

## Long road to recovery

# County has \$100 million in needs, says report

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SANTA CRUZ — Despite billions of dollars of aid to earthquake-shattered California counties, another \$2.75 billion is needed, according to a draft report by the County Supervisors Association of California.

In Santa Cruz County, the unmet need could exceed \$100 million for public facilities and programs.

Among other things, the report identifies \$28 million for preventing damage from future earthquakes. Of that, \$16.6 million is for a plan to move the County Communications

Center from the basement of the County Government Center building.

Back in November, during the state Legislature's extraordinary session to consider earthquake recovery bills, local officials pressed for a full penny to be tacked onto the sales tax. Instead, Gov. George Deukmejian held firm to a ¼-cent boost for 13 months that is expected to raise \$800 million.

"That's not enough," local officials told the Legislature.

"Prove it," was the response from the legislative leadership, according to Santa Cruz County Supervisor Fred Keeley.

Keeley is chairman of a 10-county Earthquake Relief Legislative Task Force that set out to document the additional aid the counties want.

The task force report, compiled by former Supervisor Joe Cucchiara, includes a long list of state and federal actions needed to restore local communities.

It is an enormous and expensive wish list. Among the items is an \$815,000 plan for caches of emergency supplies and equipment in isolated spots — Loma Prieta, San Lorenzo Valley, Bonny Doon, Davenport and Corralitos. Another is \$221,600 for "displaced senior services" for a trailer park at UC

Santa Cruz that was planned but never built.

Keeley acknowledges that \$2.75 billion is "a very big price tag."

"That's why they call them disasters," he said. Some of the items are critical, others are needed but can wait. "We recognize the political and fiscal realities," Keeley said.

"It's a remarkable sum of money," said Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Monterey. How much the Legislature is willing to finance the list is not known. Farr said, however, he thinks the Legislature will continue the ¼-cent sales tax past the end of the year.

Permanent replacement housing and preventive measures are the biggest and most expensive areas. Long-term economic recovery for cities and counties is another area where state action is needed.

"There is a lot of intangible economic damage you can't put your finger on," said Supervisor Jan Beautz.

A bill by Sen. Henry Mello, D-Watsonville, would restore sales-tax revenue to cities and counties that had been lost as a result of the quake. The City of Santa Cruz will lose about \$1 million, according to estimates. Mello also sponsored a bill during the emergency session to ease the property tax loss.

Keeley said the supervisors association will begin lobbying to push other bills through the Legislature and Congress.

"The tough part will be to convince the legislators from outside the affected area," Keeley said.

At the federal level, Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Stanford, said he is not optimistic Congress will ap-



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Manager Marsha Steffoff won't have to work in the basement if a new County Communications Center is built.

propriate more funds to help California.

Southern California legislators in the state house may react differently following the moderate earthquake that rattled the region two weeks ago.

Keeley said he was standing in the office of Assemblyman Richard Katz, D-Sepulveda, when Katz's staff told him about the magnitude 5.5 Upland quake.

Katz is now a "born again" earthquake preparedness advocate, Keeley said.

## Wish list includes shelters, studies

Here is an unmet needs wish list for Santa Cruz County:

HOUSING total.....	\$3,411,800
Motel Voucher Emergency Shelter Program.....	\$697,000
Site management for FEMA temporary homes.....	\$165,000
Guaranteed Security Deposit Program.....	\$425,000
Administrative costs.....	\$60,000
Homeless family shelters.....	\$127,800
Displaced family services.....	\$280,800
Displaced seniors services.....	\$221,600
Administrative costs.....	\$30,000
Mentally disabled emergency shelter.....	\$350,000
Displaced seniors emergency shelter.....	\$297,900
Remote mountain area emergency shelter.....	\$350,000
Emergency food program kitchen facilities.....	\$20,000
Displaced families mobile home part.....	\$386,700

### REVENUES LOST

Property tax.....	\$313,000
Sales tax.....	\$1,650,000
Transient occupancy tax.....	unknown
Parking citations.....	\$540,000
Santa Cruz County Schools.....	\$687,000
S.C. Metropolitan Transit District.....	\$1,225,000

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Santa Cruz market study.....	\$100,000
S.C. parking structure.....	\$5,000,000
Watsonville market recovery study.....	\$120,000

Watsonville Main Street revolving loan fund.....	\$500,000
Small business incubator.....	\$2,500,000
Watsonville parking structure.....	\$900,000
Old Jail conversion.....	\$2,560,000
Dislocated food processing workers study.....	\$62,500

### GEOLOGIC STUDIES.....

\$250,000

### SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS unreimbursed costs

\$1,543,000

### HAZARD MITIGATION

City of Santa Cruz.....	\$1,710,000
Watsonville.....	\$2,378,000
Santa Cruz County.....	\$28,152,000
includes the following:	
retrofit to roads and bridges.....	\$2,240,000
retrofit to affordable housing.....	\$2,500,000
retrofits to county buildings.....	\$4,660,000
relocate county communications center.....	\$16,591,000
City of Santa Cruz.....	\$1,710,000

### UNREIMBURSED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Santa Cruz County.....	\$1,300,000
Santa Cruz.....	\$600,000
Watsonville.....	\$150,000

### CASH FLOW NEEDS

Santa Cruz County.....	\$7,000,000
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# Scotts Valley, federal officials