

# Storm's Death Toll Put At 22

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Today's release of the names of seven persons "missing and presumed dead" from last week's disastrous storm increased the probable death toll to 22 in Santa Cruz County.

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Included in the names today was the entire John McCluskey family, believed buried in the Love Creek Heights mudslide. Believed to be dead are the father, 32, mother Lynda, 32, and two sons, 7-year-old Trevor and 5-year-old Kelly.

Also missing is Mark Andres Nelson, 19, 10961 Woodland Drive, Hazel McGraw, 78, 10990 Woodland Drive, both Love Creek area, and Raymond Stanley, 41, of 1242 Happy Valley Road, who is believed buried in a mudslide.

Four bodies have been removed from the Love Creek area, not five as previously reported.

In memory of the dead, county flags will be flown at half-staff through this week.

County supervisors ordered the flags at half-staff after hearing a report from Acting County Administrator and emergency officer George Newell that the Love Creek area recovery work had been called off for fear that new slides could occur.

Newell said the Love Creek slide and many others around the county may be only the first wave of slides and that new rains could endanger other homes.

The board approved his recommendation that the Army Corps of Engineers be requested to survey the county for danger spots.

The county also increased its efforts to get neighborhoods back in order, setting up a quick on-the-spot temporary permit system for persons whose homes were damaged.

The system will send planners and inspectors into the field to approve "temporary" repairs so that persons can get back into their homes. There is no cost for the permits, but the residents may be required to come back in in 90 days for a permit.

The board also reaffirmed the state of emergency here that has brought in state and federal

assistance to those whose homes were flooded and damaged by slides.

Also, Newell said, the Corps of Engineers would be asked for help to rebuild the hundreds of private roads that were damaged from among the county's 1,200 private roadways. Twenty-eight main roads in the county remained closed or partially closed today.

Red Cross Centers in San Lorenzo Valley continued their services. Spokesmen for the Seventh-day Adventist Churches at 1024 Cayuga St. in Santa Cruz and 2501 Porter St. in Soquel said that numerous items of bedding, food, clothing, shovels and other tools have been delivered by the two organizations and are available for distribution.

Food and Nutrition Services has been awarded a major part of \$40,000 released by state-federal governments to aid in feeding persons who need lunches and dinners. The program basically serves seniors, "but anyone who is needy is welcome," FNS Director Sam Karp said.

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Beginning Wednesday, the service will have four mobile units in the valley giving out 1,000 bags with five-day supplies of food. On Thursday it will be expanded to include noon meals at Wilder Hall in Ben Lomond every day of the week. It also will open a 4 p.m. dinner service at Highland Park Senior Center between Felton and Ben Lomond seven days a week.

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This morning, Supervisor Dan Forbus moved the board to put an end to dump fees for persons carrying in storm debris and mud to the county's disposal sites.

The Volunteer Project which has coordinated various neighborhood help efforts has moved to 1110 Emeline Ave. and persons in need of its non-emergency services should call 423-0554 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For emergency services dealing with after-storm needs, call 425-2045 or 425-2046.

Supervisors were told the county's Disaster Assistance Center at the Veterans Building, 842 Front St., offers assistance to persons on Social Security, disaster unemployment help, food stamp distributions, income tax advice, temporary housing, veterans assistance, emergency family needs and disaster loans (see story above).

In releasing the seven names of the "missing and presumed dead" this morning, the Sheriff's Department asked that anyone having information that would indicate the listed people are not dead to contact the department.

Also, if there are other persons suspected lost in county mudslides, the Sheriff's Department should be contacted.

County Supervisors also approved setting a disaster task force and the county Fire Chiefs Assn. has announced it will meet on Jan. 21 to come up with its recommendations.

The supervisors asked Newell to come back with a financial impact report and to determine how much money the county has, if any, to fight the disaster.

Also, Planning Director Kris Schenk was told to come back April 6 with recommendations on permit regulations to prevent putting houses in areas of risk.

Today is the last day of 12-hour shifts for sheriff's deputies and they will drop back to 10-hour shifts on Wednesday.