

# County Administrative Office

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## Storm impacts on local rivers and low-lying areas

Significant rainfall from last evening and today may cause local area river levels to rise above flood stage. The weather forecast is calling for an additional inch or so of rainfall through Wednesday, though more rain can be expected at higher elevations. Residents should continue to monitor local radio, television, or NOAA Weather Radio for updated weather forecasts and flood information. Weather information may be obtained by calling the National Weather Service recorded forecast line at 707-443-7062.

The Van Duzen River [is forecast to hit flood stage by 4 p.m.](#) which will affect low-lying areas along Highway 36, especially east of Carlotta and near Grizzly Creek State Park. Portions of River Bar Road in the Starvation Flats area are likely to be impassable. At the state park water may reach near the office.

The Eel River at Scotia [is forecast to hit flood stage at 3 a.m.](#) and rise to 52.9 feet by 7 a.m. Wednesday. Minor flooding in the Shively area is possible.

The Eel River River at Fernbridge [is forecast to hit flood stage at 4 p.m. today.](#) and rise further to 25.5 feet by 7 a.m. on Wednesday. Severe flooding of the Eel River Delta is expected, including areas northwest of Loleta and the western portion of Cannibal Island Road. Numerous road closures in low-lying areas are also expected, including Highway 211 to Ferndale. A Special Action Advisory is being issued to all owners of livestock near the river and in low-lying areas. These animals are at potential risk due to rises in the Eel River and appropriate action should be considered.

You can monitor river heights on line through the Eureka National Weather Service at

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/index.php?type=ol&product=fcstPointsFcst>.

Call 911 for emergencies and Red Cross (1-800-RED-CROSS) with shelter needs.

If you live in the areas impacted by flooding rivers, you are advised to take precautions to protect yourself and your property. Owners of livestock should take appropriate action to protect livestock from rising river levels.

Please check on your neighbors to make sure they have received this flood warning. If you decide to evacuate your residence, be sure to take essential items such as medicine, special foods, personal items, baby supplies, clothing, money, and valuable documents. Do not overload your car. Secure your home before you leave.

Never drive through flooded roadways. Do not bypass or go around barricades.

For current information, stay tuned to your local radio stations or NOAA Weather Radio. You can also follow the [Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Facebook page](#) for updates.

Below is a running list of road conditions for county roads:

### **1/10/2017 2:48 Update**

Cock Robin Island Road – flooding, travel with caution

**1/10/2017 2:36 Update**

3082 Redwood Drive (Dazeys) – Mudslide

Camp Kimtu Road – Flooded, travel with caution

Redwood Drive at Dean Creek - closed

Old Arcata Road – flooding at Jacoby Creek

OES Reporting Update – 1/10/2017 2:00 P.M.

Mosswood Road in Benbow – detoured to East Blue Rock

Graham Road – closed

Morgan Road closed 4

Hookton – travel with caution

Fields Landing Road - flooded

Elk River at Berta – flooded

Pine Hill at Elk River - flooded

CHP closed Redwood Drive between Evergreen and Bear Canyon due to slides. (Bluffs closed)

Mosswood in Benbow – closed due to slip out

Camp Kimtu – Flooded, travel with caution

Elk Creek Road, Myers Flat - flooded

Sole Street - flooded

Red Cap Road – Slide PM 5.0

**January 10, 2017 10:45 A.M. update**

Four Wheel Drive Only: Showers Pass Road

Posted as Flooded: Corner of Walnut and Redwood Drive, Eureka

Posted as Flooded: Buttermilk Lane near 2777, Arcata

Posted as Flooded: Jackson Ranch Road at Foster Avenue, Arcata

**1/9/2017 9:00 A.M. update**

McCann Ferry suspended – too much debris in water

Sprowel Creek - open

Old Arcata Road – flooded at Jacoby Creek

Coffee Creek – closed flooding

Dillon Rd – closed between Riverside and Goble Lane, flooded

Goble Lane – closed between Dillon and Fulmor, flooded

Goble Lane – closed between Fulmor and Sage, flooded

Goble Lane - closed between Sage and 211, flooded

Fulmor Rd – closed past Goble

Nissen Road - closed

Camp Weott -closed

Meridian Road - closed

Port Kenyon – closed, flooded

Bair Road – open from Hoopa to Stover Rd

Bald Hills - open but very narrow

For information on County road conditions and closures, call 707-445-7421. For information on all State highways, call 1-800-427-7623.