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City of Pacifica Determines 310 Esplanade Ave. Uninhabitable

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The City of Pacifica today determined that the apartments at 310 Esplanade Avenue could no longer be safely inhabited and took steps to "yellow-tag" the building. The residents of the 20 apartments in the structure will be allowed to remove their belongings but access will be limited to just that activity.

"Recent bluff failures have resulted in unsafe conditions for living space at 310 Esplanade Avenue," said Chief Building Official Mike Cully. "Cavities in the bluff are forming to the south, west and north of the building and these critically over-steepened slopes are anticipated to fall back to more stable profiles in the next several days."

"The City of Pacifica has contacted the American Red Cross and the Pacifica Resource Center with this information so they can provide assistance to the residents impacted by this action," said Police Chief Dan Steidle.

On Friday, January 22, the City Manager declared a state of local emergency due to damage sustained by City infrastructure. Since December 15, 2015, the City has seen damage to the Pacifica Pier, the Milagra Watershed Outfall and, perhaps most dramatic, the failure of the sea wall along Beach Blvd. near the intersection of Santa Maria Avenue. Funding for repairs to all three structures remains to be determined. Private properties along Esplanade Avenue and Palmetto Avenue have also sustained damage due to bluff erosion.

The City Council will be asked to confirm the existence of the local emergency at its meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016.

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