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NEWS RELEASE: Contra Costa County Storm Update ***Morgan Territory Road Now Closed***

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Contra Costa County Public Works crews have been working steadily to clear mud covered roads and make repairs where flood and storm damage has caused problems. A new slide has prompted the closure of Morgan Territory Road between Oak Hill Lane and Williams Road to all traffic. Crews are monitoring the slide as it is continuing to develop. There is no access to Marsh Creek Road via Morgan Territory Road from south of Oak Hill Lane. All traffic will need to access Morgan Territory Road from Manning Road and Livermore Avenue via Alameda County. At this time, there is no estimate as to when the roadway will reopen. Contra Costa Water District crews are working in the area as well to repair a waterline damaged in the slide area. Due to the rural nature of this roadway the only available public detour is to the south. This is a significant detour and drivers can expect substantial increases in travel times to points south of the slide should they normally access destinations via Marsh Creek Road.

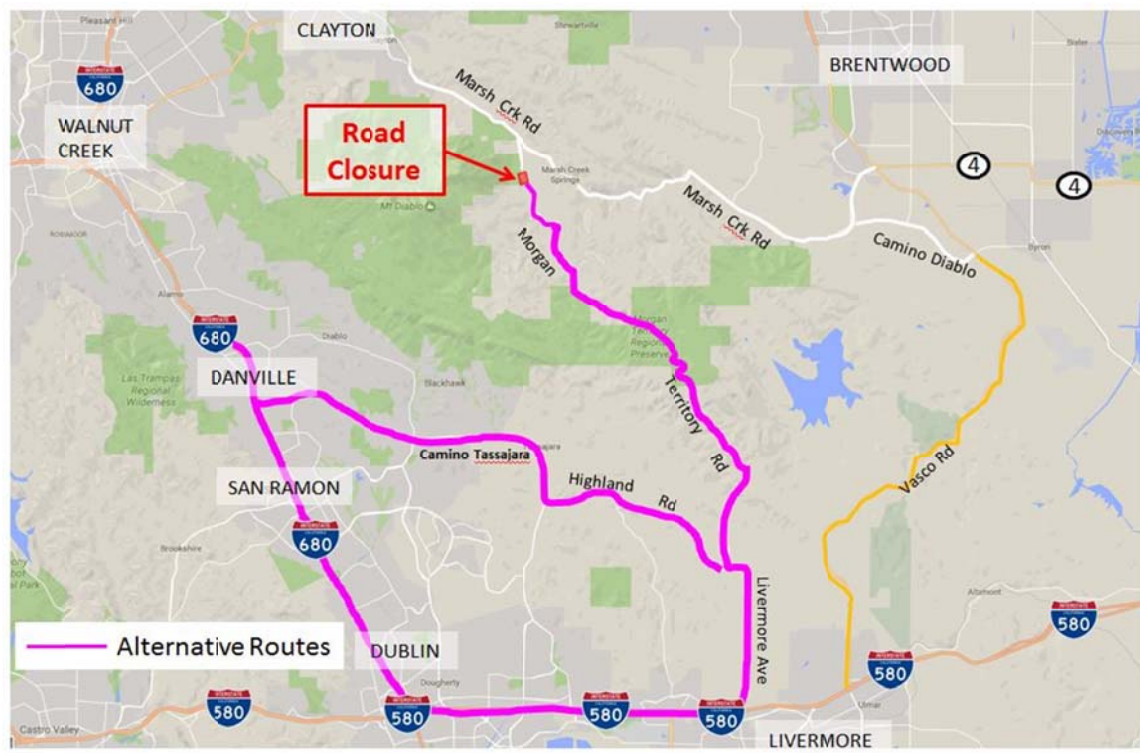
In addition, there are still restrictions on parts of Alhambra Valley Road:

- Alhambra Valley Road west of Ferndale Road is restricted to one lane with stop signs installed due to the erosion of the road shoulder.
- Alhambra Valley Road between Bear Creek and Castro Ranch Roads is closed indefinitely.

On February 14, the Board of Supervisors declared an emergency for the repair of Alhambra Valley Road washout and authorized the Public Works Director to proceed with emergency repairs. The emergency authorization allows the Public Works Department to expedite the repair of this road. The Board of Supervisors also adopted a new resolution to proclaim a local emergency arising out of the damage caused by the series of storms in January and February 2017. This allows the County to potentially seek funding relief for response and damage repairs for emergency responses to the continuing storms during this time period.



Alternate routes for closure of Alhambra Valley Road



Alternate routes for closure of Morgan Territory Road

With more rain expected this weekend, this is a good time to prepare for the next wave, checking rain gutters and storm drains for blockage. If you're concerned about potential flooding at your home or business, it's not too late to visit one of the sandbag stations located throughout the county. Please note that you'll need to bring a shovel, but bags and sand are available for free. Find out details regarding County sandbag sites at www.cccounty.us/sandbags.

County Public Works Maintenance road crews maintain the storm drain inlets through a program of annual inspection and cleaning. To report a clogged catch basin or drainage inlet please call the Public Works Maintenance Division at 925-313-7000 during work hours and after hours call Sheriff's Dispatch at 925-646-2441.

Important phone numbers and webpages:

(925) 313-7000 Public Works Maintenance Division- For emergencies during normal business hours

(707) 551-4100 California Highway Patrol- For emergencies after hours

(925) 646-2441 Contra Costa County Sheriffs Dispatch- For emergencies after hours

<http://www.cccounty.us/sandbags> - Contra Costa County Sandbag Locations

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