

# Council Turns Over Disaster Relief Funds

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The Santa Cruz City Council turned over \$11,452 Tuesday night to the Santa Cruz Countywide Citizens Disaster Relief Committee for distribution to storm victims.

Included in the amount was \$9,620 raised at the benefit premiere showing of the movie "On Golden Pond" Jan. 14 at the Rio Theatre, and \$1,832 donated by the Seaside Company for disaster relief.

The citizens committee was formed in

the aftermath of the Jan. 4 storm and has set a fund-raising goal of \$1 million in the next three months. All money raised will go to disaster victims, according to Chairman Al Castagnola.

Castagnola accepted the transfer of funds from the city and told the council the citizens committee expects to begin dispersing money to storm victims through designated non-profit agencies by a week from Monday.

In other storm related action, the City Council officially ended the state of emergency it had declared on Jan. 5.

That declaration led to the confirmation of emergency powers on City Manager Dick Wilson as director of civil defense and disaster. Wilson used that power to impose strict water conservation rules in the immediate aftermath of the storm after the main water transmission line from Loch Lomond reservoir was broken, leaving the city with a critical water shortage. Those conservation rules, which led to the temporary closure of restaurants and other heavy water-consuming businesses, have since been lifted.

Wilson reported the city believes it will receive federal emergency funding for repairs to the Soquel Avenue Bridge and the Tait Street intake to the water system.