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## Planners expected to permit rebuilding of Summit Market

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Darrell Osborn has sprinkled signs around the summit area urging his mountain customers to show up at a Santa Cruz County hearing today on his request for a permit to rebuild his Summit Market.

He wanted support, just in case. But support may not be necessary because county planners say they are recommending the market be rebuilt.

"I didn't want to create panic, that's for sure," he said Thursday of his campaign to attract customers to the hearing at the county government center. "But I want to make sure there's some positive support in case there's any negative stuff."

The market, which functioned as a general store as well as a meat market and grocery, suffered about \$1.2 million in damage to the structure and contents during the Oct. 17 earthquake, Osborn said. It also served as a community center, of sorts, for residents of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

"And," Osborn noted, "it's really kind of depressing for people, not having a place to bump into each other while they're

shopping." Osborn's plans include replacing the store on the Summit Road site with a 6,300-square-foot facility which would also include a delicatessen "as a nice plus" for summit-area residents.

Those plans, with some design and safety conditions, have the support of county planners, who are recommending that the rebuilding be approved. The proposal, with those conditions, is consistent with county development policies, according to planners.

Osborn said he hasn't sought financing for his rebuilding project, preferring to wait until he has county approval. He said he has had "no problem" so far with the county planning department, although he said the planning process "hasn't been fast enough" for his taste.

Until the market goes up, Osborn said, residents can buy some provisions at the small Redwood Estates store, but they have to go down to Los Gatos or Scotts Valley to find many items.

The hearing begins at 10 a.m. in the board of supervisor chambers, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz.



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**GENERAL DAMAGE** — Darrell Osborn points out the damage his general store suffered as a result of the Oct. 17 earthquake. The store has been closed since then, but Osborn is now set to receive permission to rebuild.