

# Applications

## relief

## slow down

Applications for disaster-relief assistance have been coming into Disaster Assistance Centers at a much slower rate during the week, FEMA officials reported.

Yesterday, there were 21 new applications submitted at the Watsonville DAC and 22 at the Santa Cruz DAC. That number is significantly down from the number of applications before the quake.

Officials said they weren't sure the slowdown is a result of the quake, if most people have already applied, or if people are unsure that the deadline for disaster assistance has been extended to Jan. 19.

They urged anyone who has suffered an uninsured loss to apply for the aid at the DACs, or call 1-800-462-9029 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. any day except Sunday.

People who have already applied but have questions concerning the status of their applications can call (415) 966-1003 for information on individual and business grant information, and 1-800-837-1713 for information on Small Business Administration applications.

The DACs are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except for Sunday. The Watsonville center, at 1985 Main Street (in the Watsonville Shopping Center), will move to 1953 Main St. on Jan. 19.



The Second Harvest Food Bank on Errington Road in Watsonville, has received grants totaling \$90,000 to help it in its disaster-relief efforts stemming from the Oct. 17 earthquake.

The food bank has fed thousands of people in the wake of the earthquake and expects to continue its food-relief efforts for several more months, particularly for people who lost their homes or jobs as a result of the quake.

The largest in the recent batch of grants was \$50,000 from the Greater Santa Cruz Community Foundation to the food bank \$25,000; the America Foundation gave \$10,000 and the Mt. Madonna Foundation gave \$5,000.