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County has \$100 million in needs, says report

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SANTA CRUZ — Despite billions of dollars of aid to earthquakeshattered 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 build-

Back in November, during the state Legislature's extraordinary session to consider earthquake recovery bills, local officials pressed for a full penny to be be tacked onto the sales tax. Instead, Gov. George Deukmejian held firm to a 1/4-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 Keelev.

Wish list includes shelters, studies

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

\$500,000

Watsonville Main Street revolving loan fund....

Santa Cruz that was planned but never built

Keelev 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 an 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 1/4-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 salestax 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



Manager Marsha Stefoff won't have to work in the basement i 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.

County: Small business incubator... \$2,500,000 Watsonville parking structure... \$900,000 HOUSING total. \$3,411,800 \$2,560,000 Old Jail conversion. Motel Voucher Emergency Shelter Program... \$697,000 Site management for FEMA temporary homes..... Dislocated food processing workers study... \$62,500 ... \$165,000 Guaranteed Security Deposit Program. \$425,000 GEOLOGIC STUDIES... \$250,000 Administrative costs... \$60,000 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS unreimbursed costs \$1,543,000

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

Here is an unmet needs wish list for Santa Cruz

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