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# County gets aid money from state

SANTA CRUZ — The county received \$356,460 from the state Tuesday, its first state disaster money, County Administrative Officer Susan Mauriello said.

The check, which covered 75 percent of the amount the county Public Works Department has spent on the earthquake emergency so far, was presented personally by California Controller Gray Davis, Mauriello said.

Davis arrived at the county Government Center about 4:20 p.m., just after the County Supervisors had finished their board meeting, and presented the check to the supervisors and Mauriello.

After the ceremony, Davis inspected the minor damages at the county center and later toured the devastated Pacific Garden Mall. He was standing in front of the Palomar Hotel when a 4.5 magnitude aftershock rolled through at 6:27 p.m.

Mauriello submitted a disaster claim to the state Monday for \$431,000 in public works costs related to responding to the quake disaster.

Under state disaster aid laws, the state reimburses the county for 75 percent of declared disaster costs, plus a percentage for administrative and indirect costs.

The state hands over the cash advance, and audits the claimed expenses at a later date, Mauriello said.

In her application to the state, Mauriello estimated that county expenses will climb to \$3 million within the next 90 days.