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Storm Damage Is Minor

Damage Caused By Storm



Portion Of Earth Levee Washes Out

Wind and rain from an off-shore tropical storm boomed into Santa Cruz and northern California yesterday and last night causing minor damage in some areas.

However, the U. S. weather bureau no longer looks for the 60-70 m.p.h. gale winds which earlier were feared ready to slash at the central coastal region. The latest official weather forecast calls for intermittent rain through tomorrow, accompanied by diminishing winds.

Despite scare headlines in a San Francisco morning newspaper telling of flooding in downtown Santa Cruz, the broad San Lorenzo river flood control levees easily handled all the water coming from the mountain areas.

The Castle on Seabright beach was damaged when wave and water-propelled logs blasted through a large section of stucco fence. The fence is designed to resemble a stone wall. Mrs. Fred Russell, co-owner of the restaurant, said the waves seemed worse than those during Easter week last year. She could not give an immediate estimate of damage.

A portion the city's temporary earth levee near the Southern Pacific company's railroad trestle was washed away on the west side after being pounded by high waves. No water damage to property was reported because of the break and city crews were mending the hole today. The levee at this point is not faced with stone rip-rap and is not intended to withstand extreme high water or wave action such as the finished levee next year will be designed for.

On West Cliff drive near Pelton avenue, a 30-inch culvert was blocked by debris sending water cascading over the road. According to City Street Superintendent Don Bruce, a portion of West Cliff drive was badly undermined by the water, but it is still open to traffic.

Bruce and City Manager Pete Tedesco toured the city this morning noting bad storm water problems such as Seabright and several avenues and getting a firsthand view of how the levees held their highest water to date.

At the municipal wharf, five or six pilings were torn out by waves which slapped at the bottom of planks and buildings. Wharfinger Howard Bethel said he had not completely surveyed the damage but added that no buildings appeared to be in danger.

P. D. Howland of 116 Market street, reported minor damage took place when the wind blew down a 20-foot acacia tree and sent it across a driveway and into his house about 5 a.m.

The Capitola police department reported no damage although waves washed much drift wood and debris over the retaining wall at the Esplanade.

A Pacific Gas and Electric spokesman said the storm hit them a little harder than normal and that they had even available emergency crews.

Yesterday's storm caused most of its major damage from wind and waves rather than the 1.99 inches of rain which fell. In the top photograph, driftwood hunters pick over Seabright beach next to a gaping hole bashed in the side of the Castle. Although it is stuccoed to resemble a stone wall, the damaged property is really a fence. In the lower picture, a city workman scoops up dirt to mend a break in the city's temporary earth levee near the Southern Pacific company's railroad trestle. Although the parking lot got wet, no damage was reported to other property because of the levee's hole.

Capitola Council Stand Backed By County Group

The county industrial committee this morning backed up the stand taken by the Capitola city council last week that the choice Keith Shaffer industrial tract be eliminated from consideration as a mid-county high school site.

Members unanimously passed a motion at a session in the Miramar Grill in Watsonville. Last



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