effect, and allow the county accelerate its repairs on roads not presently scheduled for repair this year.

The county has a damage list that includes 109 county-maintained roads, with repairs estimated to cost \$9,232,000.

The county earlier estimated winter storm damage at \$20 million and that includes, Porath said, damage to publicly-owned facilities other than roads.

A county supervisor-approved priority list scheduled 10 roads in the unincorporated area for repair this year, includ-

ing Lompico, Jamison Creek, Eureka Canyon, Valencia Road, Granite Creek Road, Bean Creek Road, Rider Road, Jarvis Road, Glenwood Drive, and Alta Via Road.

The HUD grant means, he said, that the county may be able to start working on the second 10 roads on the priority list, including Cathedral Drive, Empire Grade, Skyview Terrace, Felton Empire Road, Brown's Valley Road, Olive Springs Road, East Zayante Road, Vine Hill Road, Trout Gulch Road, and Old San Jose Road.

Others that may get some attention this budget year are Hazel Dell Road and Clear Creek Road, Porath said.