



PRESS STATEMENT FROM MAYOR PAUL V. MORRIS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 6:00 p.m. MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011

UPDATE ON SAN PABLO WYMAN/HILLCREST LANDSLIDE EVENT

The City of San Pablo remains in "EMERGENCY RESPONSE MODE" regarding the current Wyman/Hillcrest Landslide event which initially occurred on Thursday, March 24, 2011, and intensified over the weekend. The following is a summary of events that City officials have undertaken since responding the landslide event, as follows:

- An independent geotechnical consultant has been retained by the City to assist with ongoing assessment of the landslide event which occurred between Wyman Street and Hillcrest Road in San Pablo on Thursday, March 24, 2011.
- The City Manager has issued a **Local Emergency Declaration** as of 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2011 in accordance with Section 2.36.060 of the San Pablo Municipal Code. Following this declaration, the City will be continuing to provide City resources to protect lives and property to maintain public health and safety.
- As of today, the City has successfully requested a "**Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency**" issued today at 12:48 p.m. via Contra Costa County Administrative Officer David Twa under Contra Costa County Ordinance Code Section 42-2.302.
- City officials are in close contact with Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff/Emergency Services and Cal-EMA Officials on the procurement of State assistance in accordance with National Disaster Assistance Act requirements.
- The City Engineer/Public Works Director has dispatched a tree crew which began work cutting down segments of large trees leaning in a downslope direction and threatening homes below on Sunday, March 27, 2011. Those crews have completed removal of all large trees which were threatening two (2) homes at 5950 and 5962 Hillcrest Road. These subject homes remain "yellow tagged" with limited access as authorized by the Chief Building Official.
- "Yellow tags" remain posted for 5945 Wyman Street, 5950 and 5962 Hillcrest Road. A patio deck at 5931 Wyman remains "red tagged" by City officials. Access is restricted for 5945 Wyman Street per the City's Chief Building Official. Regular 24-hour inspection intervals will continue by City officials on structures which are being closely monitored.

- The City of San Pablo has established a Donation Account for Displaced Residents from the San Pablo Wyman Landslide Event. Donations can be sent to:

Donation Fund San Pablo Wyman Landslide Event

c/o The Mechanic's Bank, 20 San Pablo Towne Center, in San Pablo. Donations can be made to any Mechanic's Bank Branch.

- The City of San Pablo is in direct contact with affected homeowners and will be scheduling an Informational Status Meeting for the six (6) affected property owners on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in San Pablo Council Chambers.
- The San Pablo City Council, in accordance with Section 2.36.060 of San Pablo Municipal Code, will ratify the **Local Emergency Declaration** issued on Sunday March 27, 2011 by San Pablo City Manager Matt Rodriguez within the next seven (7) days.
- As Mayor of the City of San Pablo, I have made personal contact with State Assemblymember Nancy Skinner's Office, and her office will support our request to Governor Brown to declare a **State of Emergency** for the Wyman Landslide Event in San Pablo to obtain necessary State assistance for permanent restoration and emergency response support. Local resources are inadequate to cope with the devastating impact to private and public properties, and the ongoing emergency situation.
- For additional information, all media is requested to contact the City's Public Information Officer for this incident:

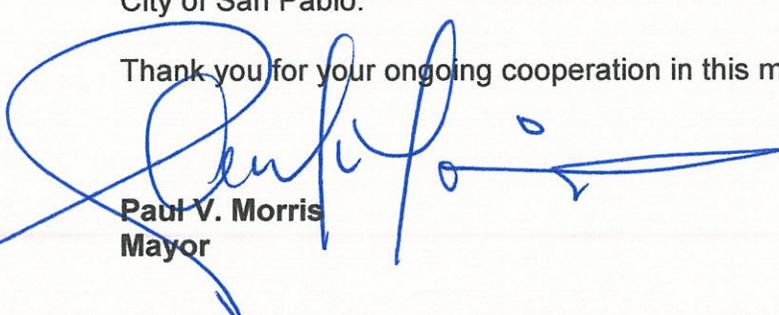
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On behalf of the San Pablo City Council, I want to reiterate that the City continues to be in an "Emergency Response Mode" to protect lives and property. We are very fortunate that no one has been injured to date. The City Manager is directing all City resources in this effort with contingency emergency plans being developed to secure the hillside from any future drainage and saturation for any forecasted rain events in the near future. A permanent repair and restoration effort cannot be implemented until after lives and property are secured and we terminate the "Emergency Response" effort by the City of San Pablo.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.



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Mayor

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BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code section 42-2.302 empowers the County Administrator to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the board of supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator does hereby find:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen on March 24, 2011, between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., within the City of San Pablo as a result of a landslide between the 5900 block of Hillcrest Road and the 5900 block of Wyman Street, thereby causing major damage to seven properties and threatening and damaging public and private properties in the area of the landslide.
2. That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined:

1. That locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency and requests the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency.
2. That the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the Contra Costa County, California, shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

Date: March 28, 2011

DAVID TWA
County Administrator / Director of Emergency Services
Contra Costa County

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BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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WHEREAS, Municipal Code Section 2.36.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the City of San Pablo to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the city council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director does hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen on March 24, 2011, between 12:00 am and 8:00 am, within said City of San Pablo as a result of a landslide between the 5900 block of Hillcrest Road and the 5900 block of Wyman Street, thereby causing major damage to seven properties and threatening and damaging public and private properties in the area of the landslide.

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

WHEREAS, the Director has determined:

Locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency and request that Contra Costa County and the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency.

That the City Council of the City of San Pablo is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City of San Pablo, Contra Costa County, California, shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances and resolutions of the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED the San Pablo City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

Date: MARCH 27, 2011

R. Matt Rodriguez
Director of Emergency Services/City Manager
City of San Pablo, Contra Costa County