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The Boulder Creek post office opened in 1955.

Wet weather delays work on Boulder Creek post office

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Even though recent wet weather stopped work on the new Boulder Creek post office shortly after groundbreaking, Postmaster Jerry Shipp is still talking about the long-awaited building.

"It's sure going to be nice," Shipp said from the cramped mail-sorting room at the back of the 38-year-old Boulder Creek office on Pine and Forest streets. "In the mornings it's so jammed in here we hardly have room to walk around."

Space won't be a problem at the new post office, which is scheduled to open this summer behind Liberty Bank at the northern end of Boulder Creek's downtown district. At 9,000 square feet, the new building will be three times larger than the current post office.

The number of post office boxes will nearly double, and the number of customer parking slots will increase from two to 40.

The new post office is long overdue, Shipp said.

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Shipp said he was promised a new post office when he took over as head of the Boulder Creek office in 1990. Budget cuts stalled the project until postal inspectors toured the cramped building last year. Concerned that the tight quarters could pose a safety hazard for employees, the inspectors moved the project onto the priority list.

The new building is being prefabricated out of metal by a Turlock company. Like the project site, which was purchased in 1990, it will be paid for by the United States Postal Service.